

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
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FINAL AGENDA

July 27, 2026

7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: MEMBER MARIOL ABSENT

INVOCATION: JAMES BABCOCK, COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#22; 2ND RDG O#23 - O#27; O#22 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1187.05, PROHIBITED SIGNS OF CHAPTER 1187 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE (1 SPEAKER) SEE O#114/2026. 7:01 PM - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1131, DEFINITIONS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1148, SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL USES BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 1148.16, DATA CENTERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONE CODE. (26 SPEAKERS) O#115/2026

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: NONE

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTION OF OFFICE STAFF: BETH WENSEL AS LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR/NUISANCE INSPECTOR, EFFECTIVE ON: 7/28/26. - ADOPTED
2. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 FOR TEAR OUT AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT AT CANTON RECYCLE CENTER. – ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

3. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR MAY, 2026. - ACTING CHIEF HENDERSON
4. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR JUNE, 2026. - ACTING CHIEF HENDERSON
5. APPROVE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT AGMT AND EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR JUSTICE AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS (JAVS) COURTROOM TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. - COURT ADMINISTRATOR KOCHERA
6. AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 7510 PERRY TWP JEDD FUND TO 7510 852102 FAIRCRESS JEDD - OTHER)(FAIRCRESS DATA CENTER). - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
7. AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$200,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER)(CIVIC CTR PROP TAXES). - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
8. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF CANTON CITY PUBLIC HEALTH. - HEALTH COMMISSIONER ARCHER
9. REQ LEG FOR ORD TO SETTLE LAWSUIT PENDING IN STARK COUNTY PROBATE COURT (GREGORY INDUSTRIES). - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
10. REQ TRFO C-1, C-2 LIQUOR PERMIT TO MB MART LLC B&B DRIVE THRU 2 @ 636 CHERRY AVE NE FROM PATEL FORM LLC B&B DRIVE THRU 2 (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
11. REQ LEG FOR MODIFICATION TO CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR COUNCIL OFFICE'S NON-BARGAINING UNIT TO ASSIST HIRING AND RETAINING ADMIN ASSIT V AND LEG. COORDINATOR/NUISANCE INSPECTOR POSITIONS.. - MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL
12. CITY TO CONTINUE REVIEWING STANDARDS WITH FED & STATE STANDARDS REGARDING DATA CENTER REGULATIONS. - MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL
13. REQ RE-APPT OF MS. MYRA WATKINS TO STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SARTA) BOARD COMMENCING 8/10/26 TO 7/31/29. - MAYOR SHERER
14. REQ LEG FOR VACATION OF 17TH ST NW BETWEEN HARRISON AVE NW AND CLARENDON AVE NW, WARD 7 (CITY OF CANTON). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
15. REQ INF RES TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000.00 FOR TEAR OUT AND REPLACEMENT OF ASPHALT AT REAR DUMPSTER AREA AT CITY OF CANTON RECYCLE CENTER. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY

16. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 6/30/26. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

17. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, TO CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP; EMERGENCY. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
18. AUTH EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF COD ORD; EMERGENCY. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
19. AUTH LAW DIRECTOR TO DISTRIBUTE FREE OF CHARGE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS COPIES OF MAY 2026 SUPPLEMENT TO CANTON COD ORD; AFFIX PRICE FOR SALE OF SAME; EMERGENCY. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
20. AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR, OR DESIGNEE, TO: ESTABLISH FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY; ENTER AGMT FOR PURCHASE/ACQUISITION OF PARCELS, ENTER AGMT FOR SALE OR DONATION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITY EASEMENTS, AND/OR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR NAVARRE RD SW TRUNK SEWER, GP 1491 PROJECT MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROP OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, SHOULD THEY OCCUR; DECLARING INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PARCELS IN NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED; EMERGENCY. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
21. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - FINAL WITH WENGER EXCAVATING, INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,396.26 FOR HARTER HEIGHTS AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - PHASE I; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER; AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (APPROP TRF FR 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER \$198,094.55; 5413 202010 ENGINEERING - DAILY OPERATIONS - OTHER \$24,337.94; TO 4501 207083 HARTER HEIGHTS PH1 PAVING - OTHER - \$198,094.55 TO 5413 207083 HARTER HEIGHTS PH1 PAVING - OTHER \$24,337.94. - FINANCE & PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 8:32 PM FOR THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#22; RECONVENED AT 8:34 PM)

22. **112/2026** AMEND O#10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY CITY OF CANTON (COUNCIL OFFICE). - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE *

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#23 - O#27)

23. AMEND SECTIONS 1304.02, PLANS EXAMINATION, 1304.03, PERMIT COSTS AND 1304.4, PERMIT INSPECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1304, FEES; PLANS EXAMINATION, PERMIT APPLICATIONS, AND INSPECTION AND AMEND SECTION 1312.04, REQ FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION OF CHAPTER 1312, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING CODE OF CANTON COD ORD. - JUD
24. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO: TSF ST. CO PARCEL NO. 280210 TO ST. CO PORT AUTHORITY FOR SUBSEQUENT TSF TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST CENTRAL OHIO (HABITAT) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE FAMILY HOUSES; ENTER CONTRACT WITH HABITAT FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$550,000.00 UTILIZING COMP PLAN FUNDS SPLIT BETWEEN BUDGET YRS 2026 AND 2027; ENTER CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE PROJ; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS; EMERGENCY (\$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WTR WORKS FUND TO 5201 207022 DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
25. AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR, OR ANY OTHER CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE ON EXHIBIT A PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 3313.40 AND ENTER JOINT FACILITY USE AGMTS AND/OR JOINT FACILITY USE AGMTS AMENDMENTS WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CCSD; AUTH APPROP OFFICIALS TO TAKE STEPS TO VACATE 17TH ST BETWEEN CLARENDON AVE AND HARRISON AVE PENDING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL RETAINING ANY EASEMENTS; EMERGENCY. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
26. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER WITH RMI CEMENT LLC IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$58,377.45 FOR FULTON RD. NW SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJ - G.P. 1456; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER RETROACTIVELY AUTH ALL ACTIONS TAKEN IN RELATION TO COMPLETION; EMERGENCY. - FIN
27. RES DESIGNATING PUBLIC MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM DEPOSITS AND DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY BANKS FOR SAID DEPOSITS; EMERGENCY. - FIN

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

THIRD READINGS:

28. **113/2026** 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).
29. **114/2026** AMEND SEC 1187.05, PROHIBITED SIGNS OF CHPT 1187 OF PLANNING AND ZONING CODE. **PUB HRG 7/27/26 @ 7:00 PM**

30. **115/2026** 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. **PUB HRG 7/27/26 @ 7:01 PM**
31. **116/2026** 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).
32. **117/2026** 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).
33. **118/2026** 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:30 PM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER INFORMED EVERYONE WE HAVE OUR LAST "WE BELIEVE IN CANTON" EVENT THIS WEDNESDAY ON 13TH ST SW FROM 3PM TO 5PM. HE ALSO REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE COMMUNITY PARADE THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST DOWNTOWN AT 10:30 AM.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER SMUCKLER ASKED IF THE LAW DIRECTOR COULD PROVIDE ANSWERS ABOUT THE DATA CENTER. LAW DIRECTOR REESE ASKED FOR ALL QUESTIONS TO BE SENT IN WRITTEN FORM AND HE'LL ANSWER THEM AS THEY COME. HE ALSO THANKED THE MAYOR AND HIS STAFF FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR DOWNTOWN. MEMBER SMITH THANKED BLAKE SCHILLING AND THE OTHERS AT THE CIVIC CENTER FOR THE WELL ATTENDED CONCERT.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:12 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 @ 7:00 PM