CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Jason Scaglione, Ward 3
Chris Smith, Ward 4
Robert Fisher, Ward 5
Jonathan Cooks, Ward 6
John Mariol, Ward 7 - **Majority Leader**Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA May 19, 2025 7:00 PM

Roll Call: TEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion to Excuse Members: MEMBER CRYSTAL SMITH AND MEMBER KIMBROUGH ABSENT

Invocation: JOHN MARIOL, WARD 7 COUNCIL MEMBER

Pledge of Allegiance: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#19 AND

O#20; 2ND RDG O#21 THROUGH O#26; O#19 AND O#20 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: KIMBERLY BELL ASKED COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT BOARD MEETINGS. STEPHANIE FERRELL, CHAMONE RUSSELL AND JUSTIN NICELY ALL SPOKE ABOUT PAST ISSUES WITH CPS. LARINDA JOHNSON AND CASSANDRA WHITE SPOKE ABOUT WHAT THEY OBSERVED AT LAST WEEKS COUNCIL MEETING. BELLA FORNASH SPOKE ABOUT THE DEATH OF HER BROTHER, ZACHARY FORNASH. SKYLARK BRUCE GAVE HER OPINION ABOUT HOW COUNCIL NEEDS TO TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY. MARK BROULIS ASKED THE CITY TO ADD MORE SPEED TABLES.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

 APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASS FOR THE TRUMP & LINCOLN - 2025 ANNEXATION. (B-4 - SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, WARD 4). -ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

- 2. REQ OHIO CAST PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND DEMOLITION; EMERGENCY (\$563,000.00 SUPP APPROP TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT OTHER). ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HARDESTY
- 3. REQ TO ACCEPT DONATION OF PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 239294 FR MIRACLE LAND COMPANY LTD AND PARCEL NOS. 245553, 212209, 206993, 200149 AND 224471 FR S&C APARTMENTS LTD; EMERGENCY. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HARDESTY
- 4. REQ JOB CREATION AND RETENTION TAX INCENTIVE AGMT WITH AMBAFLEX MANUFACTURING INC; EMERGENCY. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HARDESTY
- 5. REQ AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS TO ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR 15TH ST. AREA STREETSCAPE PROJ DESIGN; EMERGENCY (\$27,000.00 SUPP APPROP TO 2175 202097 15TH ST AREA STREETSCAPE PROJ OTHER). FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
- 6. REQ PARTIAL REPLACEMENT PARK LEVY (4.5 MILLS 5 YRS FOR 2026 -2030) TO BE PLACED ON 11/4/25 BALLOT. MAYOR SHERER
- 7. REQ AUTH FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF UNNAMED 10' ALLY BOUNDED BY KEN PL NW AND 37TH ST NW, WARD 8 (TERRIE BALL). PLANNING COMMISSION PUB HRG WAVIED
- 8. REQ AUTH FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF 8TH ST NE, A 50 FT WIDE STREET/ALLY, WARD 2 (GREG HILL). PLANNING COMMISSION PUB HRG WAVIED
- 9. REQ 2025 AMBASSADOR PROGRAM; EMERGENCY. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 10. LTR ADVISING PROJECT AGMT WAIVED (BELDEN AVE. NE BRIDGE REHABILITATION, GP 1375 AND CLEVELAND AVE. NW PAVING PROJ, GP 1238). -SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 11. REQ HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SEARS BUILDING RENOVATION PROJ CHANGE ORDER NO.4; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP TO 7601 301001 HEALTH ADMIN OTHER). SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN HEALTH COMMISSIONER ARCHER

FIRST READINGS:

12. AUTH CITY TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE IMAGE - TEETER - 2024
ANNEX AREA CONTAINING APPROX 163.505 ACRES MORE OR LESS;
ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4; ZONING TERRITORY I-1 LIGHT
INDUSTRY; REQUIRING OWNER OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY TO PROVIDE A
BUFFER SEPARATING THE USE OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY AND ADJACENT
LAND REMAINING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION
COMMITTEE

PUB HRG 6/16/25 @ 7:00PM

- 13. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY PATH MASTER, INC. A MORAL OB IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,842.00; EMERGENCY. FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 14. AUTH SAF DIR TO AMEND CURRENT CONTRACT OF BBS MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVS AS BACKUP RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OFFICIAL AND BACKUP RESIDENTIAL PLANS EXAMINER; EMERGENCY. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
- 15. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$12,712.50 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$12,712.50 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102007 OCJS PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING OTHER). FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 16. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR. TO ENTER AGMT FR AND ACCEPT \$100,855.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF 25 BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SOFTWARE, WARRANTIES, STORAGE AND TRANSFER STATION FR MOTOROLA INC.; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME THE 2773 2015 COPS HIRING PROG GRANT FUND; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$100,855.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2773 OCJS BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT FUND TO 2773 102001 POLICE ADMIN OTHER; FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN ADV OUT; \$100,855.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2773 102001 ADV IN). FINANCE COMMITTEE
- 17. AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 2175 202047 10TH ST. NW SIDEWALK GP 1454 OTHER TO 2175 202075 E. TUSC. STREETSCAPE GP 1422; \$77,250.00 FR 4501 202083 CLEVELAND AVE. SW RECONS PH.2 OTHER TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING ADMIN OTHER; \$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4553 BELDEN AVE. NE BRIDGE REH GP 1375 FUND TO 4553 202001 ENGINEERING ADMIN OTHER). FINANCE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
- 18. AUTH EST. OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURCH/ACQUISITION FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COLONIAL BLVD NE, PROJ, GP 1428, TAG 625; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR. OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER AGRMT FOR THE PURCH/ACQUISITION OF PARCELS UTILIZING FMV AND TO NEGOTIATE OR DONATE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITY EASEMENTS AND/OR TEMP CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS; CITY TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS AND TITLE TO FEE SIMPLE TAKE PARCELS AND TO MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROPERTY OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPO ERRORS; DECLARE INTENT TO APPROP PARCELS IF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED; EMERGENCY. PUBLIC SAFETY AND THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:45 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#19 AND O#20; RECONVENED AT 7:51 PM)

