

# CANTON CITY COUNCIL

**President** William V. Sherer, II

**Council At Large:**

Bill Smuckler - **Majority Leader**  
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**Ward Council Members:**

Greg Hawk, Ward 1  
Brenda Kimbrough, Ward 2  
Jason Scaglione, Ward 3  
Chris Smith, Ward 4  
Robert Fisher, Ward 5  
Kevin Hall, Ward 6  
John Mariol, Ward 7  
Peter Ferguson, Ward 8  
Frank Morris, Ward 9

**FINAL AGENDA**  
**February 13, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

**Roll Call:** Ten Members Present

**Motion to Excuse Members:** Member Mariol and Member Ferguson Absent

**Invocation:** Bill Smuckler, Council Member-at-Large

**Pledge of Allegiance:** President Sherer

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** (Suspended Rule 22A to add 1st Rdg O#16 - O#17; 2nd Rdg O#18-O#22; O#16 - O#17 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#22 Adopted on 2nd Rdg)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 7:00 PM - Authorize zone change for 2nd St NW and Newton Ave NW area from R-1a and B-3 to B-3 (No Speakers) - O#25/2023

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Kim Bell spoke about the terrible conditions of many of the streets in Canton. She said that you have to drive down the middle of the street to avoid potholes and they need to be fixed. She also said that the streets around Mahoning Manor where she lives are in bad condition, the trees on the property need trimmed and there is trash everywhere. She told President Sherer that if he is elected Mayor, to use his own handbook.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Majority Leader Smuckler: PO to Hilscher-Clarke Electric Co. for repair/replacement of electrical conduit that feeds highway lights adjacent to Cherry Ave SE and US Rt 30. - Adopted
2. Personnel Committee: Confirming reappt of Ms. Cleo Lucas to Canton City Board of Health commencing 4/1/23 to 3/31/28. - Adopted

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

3. Req new D1, D3 liquor permit for 2 Scoopz of Ohio LLC, dba 2 Scoopz @ 132 5th St NW. - Liquor Control Div (Ohio)
4. Auth contract for Citywide Fiber Network ARPA Proj. - Mayor Bernabei
5. Advise of residential rental development proj at Roberts Ave NW, adjacent to HOF Fitness Ctr (Roberts Station). - Pivotal Development LLC
6. Req legislation amending Water Dept Management and Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; emergency (Utility Billing & Fiscal Manager). - Service Director Highman
7. Auth Water Dept vehicle purchases; emergency. - Service Director Highman
8. Auth water main extension to Holt St SE in Canton Twp; emergency. - Service Director Highman
9. Req for electrical conduit repair at Cherry Ave SE and US Rt 30. - Service Director Highman
10. Advise of residential rental development at 1300 Christmas Seal Dr NW (Parkway Lofts). - Spire Development

**FIRST READINGS:**

11. Amend O#55/77; emergency (Rezone 9th St NW and McKinley Ave NW area (Ward 2) fr R-1a - Single Family Residential and B-3 - General Business to B-3 - General Business and Faircrest SW and I-77 NE area (Wards 4 & 5) fr B-3 - General Business and R-3 - Garden and Townhouse Apt to B-4 - Special Business) - Judiciary Committee  
**PUB HRG 3/6/23 @ 7:00 PM**
  12. Provide for issuance and sale of revenue bond anticipation notes; emergency (Hercules Development Proj) - Finance Committee
  13. Provide for issuance and sale of revenue bond anticipation notes; emergency (Hall of Fame Village) - Finance Committee
  14. Auth prof servs agmt with Downtown Canton Partnership, Inc.; emergency - Community & Economic Development Committee
  15. Auth agmt to accept grant funds fr Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services; amend approp O#290/2022; emergency (Supp approp and inter-fund adv to Police Admin) - Finance Committee
- (Council recessed at 7:12 PM for the Finance Committee to discuss O#16 & O#17; reconvened at 7:17 PM)***
16. **22/2023** Auth contracts for 606 6th St NE (East Bldg) demo; emergency - Finance Committee \*
  17. **23/2023** Auth contract for 820 8th St NW demo; emergency - Finance Committee \*

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

**SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#18 - O#22; O#22 ADOPTED)**

18. Auth job creation and retention agmt with Midwest Industrial Supply, Inc; emergency - C&ED
19. Auth job creation and retention agmt with Union Metal Industries Corp.; emergency - C&ED
20. Auth and receive grant funds fr Office of Criminal Justice Services, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; (two watchguard camera systems and virtual training); emergency - Fin
21. Auth contract change order no. 1 with Wenger Excavating, Inc.; amend approp O#290/2022; emergency - Fin
22. **24/2023** Auth return and transfer of grants for Southeast Community Gonder Ave. Invest Health/Community Health Center Project; emergency - C&ED \*

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

**THIRD READINGS:**

23. **25/2023** Amend O#57/77; emergency (Rezone 2nd St NW and Newton Ave NW area fr R-1a - Single Family Residential & B-3 - General Business District to B-3 - General Business District) **PUB HRG 2/13/23 @ 7:00 PM**
24. **26/2023** Re-establish Storefront Reinvestment Prog ("SRP"); emergency
25. **27/2023** Re-establish Public Realm Reinvestment Prog ("PRRP"); emergency

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**Monday, February 27, 2023 in Council Caucus Room @ 6:00 PM**

Finance Committee

Community & Economic Development Committee

Judiciary Committee

**Utility Rate Presentation - Service Director Highman**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Member Morris asked the Law Director if, by ordinance, owners of investment/commercial properties could be forced to carry insurance to cover the costs of demolition so that tax payer money is not being used. Law Director Reese said he would look into that and advise. He reminded Member Morris that liens have been put on all of the properties owned by these individuals so that if any property is sold, the City will collect their money. Member Hall asked if this cost could be made part of the residential property yearly renewal fee. Law Director Reese said it may be hard to enforce, but he will look into that also and advise. Member Smith announced that the guest speaker at the Stark County Urban League Black and White Gala is Emilia Sykes, the newly elected Congresswoman, and if anyone is interested in attending, please let her know before the end of the week.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 PM**

**THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**