

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA
August 10, 2026
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: MEMBER MORRIS ABSENT

INVOCATION: BILL SMUCKLER, COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#20 - O#22; 2ND RDG O#23 - O#27; O#20 - O#22 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: KAI WELCH SPOKE ABOUT ITEM #8 ON THE AGENDA. SHE DOES NOT AGREE WITH WHAT THE APPROPRIATION IS BEING USED FOR, AND ASKED THE MAYOR TO BETTER EXPLAIN IT. KIMBERLY BELL SPOKE ABOUT ITEM #7 ON THE AGENDA. SHE ASKED FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT IS HELPING THE BLACK COMMUNITY. SHERRY FRENCH SPOKE OUT AGAINST DATA CENTERS, EXPRESSING HOW DANGEROUS THEY ARE TO THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES NEAR THEM. ROGER GATES SPOKE ABOUT ITEMS #8 AND #9 ON THE AGENDA. HE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE COSTS OF REPLACING THE CURRENT WATER LINES WITH GALVANIZED PIPES, AND HE EXPRESSED CONCERNS OVER THE CITY'S AGREEMENT WITH THE EPA. DANIEL GATES DISPUTED THE ENTIRE AGENDA FROM ITEM #1 THROUGH ITEM #32. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HOW THE CITY IS SPENDING MONEY, AND HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT COUNCIL IS PROPERLY FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION OF RULE 22A AND THE STATUTORY RULES.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRMING MAYOR'S REAPPT OF MS. MYRA WATKINS TO SARTA BOARD COMMENCING 8/10/26 TO 7/31/29. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. REQUEST FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERT DATED 7/31/26. - AUDITOR MALLONN
3. REQ LEG TO AMEND O#247/2015 TO ADD CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED COSTS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AS ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND USES FOR BUILDING DEPT ENTERPRISE FUND. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
4. REQ LEG TO AMEND SEC 549.03, DISCHARGING FIREARMS, TO MAKE IT M-1 VIOLATION. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
5. REQ LEG TO ENTER INTO ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH CANTON TWP BOARD OF TRUSTEES; EMERGENCY. - MAYOR SHERER
6. REQ APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH EVIDENCE SPECIALIST POSITION IN THE CANTON-STARK COUNTY CRIME LAB. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
7. AUTH AGMT FOR \$99,769.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS' BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA); AUTH AUDITOR TO CREATE FUND #2825 FY25 BJA; EMERGENCY (\$99,769.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2825 FY25 BJA EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JAG - LOCAL FORMULA TO 2825 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
8. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR GALVANIZED REQUIRED REPLACEMENT (GRR) PRIVATE SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJ; EMERGENCY (\$20,000,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 5258 GRR PRIVATE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND TO 5258 207100 GRR PRIVATE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
9. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO APPLY FOR AND ENTER INTO WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR GRR PRIVATE SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJ; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. REQ LEG FOR HIRE OF TODD SHREVE FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
11. REQ LEG FOR 105.04 EMERGENCY REPORT FOR CITY HALL WATER METER/LINE BREAK REPAIR; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
12. REQ LEG TO REAUTHORIZE O#122/2025 (OHIO CAST PROPERTY REMEDIATION); EMERGENCY (\$150,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

13. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR CITY HALL HVAC PROJ PHASE 2 AND FOR AEP BUILDING LED LIGHTING PROJ; EMERGENCY (\$6,800,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4507 CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT PH 2 TO 4507 204015 CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT PH 2 - OTHER; \$175,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 4501 204010 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER TO 4501 204015 CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT PH 2 - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
14. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS AND PROF SERV AGMTS FOR 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJ - GP 1500 - PID 126369 AND PLA WAIVER; EMERGENCY (\$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4533 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REHAB - GP1500 - PID 126369 TO 4533 202013 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REHAB - GP1500 - PID 126369 - OTHER; \$5,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMINISTRATION - OTHER TO 4501 202013 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REHAB - GP1500 - PID 126369). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
15. REQ LEG FOR WATER DEPT AND NON-BARGAINING CLASSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

FIRST READINGS:

16. AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO \$30,709.00 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT AGMT AND EXTENDED WARRANTY WITH JUSTICE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
17. AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UANAPPROP BAL OF 7510 PERRY TWP JEDD FUND TO 7510 852102 FAIRCREST JEDD - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. AMEND O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$200,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 20051 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER) - FINANCE COMMITTEE
19. VACATE PORTION OF 17TH ST NW BETWEEN HARRISON AVE NW AND CLARENDON AVE NW; EMERGENCY. - PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:32 PM FOR THE FINANCE, ANNEXATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#20 - O#22; RECONVENED AT 7:41 PM)

20. **119/2026** AUTH SETTLEMENT OF CITY OF CANTON V. GREGORY PROPERTIES II LLC; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE *
21. **120/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ANNEXATION AGMT WITH BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CANTON TWP, STARK COUNTY, OHIO; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE *

22. **121/2026** AUTH STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF \$115,000.00 FOR TODD SHREVE FOR ASST SUPERINTENDENT OF COLLECTION SYSTEMS DEPT; THREE WEEKS OF VACATION UPON HIRE AND TRANSFER OF 1,200 SICK LEAVE HOURS FROM PERVIOUS POSITION; EMERGENCY. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE *

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

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

23. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, TO CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP; EMERGENCY. - ECON DEV
24. AUTH EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF COD ORD; EMERGENCY. - JUD
25. 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. - JUD
26. 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. - E&PU
27. 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. - FIN & PPCI

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

THIRD READINGS:

28. **122/2026** 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

29. **123/2026** 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)
30. **124/2026** 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
31. **125/2026** 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
32. **126/2026** RES DESIGNATING PUBLIC MONEYS AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM DEPOSITS AND DESIGNATING DEPOSITORY BANKS FOR SAID DEPOSITS; EMERGENCY

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:45 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE FAMILIES OF KATRINA SPELLS AND KOURTNI YEAGER, THE TWO CANTON RESIDENTS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEKEND.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026 @ 7:00 PM