- 19. 97/2025 AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$80,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2331 AIR POLLUTION FUND TO 2331 301001 AIR POLLUTION OTHER DIRECT COSTS). FINANCE COMMITTEE*
- 20. <u>98/2025</u> AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT FOR 2025 YOUTH AMBASSADOR PRGM WITH SIMPLY YOUTH, LLC AND ACCEPT FUNDING DONATIONS FOR PRGM; EMERGENCY. FINANCE COMMITTEE*

*Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for First Reading Vote

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG 0#21 THROUGH 0#26)

- 21. AMEND EXHIBIT A TO ORD #10/2024, AS AMENDED, CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL; EMERGENCY (RESOURCE ADMIN FOR PD). PERS
- 22. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 THROUGH 5 WITH STANDARD PLUMBING AND HEATING CO. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,960.65 FOR CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJ; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS TO CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY (\$80,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER ADMIN OTHER). FIN
- 23. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERISE, REC BIDS, AWARD & EXECUTE CONTRACTS, EXECUTE PROF SERVS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVS; ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NEEDED FOR MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE FUND #5255 MIDDLEBRANCH WL EXTENSION PROJ; EMERGENCY. FIN AND E&PU
- 24. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO PROF SERVS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMIN OF NAVARRE RD SW AREA SANITARY TRUCK SEWER PROJ, GP 1491; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#55/2025; EMERGENCY (\$400,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5410 202061 SEWER OPERATING, I-77/FAIRCREST ANNEXATION SANITARY SEWER TO 5410 202098 NAVARRE RD SW AREA SANITARY TRUNK SEWER, GP 1491). FIN AND E&PU
- 25. AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2904 MARKET AVE N 2024 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX .426 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGN SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 9 OF CITY; ZONE SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. ANNEX PUB HRG 6/2/25 @7:00PM
- 26. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. FIN AND E&PU

*Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for Second Reading Vote

THIRD READINGS: NONE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 @ 6:30 PM
ANNEXATION COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY AND THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE THIS UPCOMING MONDAY STARTING AT 10 AM, ON MCKINLEY AVE. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY. HE SPOKE ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 'S SUMMER KICK-OFF AT THE SOUTHEAST PLAYGROUND ON MAY 30TH STARTING AT 5 PM AND A 5K WALK IN THE SOUTHEAST STARTING AT 8 AM. THERE WILL ALSO BE A WORSHIP GATHERING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST AT 11 AM. MEMBER CHRIS SMITH LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT THE SPRAY PARK WILL BE OPENING ON MEMORIAL DAY.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER COOKS GAVE A SHOUT-OUT TO MS. FERRELL AND MS. RUSSELL AND ASKED THEM TO ATTEND COUNTY MEETINGS FOR THEIR CONCERNS. MEMBER GIAVASIS ASKED IF THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY IN CONTACTING PLAIN TOWNSHIP ABOUT AN ANNEXATION WE'RE BRINGING INTO THE CITY. HE APOLOGIZED IF HIS TAKING NOTES DURING THE MEETING COMES OFF AS DISRESPECTFUL, BUT SAYS HE WRITES DOWN THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS CONCERNS AND OFFERED TO SHOW THEM TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM. MEMBER COOKS ASKED COUNCIL TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER COUNCILS IN THE AREA TO HELP THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. PRESIDENT BATES ALYWARD INFORMED MEMBER COOKS THAT SHE AND MEMBER MARIOL HAVE PLANS ON REACHING OUT TO COUNCILS IN OUR COUNTY. MEMBER MARIOL SAID HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE AREA TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WELL. MEMBER MORRIS AGREED AND SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL INVITE OUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND SOME OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS. MAYOR SHERER LET COUNCIL KNOW THAT HE WILL REACH OUT TO REPRESENTATIVES IN THE AREA SOMETIME THIS WEEK.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 @ 7:00 PM



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 15, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, Ohio 44702

RE: Ward Assignment and Zoning Classification for The Trump & Lincoln – 2025 Annexation

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, the Canton City Planning Commission met and recommended APPROVAL of a proposed Ward Assignment and Zoning Classification for land being annexed into the City of Canton known as The Trump & Lincoln - 2025 Annexation. This area being proposed for annexation is a 16.512-acre area of land located in Canton Township. The property owners have petitioned for annexation into the City.

The approved proposed Ward Assignment is Ward 4. This is the ward that is abutting the site.

The approved proposed Zoning Classification is B-4 – Special Business District. This designation will be the highest and best use of the land as it will be used going forward.

Therefore, on behalf of the Planning Commission, I respectfully request legislation to adopt and assign the recommended Ward Assignment and Zoning Classification assignment of The Trump & Lincoln - 2025 Annexation.

