

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA
August 24, 2026
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION: JOE COLE, COUNCIL MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#25 AND O#26; 2ND RDG O#27 - O#30; O#25 AND O#26 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#34 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: SKYLARK BRUCE AND CHARLA JONES SPOKE ABOUT ITEM # 17, DISCHARGING FIREARMS. THEY BOTH EXPLAINED THEIR CONCERNS INVOLVING THE POLICE DEPT AND THEIR USE OF FIREARMS IN THE COMMUNITY.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: SHOWING SUPPORT FOR RED OAK PARTNERS LLC'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 315 TUSCARAWAS ST WEST AS LIBERTY COMMONS. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

2. REQ ZONE CHANGE LOCATED AT 3RD ST SW, WARD 4. - APPLICANT, CHRISTOPHER GIBSON

3. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR JULY, 2026. - CHIEF BENNETT
4. REQ LEG NAMING UNNAMED STREET/ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN BENHAM CT. SE AND BELDEN AVE (WARD 4). - COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH
5. REQ INF RES SUPPORTING RED OAK PARTNERS, LLC'S APP FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF 315 TUSC ST WEST AS LIBERTY COMMONS. - ECONOMIC DIRECTOR ZAHIRSKY
6. REQ TRFO C-1, C-2 LIQUOR PERMIT TO NM BAPA LLC MINI FOOD MART @ 905 HARRISON AVE SW FROM SHREE RADHARAMAN INC MINI FOOD MART (WARD 5). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
7. REQ APPT OF MR. ZACHARY J. MALLORY TO SYSTEMS PLANNING BOARD COMMENCING 9/14/26 TO 5/31/28. - MAYOR SHERER
8. REQ ZONE CHANGE AT 3RD ST SW (PARCEL #10020623) - FR R-1A - SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PB-3 - PLANNED GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (WARD 4, FOR CHRISTOPHER GIBSON). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
9. REQ ZONING AND PLANNING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS - CH. 1194.03 - APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE OF ZONING PERMITS & CH. 1194.04 - EXPIRATION OF ZONING PERMIT. - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
10. REQ VACATION OF FORD MOTOR WAY NE FR SOUTHERN RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF GEORGETOWN ST NE SOUTH TO TERMINUS OF FORD MOTOR WAY NE, WARD 4 (A&J URBAN DEVELOPMENT). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
11. REQ LEG FOR CENTRAL AVE. SE/CHERRY AVE SE CULVERT PROJECT WITH STARK COUNTY; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
12. REQ LEG FOR WATER DEPT VEHICLE PURCH, EMERGENCY (\$52,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207022 WATER DISTRIBUTION MAINTENANCE - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
13. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 7/31/26. - TREASURER PEREZ
14. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 7/31/26. - TREASURER PEREZ
15. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 7/31/26. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

16. AMEND O#247/2026 TO PERMIT THE CITY TO ADD CITY OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER RELATED COSTS FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AS ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND USES FOR BUILDING DEPT ENTERPRISE FUND. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

17. AMEND SECTION 549.03, DISCHARGING FIREARMS OF CHPT 549 OF GENERAL OFFENSES CODE. - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
18. AMEND O#10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL (SAFETY DIR'S POLICE DEPT). - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
19. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO: ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$99,769.00 IN JOINT GRANT FUNDS WITH STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FR DEPT OF JUSTICE PROGS BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE; ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF 16 GETAC GENERATION 7 MOBILE DATA TERMINALS FOR POLICE DEPT, AUTH AUDITOR TO CREATE FUND 2825 FY25 BJA EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROG - LOCAL FORMULA; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026 (\$99,769.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2825 FY25 BJA EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JAG - LOCAL FORMULA TO 2825 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
20. AUTH MAYOR OR SERVICE DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR GALVANIZED REPLACEMENT PRIVATE SERV LINE REPLACEMENT PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORD; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026; EMERGENCY (\$20,000,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5258 GRR PRIVATE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND TO 5258 207100 GRR PRIVATE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
21. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT, SIGN DOCS AND ENTER WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN AGMT WITH OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR PLANNING AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
22. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT PHASE 2; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR AEP BUILDING LED LIGHTING PROJ; ENTER DESIGN CONTRACT FOR PROJS WITH AMERESCO IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000.00; ENTER LOAN/FINANCING AGMTS FOR PROJS; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH 4507 CITY HALL HVAC PROJ PH 2 FUND; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026 (\$6,800,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4507 CITY HALL HVAC PROJECT PH 2 FUND 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). - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
23. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO: ENTER A PROF SERVS AGMT IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$345,990.00; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, ENTER CONTRACT(S) FOR 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJ-GP1500-PID126369; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH 4533 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REHAB GP

1500-PID 126369 FUND; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026 (\$20,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4533 7TH ST NW BRIDGE REHAB - GP1500 - PID 126369 FUND 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 - OTHER). - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

24. AMEND O#10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL (SERV DIR'S WATER DEPT). - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:19 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#25 AND O#26; RECONVENED AT 7:24 PM)

25. **127/2026** RATIFY ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THIS ORD PURSUANT TO SECTION 105.04 OF COD ORD OF CANTON; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS TO RESPOND TO CITY HALL WATER METER/LINE BREAK REPAIR EMERGENCY; AUTH CITY AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS ; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
26. **128/2026** REAUTH O#122/2025; AMEND APPROP O#51/2026, EMERGENCY (\$150,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#27 - O#30)

27. AUTH CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO \$30,709.00 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT AGMT AND EXTENDED WARRANTY WITH JUSTICE AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEMS. - FIN
28. 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). - FIN
29. 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) - FIN
30. VACATE PORTION OF 17TH ST NW BETWEEN HARRISON AVE NW AND CLARENDON AVE NW; EMERGENCY. - PS&T **PUB HRG WAIVED**

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

THIRD READINGS:

31. **129/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, TO CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP; EMERGENCY.
32. **130/2026** AUTH EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF COD ORD; EMERGENCY.
33. **131/2026** 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.
34. **AMENDED AS**
132/2026 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.
35. **133/2026** 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:30 PM

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER EXPLAINED THE ENGINEERING DEPT IS DEVELOPING A SAFETY ACTION PLAN TO HELP TRY TO REDUCE TRAFFIC RELATED INJURIES. HE ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME TO THE SHOWER BUS UNVEILING TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, AT THE REFUGE OF HOPE AT 1:00 PM.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER KIMBROUGH THANKED THE MAYOR AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED PUT TOGETHER THE HBCU PARADE.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM