

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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FINAL AGENDA
June 29, 2026
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: RICHARD SACCO, WARD 8 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#16; 2ND RDG O#17 -O#25; O#16 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#25 ADOPTED ON 2ND RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM — AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2050 & 2232 CENTRAL AVE SE - 2025 ANNEXATION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 13.525 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. (5 SPEAKERS) SEE O#99/2026

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: SKYLARK BRUCE SPOKE ABOUT ITEM NO. 28 INVOLVING GRANT FUNDS. SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERNS WITH WHERE THE MONEY WAS GOING AND WHY THERE IS LITTLE INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC. BRENDA PARSONS AND CHRISTINE GINGERICH SPOKE ABOUT ITEM NO. 12, DATA CENTERS OF PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. THEY BOTH GAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE CENTERS WHILE ALSO EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERNS.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ENDORSING OPPORTUNITY ZONE RE-DESIGNATION AND NEW DESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACTS. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. REQ LEG FOR OPPORTUNITY ZONE RE-DESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACT 39151700100, AND NEW DESIGNATION OF CENSUS TRACTS 39151702300 AND 39151701800. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ZAHIRSKY
3. AUTH AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO TWO SECTIONS OF CANTON BUILDING CODE, CHPT 1304 AND CHPT 1312. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
4. AUTH FULL-TIME HIRE FOR CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL AND ADJUSTMENT TO BUILDING CODE NON BARGAINING/MANAGEMENT CLASS PLAN AND PAY GRADE. - MAYOR SHERER
5. REG LEG FOR REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST CENTRAL OHIO - FORMER BAXTER ELEMENTARY SITE; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS FUND TO 5201 207022 DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE - OTHER) - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
6. REQ LEG FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE AGMT WITH CANTON CITY SCHOOLS (RISOLETTI FIELD, FAIRMOUNT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, COMPTON ELEMENTARY, SCHREIBER ELEMENTARY, DUEBER ELEMENTARY). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
7. REQ LEG FOR FULTON RD. NW SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJ - G.P. 1456 - CHANGE ORDER NO.1; EMERGENCY - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
8. REQ LEG FOR DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE DEPOSITORIES AND ACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS, PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF RD 135 AND CHP 155 OF COD ORD; EMERGENCY. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

9. RE-AUTH INTERIOR RENOVATION PROG ("IRP"); AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW HIS WARRANTS FR ADMISSIONS TAX FUND IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000.00; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$85,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
10. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ANNEX AGMT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAIN TWP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO AND ENTER ANY ADDITIONAL AGMTS OR AGMT AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE FOREGOING ANNEX AGMT; TERMINATE ALL PREVIOUS COMM ECON DEV AGMTS ETC. PREVIOUS ENTERED INTO WITH PLAIN TWP; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
11. AMEND SEC 1187.05, PROHIBITED SIGNS OF CHPT 1187 OF PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 7/27/26 @ 7:00 PM**
12. AMEND CHPT 1131, DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CHPT 1148, SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL USES BY CREATING NEW

SECTION 1148.16, DATA CENTERS OF PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. -
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 7/27/26 @ 7:01 PM**

13. REAUTH PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROG ("PRRP"); AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW HIS WARRANTS FR ADMISSIONS TAX FUND IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
14. REAUTH STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM ("SRP"); AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW HIS WARRANTS FR ADMISSIONS TAX FUND IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$25,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2195 ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND TO 2195 200501 GENERAL GOV'T - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
15. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ONE (1) YR CONTRACT WITH OPTION OF TWO (2) ONE (1) YR EXTENSIONS WITH STARK METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND FUEL SERVS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:43 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#16; RECONVENED AT 7:46 PM)

16. **97/2026** AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT TO EXECUTE AND ENTER PROFESS SERVS CONTRACT WITH YATES TECHNOLOGY, INC.; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

***ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING VOTE**

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#17 - O#25; O#25 ADOPTED)

17. ADOPT CITY'S ALT TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YR ENDING 12/31/27; EMERGENCY. - FIN
18. 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). - FIN
19. 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. - FIN
20. 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). - FIN

21. 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). - FIN
22. 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. - FIN
23. 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). - FIN
24. 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). - FIN
25. **98/2026** AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,129.00 TO BLACK-MCCUSKEY-SOUERS & ARBAUGH LAW FIRM; EMERGENCY. - FIN*

***ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING VOTE**

THIRD READINGS:

26. **99/2026** 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**
27. **100/2026** 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
28. **101/2026** 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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:45 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER INVITED EVERYONE TO WE BELIEVE IN CANTON
EVENT IN WARD 4 AT THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST
FROM 3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM. HE ALSO INFORMED EVERYONE THE CANTON FIRE STATION
NO. 4, REFUGE OF HOPE, STARK COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS, CROSSWORDS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, ICAN HOUSING ON MARKET AVE., GOODWILL CAMPUS, AND SARTA
BUS STATION WILL PROVIDE FREE RIDES. HE ALSO STATED FIREWORKS DISPLAY WILL BE
JULY 2ND AND WILL BE CELEBRATING AMERICA 250 WITH THE CANTON SYMPHONY.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026 @ 7:00 PM