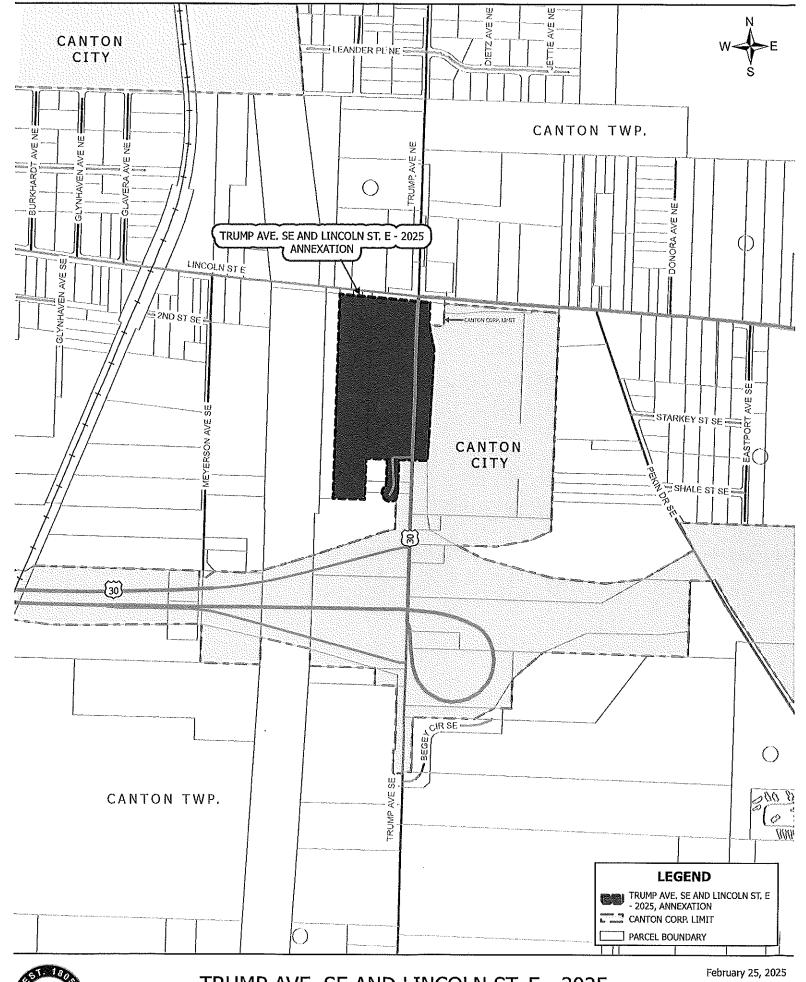
As always, if any additional information is needed, please contact the Planning Department at 330.489.3344.

Sincerely,

Matt Bailey Secretary

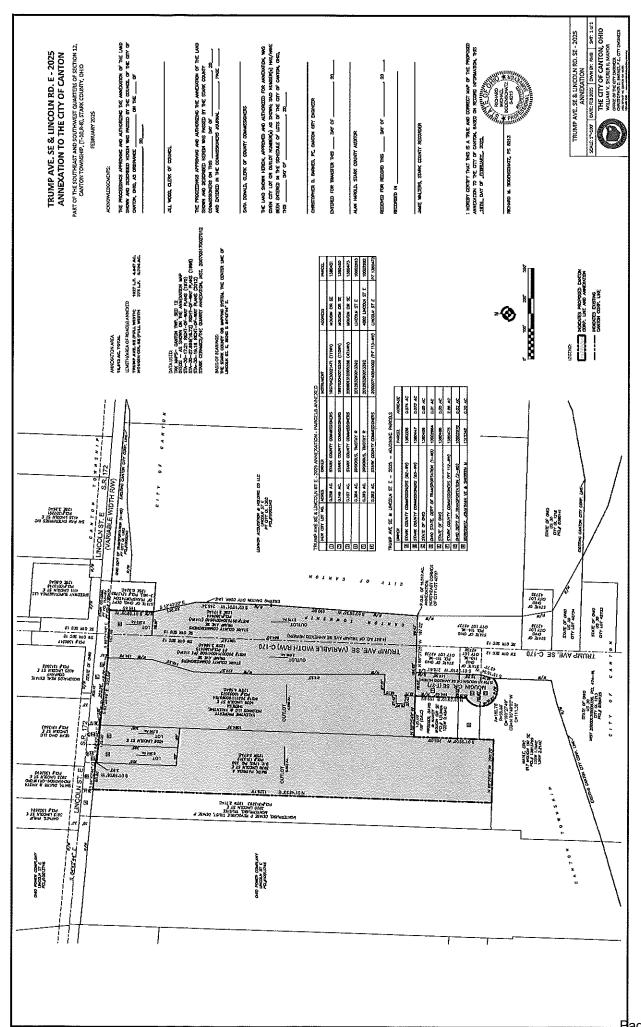
Canton City Planning Commission







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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 14, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, Ohio 44702

RE: Ohio Cast Property Remediation and Demolition

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

The City of Canton was awarded approximately \$400,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's (ODOD) Brownfield Remediation Program for the remediation and demolition of the former Ohio Cast Property. That \$400,000 represents roughly 75% of the total project cost. The funds will be distributed to the City of Canton on a reimbursement basis and requires the City to obligate the entire cost of the project for the various activites to include but not limited to; abatement, demolition, remediation, project management and reporting, and other related costs.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$563,000 with up to \$400,000 eligible for reimbursement through the ODOD Brownfield Remediation Program.

Therefore, I hereby request legislation that does the following:

- 1. Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter any and all agreements to remediate, demolish, and secure the Ohio Cast property;
- 2. Amends Appropriation Ordinance #55/2025 with the following supplemental appropriations: From: Unappropriated balance of 1001 General Operating Fund \$563,000.00

 To: 1001 200501 General Government Support Other \$563,000.00
- 3. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of voichers duly approved by the proper departmental authority.
- 4. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hardesty

Director of Economic Development

Cc:

William V. Sherer II, Mayor

John Highman, Director of Public Service

Jason Reese, Law Director

Mark Crouse, Finance Director

RA Mallonn, Auditor

Kim Perez, Treasurer



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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 14, 2025

Canton City Council Council Office Canton, Ohio 44702

RE:

Donation of Property

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

The City is requesting approval to accept the donation of real property. The parcels to be donated include 239294, 245553, 212209, 206993, 200149, and 224471. These parcels are located near the northeastern portion of downtown between Walnut Ave. NE and Cherry Ave. NE in Ward 2.

