

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Darren Mayle, Ward 1
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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
January 5, 2026
7:00 PM

PRO TEM OFFICE APPOINTMENTS:

JILL WOOD, CLERK PRO TEM, ASHANTI MONROE & KIERRA COTTLE, COUNCIL STAFF

ROLL CALL:

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:

NOT NECESSARY

INVOCATION:

BILL SMUCKLER, COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PRESIDENT LOUIS GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:

(SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#25 - O#30; O#25 - O#30 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S):

PARKER BENNET, LARINDA JOHNSON, SHAWNA KIRBY, KIM BELL, AND SYLARK BRUCE
ALL GAVE THEIR THOUGHTS ON RULE #15 CHANGES.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: APPROVING AND ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CANTON CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2026. - ADOPTED
2. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTIONS OF CLERK OF COUNCIL & OFFICE STAFF: CLERK OF COUNCIL: JILL WOOD; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V: ASHANTI MONROE; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V: KIERRA COTTLE. - ADOPTED
3. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT - JOHN MARIOL II. - ADOPTED
4. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTION OF COUNCIL FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT - JAMES BABCOCK. - ADOPTED
5. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES. - ADOPTED
AWARDED TO: REPOSITORY/BEACON JOURNAL AS ALTERNATE
6. COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF RULE #15, AS AMENDED, OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, 2026 - 2027 TERM. - ADOPTED
7. COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE #44 B OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO, 2026-2027 TERM. - ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

8. REQ FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERT DATED 12/15/25. - AUDITOR MALLONN
9. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR NOVEMBER, 2025.- CHIEF BENNETT
10. REQ LEG FOR COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) TAX EXEMPTION; EMERGENCY. - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZAHIRSKY
11. REQ LEG FOR CONTRACT WITH STARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENTS FR 1/1/26 THROUGH 12/31/27. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
12. REQ APPROVAL TO MODIFY CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR LAW DEPT'S NON-BARGAINING UNIT TO ASSIST IN HIRING AND RETAIN QUALIFIED ATTORNEYS. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
13. REQ STK/LLC LIQUOR PERMIT FOR FISHER MALKA HOLDINGS LLC GOOD FORTUNE @ 337-339 CLEVELAND AVE NW (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
14. REQ LEG FOR WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY NON-BARGAINING CLASSIFICATION PLAN UPDATE (MAINTENANCE CHIEF); EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

15. REQ LEG FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP RDWY MAINTENANCE AGMT; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
16. REQ LEG FOR PROF ENGINEERING SERVS FOR COLLECTION SYSTEMS DEPT LARGE DIAMETER SEWER CLEANING AND INSPECTION PROJ; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
17. REQ LEG FOR LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (FORMER SOURES) - J. BABE STEARN CENTER SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJ, GP 1485, TO ACCEPT TWO SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
18. REQ LEG FOR CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJ - CHANGE ORDER NOS. 9; EMERGENCY (\$6,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER ADMINISTRATION - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
19. REQ LEG FOR 10TH ST NW SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT GP 1454 - RMI CEMENT, LLC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - CHANGE ORDER 2; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
20. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 11/30/25. - TREASURER PEREZ
21. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 11/28/25. - TREASURER PEREZ
22. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 11/28/25. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

23. APPROVE CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO GREENTREE AVE SW ; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ANY AGMTS FOR EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; EMERGENCY. - ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
24. APPROVE CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ANY AGMTS FOR EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; EMERGENCY. -ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:45 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#25 THROUGH O#30; RECONVENED AT 8:04 PM)

25. **1/2026** AUTH MAYOR AND SERV DIR TO ENTER PROF SERVS CONTRACT IN AN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 WITH SHUMAKER ADVISORS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

26. **2/2026** AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR OR SAFETY DIR TO APPLY FOR, ENTER INTO AGMT FOR, AND RECEIVE FUNDS FR ANY AND ALL POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR VARIOUS CITY PROJS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
27. **3/2026** AUTH MAYOR SERV DIR, AND/OR SAFETY DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER IN VARIOUS CONTRACTS PURSUANT FOR SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, ITEMS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVS PURSUANT TO COD ORD SEC 105.09; ENTER INTO PROF SERVS CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO COD ORD SEC 105.10, ENTER INTO CONTACTS TO O.R.C SEC 735.05, ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, ITEMS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVS; ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDERS AND/OR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR SAID PURCHASES DURING 2026 CALENDAR YR; WAVE INF RES REQUIREMENTS; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
28. **4/2026** AUTH APPROP APPOINTING AUTHORITY DURING CALENDAR YR 2026, TO SELL CITY OWNED PERS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR USE ACQUIRED BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 721.15(D); EMERGENCY (LIQUIDITY SERVICES OPERATION LLC). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
29. **5/2026** AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR SAFETY DIR TO COMPLETE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AUTH BUT NOT COMPLETED BY 1/1/26; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE*
30. **6/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH CPS CONSTRUCTION GROUP IN AN EST AMT OF \$93,382.84 FOR CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE REPAIR PROJ; AMEND APPROP ORD NO. 243/2025; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER. EMERGENCY (\$94,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJ FUNDS TO 4501 204010 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS:

NONE

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

THIRD READINGS:

NONE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 @ 6:45 PM
ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MAYOR SHERER EXPLAINED THAT DURING THE DAY THERE IS A WARMING SHELTER ON EAST TUSC AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH. HE ALSO WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT REFUGE OF HOPE TAKES THE LEAD AND RUNS THAT FOR THE CITY AND THAT IF SOMEONE REFUSES TO GET REGISTERED, OR REFUSE THE HELP THAT IS OFFERED, THEY CAN'T GO TO THE REFUGE. HE ENCOURAGED THOSE IN NEED TO TRY THE OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE. HE EXPLAINED THE SAVER GRANT, THAT WAS DISCUSSED LAST MEETING, IS REIMBURSABLE.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

MEMBER MARIOL CONGRATULATED OFFICER STEVE JAKUPCA ON HIS PROMOTION. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE SALVATION ARMY HISTORICALLY CLOSES ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING AND THE FOOD PANTRY HAS NOT EVER BEEN OFFERED DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, BUT IS NOW OPEN TO HELP.

ADJOURNMENT:

8:17 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 @ 7:00 PM