

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA

June 15, 2026

7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: MEMBER MARIOL ABSENT

INVOCATION: JONATHAN COOKS, WARD 6 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#24; 2ND RDG O#25 - O#27; O#24 ADOPTED AS AMENDED ON 1ST RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: SAM SMITH, SHERRY FRENCH, AND ALEX KELLER SPOKE REGARDING ITEM NO. 8 INVOLVING DATA CENTERS. THEY ASKED COUNCIL TO CAREFULLY REVIEW AND CONSIDER WORDING CHANGES RELATED TO THE DATA CENTER LEGISLATION.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: COMMENDING BRUCE BRAUN FOR HIS 50 YRS OF LEADERSHIP IN THE CANTON COMMUNITY. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION AS OF 05/29/26. - AUDITOR MALLON
3. REQ FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERT DATED 06/1/26. - AUDITOR MALLONN
4. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR APRIL, 2026. - CHIEF BENNETT

5. APPROVE 2026 CITY OF CANTON INTERIOR RENOVATION PROGRAM; EMERGENCY (\$85,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ZAHIRSKY
6. REQ NEW C-1, C-2 LIQUOR PERMIT TO PACIFIC ASIAN STORE @ 321 CHERRY AVE NE (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
7. REQ LEG FOR PLAIN TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION AGMT; EMERGENCY. - MAYOR SHERER
8. REQ ZONING AND PLANNING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS — CH. 1131 - DEFINITIONS & CH. 1148.16 - DATA CENTERS. - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
9. REQ ZONING AND PLANNING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS — CH. 1187.05 - PROHIBITED SIGNS. - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
10. APPROVE 2026 CITY OF CANTON PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (PRRP); EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
11. APPROVE 2026 CITY OF CANTON STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM; EMERGENCY (\$25,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
12. REQ LEG FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND FUEL SERVS CONTRACT WITH STARK METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (SMHA); EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
13. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 05/29/26. - TREASURER PEREZ
14. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 05/29/26. - TREASURER PEREZ
- 14A.** AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVS CONTRACT WITH YATES TECHNOLOGY, INC TO PROVIDE PROGRAMMING, ETC. FOR CJIS INFRASTRUCTURE; EMERGENCY. - MUNICIPAL CLERK GIAVASIS

FIRST READINGS:

15. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,129.00 TO BLACK-MCCUSKEY-SOUERS & ARBAUGH LAW FIRM; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
16. ADOPT CITY'S ALT TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YR ENDING 12/31/27; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

17. AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$80,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2185 URBAN TIF FUND TO 2185 871003 BROADVIEW DEVELOPMENT - TIF - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. AUTH CLERK TO CERTIFY TO COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVS PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPT. FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
19. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT AND ACCEPT \$20,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2772; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2772 FY24 OCJS PSN GRANT FUND TO 2772 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$20,000.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2772 102001 - ADV IN FR OTHER FUND). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
20. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$15,886.21 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR PURCH OF APPROX 30 BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR MEMBERS OF CPD; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$15,886.21 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102005 FY52 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
21. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 - FINAL WITH MIKE COATES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,707.81 FOR WTR SERV SHOP RENOVATION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
22. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVS CONTRACT WITH RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR WTR AND SEWER COMPREHENSIVE RATE STUDY IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$195,896.00; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$113,627.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WTR FUND TO 5201 207001 WTR ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
23. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO MANAGEMENT SERVS AGMT FOR MANAGEMENT OF CANTON MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER, CENTENNIAL PLAZA, AND DOWNTOWN CANTON ICE RINK; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$55,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMP PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:18 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#24; RECONVENED AT 7:24 PM)

24. **AMENDED AS**
94/2026 AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - WITH NORTHSTAR ASPHALT, INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$172,509.75 FOR

CLEVELAND AVE NW PAVING PROJ - GP1283 PID 119801; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$155,258.78 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4554 CLEVE AVE NW PAVING 12TH TO 50TH FUND TO 4554 202050 4554 CLEVE AVE NW PAVING 12TH TO 50TH FUND - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for First Reading Vote**

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#25 - O#27)

25. AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS 2050 & 2232 CENTRAL AVE SE - 2025 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX 13.525 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEX **PUB HRG 6/29/26 @ 7:00 PM**
26. AUTH MAYOR OR DIR OF SAF TO ACCEPT \$7,000.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR WALMART AND SAM'S SPARK GOOD LOCAL FOR POLICE DEPT; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$7,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE - ADMIN - OTHER). - FIN
27. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT AND ACCEPT \$44,144.90 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME 2791 EDW BYRNE MEM JUST ASST GRANT 2018 FUND; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY \$44,144.90 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2791 FY26 OCJS VIOLENCE INTERDICTION PATROLS INITIATIVE FUND TO 2791 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$44,144.90 FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$44,144.90 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2791 102001 - ADV IN FR OTHER FUND). - FIN

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for Second Reading Vote**

THIRD READINGS:

28. **95/2026** AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$139,645.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS OP FUND TO 5201 202018 4TH ST. BRIDGE REHAB GP 1297 - OTHER).
29. **96/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER PROFESS SERVS CONTRACTS FOR AEP BUILDING PLANNING STUDY AND FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$142,000.00; AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$142,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMP PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:30 PM
FINANCE COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER ANNOUNCED THAT THE “WE BELIEVE IN CANTON” EVENT WILL BEGIN THIS WEDNESDAY FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT HARMONT PARK. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE JUNETEENTH EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE THIS SATURDAY AT 12:00 P.M. AT NIMISILLA PARK.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER MORRIS RESPONDED TO CONCERNS RAISED DURING PUBLIC SPEAKS REGARDING THE DATA CENTERS. HE INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE TAKING PRECAUTIONS AND THOROUGHLY REVIEWING ALL MATTERS TO ENSURE EVERYTHING IS HANDLED APPROPRIATELY. HE ALSO THANKED ALL CITY EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED WITH IMPACT CANTON.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026 @ 7:00 PM