I hereby request legislation which does the following:

- 1. Authorizes the City to accept donation of Permanent Parcel Number 239294 from Miracle Land Company LTD.
- 2. Authorizes the City to accept donation of Permanent Parcel Numbers 245553, 212209, 206993, 200149, and 224471 from S & C Apartments LTD.
- 3. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hardesty

Director of Economic Development

cc:

William V. Sherer, II, Mayor

John Highman, Director of Public Service

Jason Reese, Law Director Kim Perez, City Treasurer

R.A. Mallon, City Auditor

Michael McEnaney, Chief Deputy Treasurer

John Slebodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor



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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 14, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, Ohio 44702

RE: Job Creation & Retention Tax Incentive Agreement with AmbaFlex Manufacturing Inc.

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

The City is seeking to incentivize AmbaFlex Manufacturing Inc. (AmbaFlex). for the expansion and retention of their business within Canton. Currently, AmbaFlex operates two facilities in SW Canton at 1508 and 1530 Raff Rd. SW in Ward 5. They currently have a workforce of 160 and are seeking assistance with a \$4.5 million expansion which would create an additional 15 jobs.

The City is proposing the use of a Job Creation and Retention Tax Incentive agreement for a period not to exceed 10 years. It is estimated that this will generate approximately \$1 million over the term for AmbaFlex's project

I hereby request legislation which does the following:

- Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter a Job Creation and Retention Tax Incentive Agreement with AmbaFlex Manufacturing Inc. pursuant to the City's incentive programs;
- 2. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hardesty

Director of Economic Development

Cc:

William V. Sherer II, Mayor

John Highman, Director of Public Service

Jason Reese, Law Director

Mark Crouse, Finance Director

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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 13, 2025

Canton City Council 218 Cleveland Ave SW Canton, Ohio 44702

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

At the request of the Auditor's office, I am writing this communication to correct a number of errors regarding multiple engineering projects. The errors are not specific to any one person or department but just unfortunate in nature. In December of 2024, a PO was put into place for the design of the 15th St Area Streetscape project in the amount of \$98,122.00 to Environmental Design Group. The PO was approved and the City has made payments amounting to \$71,322.79 for this project. The Auditor's office, while reviewing 2024 items, noticed that the PO for this project was opened out of an incorrect organization code but in the correct fund. In order to rectify this situation, we need to close the current PO and open a new PO out of the corrected organization code. This transaction causes us to have a moral obligation because the original transaction happened in 2024 and we are now opening a new PO in 2025. To further complicate the transaction, we need to create an additional appropriation so that we can open this new PO in the correct organization code in 2025.

Therefore, I hereby request legislation that does the following:

- 1. Authorizes and directs the Auditor to pay any and all moral obligations to Environmental Design Group that deal with the 15th St Area Streetscape Project Desgn with the passage of this ordinance.
- 2. Retroactively authorizes any and all actions taken in order to ensure that the moral obligations in question are paid in a timely manner.
- 3. Authorizes and directs the Auditor to take any and all action necessary to correct the journal entries and all financial reporting related to this transaction and all related transactions.
- 4. Amends Appropriation Ordinance #55/2025 with the following supplemental appropriations:

From: Unappropriated balance of 2175 Comprehensive Plan Fund \$27,000.00 To: 2175 202097 15th St Area Streetscape Proj – Other \$27,000.00

- 5. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of vouchers duly approved by the proper departmental authority.
- 6. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.



I am asking for 1st Reading passage on June 2, 2025, since we are starting Council's summer session and we need to get this error corrected. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Crouse

Finance Director

Cc: William V. Sherer II, Mayor

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Jason Reese, Law Director Richard Mallonn II, Auditor

John Highman, Director of Public Service



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 15, 2025

Canton City Council Council Office Canton, Ohio

Re: Park Levy

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members of Council:

Collection of tax revenues on the current Parks and Recreation Levy which was approved on May 4, 2021, expires on December 31, 2026. It is a 5.0 mill, 5-year levy. The levy raised approximately \$3.6 million per year. The Parks and Recreation Department has done an excellent job in operations, completion of capital projects and growth of recreational programing and I strongly support the continuation of this levy.

So that there is no interruption of revenues, I am requesting that a partial replacement levy be submitted to the voters. Due to the changes in property tax valuations, I am requesting the replacement levy be 4.5 mills for five years, a decrease in the millage from 5.0 to 4.5 mills. The requested replacement would be commencing for tax years 2026 through 2030 (meaning that collections run from 1/1/27 through 12/31/31), and would be placed on the November 4, 2025 General Election ballot.

By statute, the City of Canton is the taxing authority for this levy. The Ohio Revised Code provides in Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(H) the procedures which must be followed in order to properly place the levy on the ballot. Two separate Resolutions are required to place this requested levy on the ballot.

The first of these Resolutions was the Resolution of Necessity that was approved by City Council on February 10, 2025. As part of the Resolution of Necessity the Clerk of Council was directed to submit the Resolution to the Stark County Auditor for certification of the estimated levy. On March 18, 2025, the Stark County Auditor's Office completed and returned the requested certification.

At this time, I am requesting the adoption of the second Resolution which approves the ballot language for submission to the voters at the November 4, 2025 General Election and directs the certification of the resolution to the Board of Elections. I am requesting that this resolution be placed on Council's agenda for the June 2, 2025 meeting for a first reading. The two Resolutions must be submitted to the Board of Elections no later than 90 days prior to the General Election date of November 4, 2025, or not later than August 6, 2025.



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If you have any questions, concerning these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

William V. Sherer, II

Mayor

cc:

JR Rinaldi, Park Commission President

Doug Foltz, Park Department

Kim Perez, Treasurer RA Mallonn, Auditor

WWWSO

Jason Reese, Law Director

PRESENTED BY CANTON CITY COUNCIL

An Informal Resolution Respectfully Submitted By Council-As-A-Whole on this 10th day of February, 2025

WHEREAS,

The city of Canton is a taxing authority under Ohio law, and according to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, may seek to levy a tax; and

WHEREAS,

The city of Canton has determined that it will be necessary to seek voter approval from the electors of the City of Canton in its entirety at the General Election held Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for a replacement of part of an existing 5.0 mill levy and decrease of 0.5 mills to constitute a tax of 4.5 mills for park and recreation purposes for tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030 for years commencing in tax year 2026, first due in calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS,

The City of Canton is authorized to request such levy according to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(h); and

WHEREAS,

The city of Canton must first certify a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Stark County requesting the Auditor to certify the total tax valuation of the City of Canton and include the calculation of the average annual tax rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar for each one hundred thousand dollars of the Auditor's appraised valuation, as well as in mills for each dollar of tax valuation, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 4.5 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Stark County requesting the Auditor to certify to the City of Canton the total current tax valuation of the City of Canton, the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the specific number of mills for each one dollar of one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year.

WHEREAS, The City of Canton is a taxing authority under Ohio law, and according to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, may seek to levy a tax;

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WHEREAS, The City of Canton is authorized to request such levy according to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03 and 5705.19(h); and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Clerk of Council is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Auditor of Stark County requesting the Auditor to certify to the City of Canton the total current tax valuation of the City of Canton, the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the specific number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year.

VACATION APPLICATION

Canton City Council City Hall 218 Cleveland Ave. S.W. P.O. Box 24218 Canton, Ohio 44701-4218

Dear President	and Honorable Members:
I hereb	y make application and request that the Canton City Planning Commission and Canton
City Council va	acate a portion of
	an unnamed 10' alley bounded by Ken Pi NW and 37 th St NW, (Street/Alley Name)
a 10 foot	wide street/alley,
briefly describe	ed as follows:
bounded by K	Ken Pl NW to the N, 37th St NW to the S, Part of Lot 37898 to the E, & Part of Lot 37897 to the W.
Reason(s) for	requesting the vacation: (Please complete all that apply.)
☐ The street/	alley has never been constructed, and therefore does not serve the public.
☐ The street/	alley does not serve the public because:
It is cur	rently unimproved and uncared for by the city, only serving the property to the west as a driveway.
	/alley were to be vacated, my land holdings could be consolidated into a more useful on for the following purpose: (Site Plan Attached)
To p	rovide area sufficient enough to facilitate improvements to the existing dwelling unit.
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Ve plan to:	\cdot
	with this land.

PROPERTY OWNERS ABUTTING STREET/ALLEY VACATION OF:

Name: Unnamed 10' wide alley bounded by Ken Pl NW and 37 th St NW			
	Street/Alley Name:	Unnamed 10' wide alley bounded by Ken Pl NW and 37th St NW	

Lot#	Property Address	Owner Name & Mailing Address
Pt of Lot 37897	1619 37 th St NW	Terrie L Ball, Trustee of The Terrie L Ball Trust
Pt of Lot 37898	1613 37 th St NW	John C Dowell
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WAIVER OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING *

The undersigned persons, being sole owners of the property abutting the vacation of

An unnamed 10' alley bounded by Ken Pl NW and 37th St NW

(Street/Alley Name)

do hereby waive our right to a Legal Notice of the intention of the City of Canton to vacate said street/alley as set forth in Section 723.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and are hereby in favor of / or opposed to said vacation:

LOT#	NAME (Typed or Printed)	SIGNATURE	FOR	AGAINST
Pt of Lot 37898	John C Dowell	John C Dwell		
Pt of Lot 37897	Terrie L Ball, Trustee of the Terrie L. Ball Trust	Some & Ball Inuster	$\setminus \boxtimes$	

^{*} NOTE: If the waiver is not signed by all abutting owners, then a public hearing notice must be published in the newspaper for six (6) consecutive weeks at the applicant's expense.

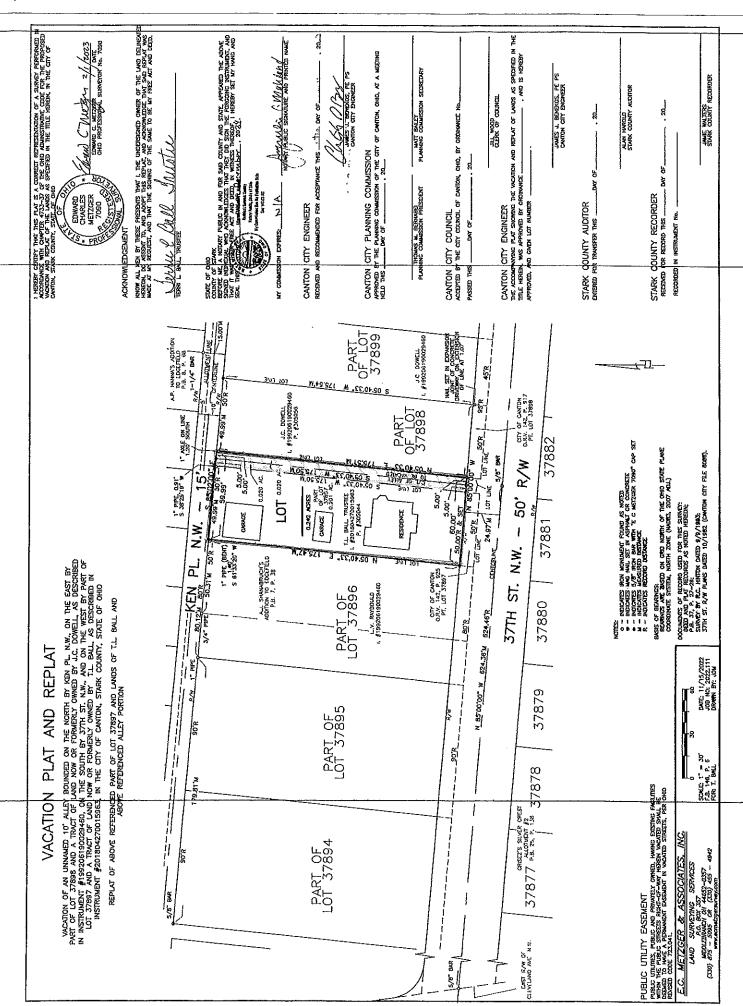
Accompanying this appli	cation are:				
☐ Filing fee of \$300.00					
☐ Vacation Plat, proper	ly prepared by a registered surveyor. (Original tracing and five (5) prints)				
☐ Legal description of t	he vacated portion.				
	erty owners and mailing addresses and the signatures of those owners who agree egal notice of the vacation.				
APPLICANT'S NAME: (Typed or Printed)	Terrie L. Ball				
COMPANY NAME: (Typed or Printed)					
MAILING ADDRESS: 1619 37th St NW, Canton, OH, 44709					
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 330-904-9290					
E-MAIL ADDRESS: tlq15@hotmail.com					

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and any attachment is current and correct.

I understand that the City of Canton and/or Public Utility Companies shall be deemed to have a permanent easement to the vacated area with existing utilities and that the replacement of sidewalk and curb, according to the specifications of the City Engineering Department, is the responsibility of the new property owner.

Applicant's Signature

By signing this, the applicant understands that there is no assurance the request will be granted by the Canton City Planning Commission or Canton City Council.





WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 15, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, Ohio 44702

Subj: Vacation of an unnamed alley bounded on the north by Ken Pl NW, on the east by Part of Lot 37898, to the south by 37th St NW, and on the west by Part of Lot 37897 and Replat of the same with Part of Lot 37897, also known as tax parcel 305044, Ward 8

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, the Canton City Planning Commission met and heard a case for the subject vacation and replat. The Canton City Planning Commission recommended approval of the subject Vacation and Replat at that meeting.

The applicant in this case is property owner Terrie Ball. The physical location of this property is 1619 37th St NW. Ms. Ball is proposing the vacation of partially unimproved, and relatively unmaintained alley that only services her property, then combining the vacated portion with her property into a single .242-acre lot. With this action, Ms. Ball has plans to add on to her home, and just generally improve her property. This area is zoned R-1a – Single-Family Residential and reviewing City Departments take no issue to this proposal.

This proposed vacation and replat is in line with the theories presented in the Comprehensive Plan. This replat will result in neighborhood investment in the city while also disposing of unnecessary infrastructure.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that legislation be enacted to authorize the subject Right-of-Way Vacation and Replat of said property.

As always, if any additional information is needed, please contact the Planning Department at 330.438.4132.

Sincerely,

Matt Bailey Secretary

Canton City Planning Commission



VACATION APPLICATION

Canton City Council City Hall 218 Cleveland Ave. S.W. P.O. Box 24218 Canton, Ohio 44701-4218

Dear President and Honorable Members:
I hereby make application and request that the Canton City Planning Commission and Canton
City Council vacate a portion of
8 th St NE, (Street/Alley Name)
a 50 foot wide street/alley,
briefly described as follows:
from the westerly line of Spring Ave NE to the easterly line of Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.
Reason(s) for requesting the vacation: (Please complete all that apply.)
☐ The street/alley has never been constructed, and therefore does not serve the public.
☐ The street/alley does not serve the public because:
the ROW at the railway crossing has been closed, creating a deadend street.
If the street/alley were to be vacated, my land holdings could be consolidated into a more useful configuration for the following purpose: (Site Plan Attached)
For business expansion and securing of the property.
I/We plan to:
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consolidate the properties into one and potentially expand the business with this land.

PROPERTY OWNERS ABUTTING STREET/ALLEY VACATION OF:

Street/Alley Name:	8th St NE			

Lot#	Property Address	Owner Name & Mailing Address
Pt OL 137	624 8 th St NE	Hill and Neal Ltd., 5537 Whipple Ave NW, N. Canton, OH, 44720
Pt 2019	8 th St NE	Hill and Neal Ltd., 5537 Whipple Ave NW, N. Canton, OH, 44720
Pt 2020	8 th St NE	Hill and Neal Ltd., 5537 Whipple Ave NW, N. Canton, OH, 44720
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WAIVER OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING *

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(Street/Alley Name)
do hereby waive our right to a Legal Notice of the intention of the City of Canton to vacate said street/alley as set forth in Section 723.07 of the Ohio Revised Code and are hereby in favor of / or opposed to said vacation:

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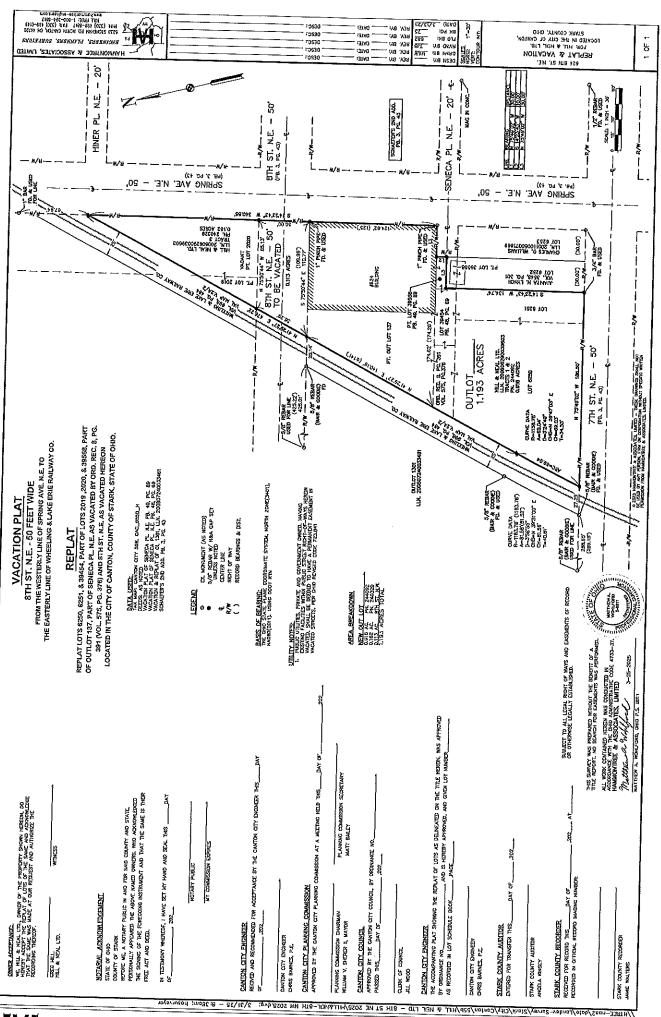
Accompanying this app	lication are:			
☐ Filing fee of \$300.00				
☐ Vacation Plat, proper	ly prepared by a registered surveyor.			
Legal description of	the vacated portion.			
List of abutting proper to waive the right to	erty owners and mailing addresses and the signatures of those owners who agree legal notice of the vacation.			
APPLICANT'S NAME: (Typed or Printed)				
COMPANY NAME: (Typed or Printed)	destruction described to the Company of the Company			
MAILING ADDRESS: (Typed or Printed) 5537 Whipple Ave NW, N. Canton, OH, 44720				
TELEPHONE NUMBER: 330-354-6616				
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ghill26388@gmail.com				

To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application and any attachment is current and correct.

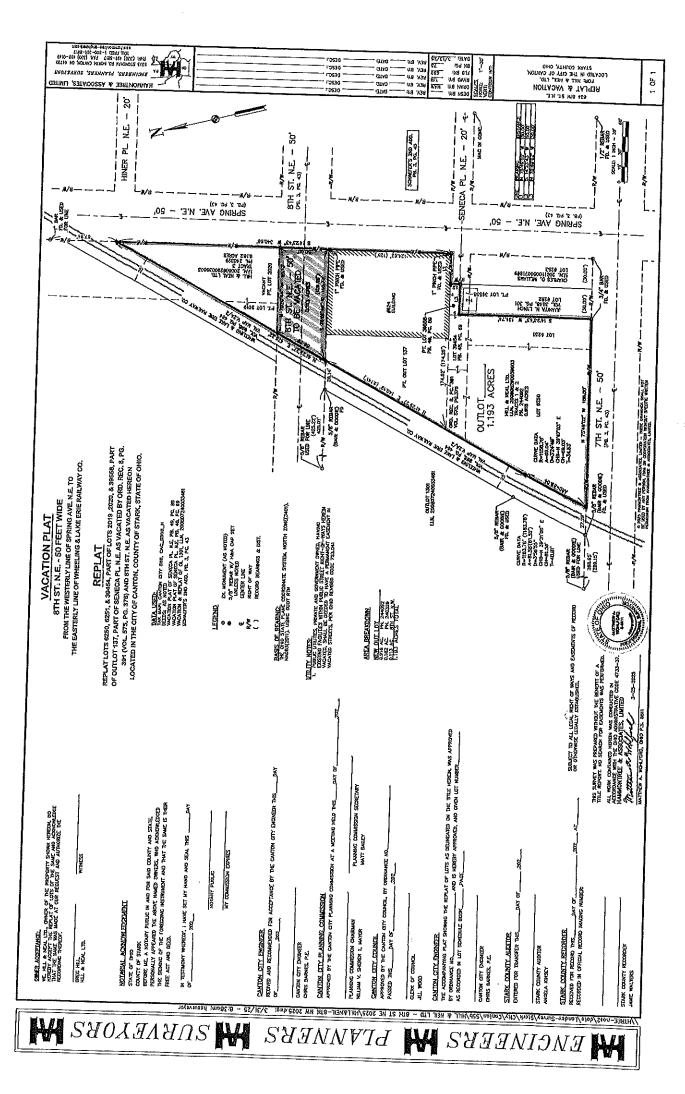
I understand that the City of Canton and/or Public Utility Companies shall be deemed to have a permanent easement to the vacated area with existing utilities and that the replacement of sidewalk and curb, according to the specifications of the City Engineering Department, is the responsibility of the new property owner.

Applicant's Signature

By signing this, the applicant understands that there is no assurance the request will be granted by the Canton City Planning Commission or Canton City Council.



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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 13, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, OH 44702

RE: Legislation Request - 2025 Ambassador Program

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

As you know, Council previously approved \$500,000.00 annually of Comprehensive Plan funds to be spent on various summer programs in 2025 and 2026. At this time, we are coming to Council to request one additional program for 2025. Specifically, \$20,000.00 in outside funds have been pledged to be put towards a summer Youth Ambassador Program to be run by Simply Youth. In regards to funding, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce has pledged \$5,000.00, United Way has pledged \$5,000.00, and the Stark Community Foundation has pledged \$10,000.00. In order to see the program move forward, the City would spend \$30,000.00 for a total of \$50,000.00. Specifically, the program would be for approximately 30 Canton youth aged 14 to 15 and would involve a series of training/skills workshops and real-life work experiences. For participating, the students would each receive a stipend. Given the timing of the program and Council's upcoming schedule, we are respectfully requesting early passage as outlined below.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting legislation that does the following:

- 1. Authorizes the Mayor or Director of Public Service to enter into any and all contracts necessary in order to implement the 2025 Youth Ambassador Program with Simply Youth, LLC.
- Authorizes and Mayor or Director of Public Service to accept funding donations for the 2025 Youth Ambassador Program.
- 3. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of vouchers duly approved by the proper departmental authority.
- 4. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency.

As mentoned, in order to help get this program under contract prior to summer 2025, I am respectfully requesting that the law department draft an ordinance upon receipt of this communication for first reading consideration at Council's May 19, 2025 meeting.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John M. Highman, Jr. Director of Public Service

cc:

William V. Sherer II, Mayor
Mark Crouse, Finance Director
Jason Reese, Law Director
John Slebodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor
Sherice Freeman, Director of Community Development
Andrew Roth, Director of Purchasing



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 14, 2025

Canton City Council Council Chambers Canton, OH 44702

RE: 105.01(b)(5) Project Labor Agreement Report – Belden Ave. NE Bridge Rehabilitation, GP

1375 and Cleveland Ave. NW Paving Project, GP 1283

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

In compliance with Subsection 105.01(b)(5) of the Canton Codified Ordinances, I am sending you this report to inform Council that the City will not be entering into Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) for the above referenced projects as they will be funded in part with federal dollars.

While ODOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) might consider allowing the use of PLAs for these projects, similar federally funded Canton projects, such as Walnut Ave., 12th St. Phases 1 and 2, Fulton Rd., Mahoning Rd. Phases 1 and 2, 11th Street SE, etc. have not experienced the types of issues that would enable us to justify the need for PLAs. For instance, in evaluating the justification for a PLA, items that ODOT and FHWA take into consideration include: past labor unrest, inability for contractors to meet critical completion timelines, and a history of problematic construction issues. The City has not experienced these issues on the aforementioned projects. Thus, the City has traditionally not used PLAs on these types of projects. In addition, if Canton would attempt to include PLAs on these projects, it could not include any local union preference, something that is a standard element of the City's typical PLAs. Furthermore, any proposed PLA would have to be approved by both ODOT and FHWA, which could be a cumbersome process and possibly jeopardize the City's federal funding and project timelines.

For all of the above reasons, we have concluded that entering into PLAs for these projects will not substantially further the purposes of Section 105.01(b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Canton.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully

John M. Highman, Jr.
Director of Public Service

cc:

William V. Sherer II, Mayor Jason Reese, Law Director John Slebodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor Chris Barnes, Canton City Engineer Andrew Roth, Director of Purchasing





May 14, 2025

Canton City Council Council Office Canton, OH 44702

RE: Request for Legislation – Health Department/Sears Building Renovation Project Change Order No. 4

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

As you know, the City is currently under contract with Cavanaugh Building Corporation (Cavanaugh) in the amount of \$1,982,586.00 for the renovation of the first floor of the Health Department/Sears Building. As the project has progressed, all involved parties have made a concerted effort to be good stewards of tax payer funds while also ensuring that all work that is best completed with this initial project takes place ultimately reducing future and overall expenses. To that end, we have determined it best to move forward with additional finish work in the laboratory, NE elevator, and east office area. Specific work not included in the original specifications include laboratory casework and painting, east office space casework and plumbing, window soffits, finishing work within the NE elevator lobby, and a bottle fill station within the east office space. In total, this work has been quoted by Cavanaugh at a cost of \$39,672.00. In order to fund these items, the Health Department is proposing to move unused salary funds to the project.

Therefore, we hereby request legislation that does the following:

- 1. Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter into Change Order No. 4 with Cavanaugh Building Corporation in an estimated amount of \$39,672.00 for the Health Department/Sears Building Renovation Project
- 2. Authorizes and directs the Auditor to pay any and all moral obligations for contract change orders that are otherwise approved by the Board of Control pursuant to Canton Codified Ordinance 105.14 within the established dollar amount thresholds for the above-named project.
- 3. Amends Ordinance 55/2025, as amended, with the following appropriation transfer:

FROM: 7601 307001 Environmental Health - Payroll (\$18,000.00)

7601 308001 Health Promotion and Planning - Payroll (\$32,000.00)

TO: 7601 301001 Health Admin - Other \$50,000.00

4. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of vouchers duly approved by the proper departmental authority.



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5. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Additionally, due to Council's upcoming schedule with Memorial Day and summer sessions, we respectfully request first reading consideration of the ordinance resulting from this communication at Council's June 2, 2025 meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John M. Highman, Jr. Director of Public Service Amanda Archer, MPH Health Commissioner

cc:

William V. Sherer II, Mayor Mark Crouse, Finance Director

Cliff Graves, Superintendent of Building Maintenance

Jason Reese, Law Director

John Slebodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor Andrew Roth, Director of Purchasing