

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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Jonathan Cooks, Ward 6
John Mariol, Ward 7 - **Majority Leader**
Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA
February 23, 2026
7:00 PM

Roll Call: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion to Excuse Members: MEMBER COOKS ABSENT

Invocation: JASON SCAGLIONE, WARD 3 COUNCIL MEMBER

Pledge of Allegiance: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 1ST RDG O#19; 2ND RDG O#20 - O#31; O#19 ADOPTED ON 1ST RDG; O#32 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: DANIEL GATES SPOKE ABOUT INF RES. #1. HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT ANY MONEY BEING SPENT SHOULD COME DOWN AS AN INF RES. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T ALLOW COMMUNITY COMMENTS. JOE MARINO AND JENNIFER MILLER SPOKE ABOUT AGENDA ITEM #19, AND BELIEVES THE CITY IS BOUND BY THE ORIGINAL JEDD ORDINANCE.

RULE 18 SPEAKERS(S): DANIEL GATES SPOKE REGARDING RULE 15, PUBLIC SPEAKS. LORINDA JOHNSON ADDRESSED ORDINANCE NO. 19 CONCERNING CANTON CITY WATERLINES AND SEWERS. SKYLARK BRUCE EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ACQUIRING DRONES. ROGER GATES SPOKE REGARDING RULE 18 AND THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO SPONSOR HIS REQUEST.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,358.00 FOR PURCH OF TWO (2) 2025 FORD ESCAPE VEHICLES FOR BUILDING CODE DEPT – ADOPTED

2. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH SAF DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,810.00 FOR RENTAL OF BARRIERS AND GATES FOR 2026 HOF PARADE ROUTE. – ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS:

3. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 2100 38TH ST NW 2025 ANNEXATION (R-4 - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, WARD 7). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
4. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR 3222 BRUENING AVE SW ANNEXATION (R-4 - MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, WARD 5). - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY
5. REQ LEG. FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN - COMP PLAN AMEND. - PLANNING SECRETARY BAILEY, PLANNING DIRECTOR ANGUS, MAJORITY LEADER JOHN MARIOL, COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT FISHER
6. REQ INF RES TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$62,358.00 FOR PURCH OF TWO (2) 2026 FORD ESCAPE VEHICLES FOR BUILDING CODE DEPT - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
7. REQ INF RES FOR SAF DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,810.00 FOR RENTAL OF NINETY-SIX (96) ARCHER BARRIER 1200, SIX (6) RAPID GATES, SECURITY CONTAINMENT AND ONE (1) DAY RENTAL WITH MERIDIAN RAPID DEFENSE GROUP RENTALS, LLC FOR 2026 HOF PARADE FESTIVITIES – SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
8. REQ LEG FOR SANITATION PACKER PURCH; AMEND O# 243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$650,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5601 REFUSE ADMIN FUND TO 5601 205001 REFUSE ADMIN - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
9. REQ LEG FOR BELDEN AVE NE BRIDGE REHABILITATION GP 1375 - CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. REQ LEG FOR FRESH MARK - WAYNE AVE PH. 2 - GP 1358 CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 & FINAL WITH CLELL CONSTRUCTION CO.; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
11. REQ LEG FOR CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROV PROJ - CHANGE ORDER NO. 10; AMEND O# 243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$11,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMP PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER - ADMIN - OTHER). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
12. LTR ADVISING COUNCIL OF CITY OF CANTON 2026 UTILITY RATES ADJUSTMENTS; TOTAL MONTHLY INCREASE APPROX \$6.36; EFFECTIVE 3/29/26. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

13. REQ LEG FOR FULTON AVE NW AND 25TH ST NW INTERSECTION IMPROV, G.P 1430 - EARLY RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AUTH; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
14. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 1/31/26. - TREASURER PEREZ
15. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 1/31/26. - TREASURER PEREZ

FIRST READINGS:

16. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN MAX AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY PORTION OF COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING OR EQUIPPING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJ IN CITY; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
17. AMEND O#9/2024, AS AMENDED, TO EST ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE WTF BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY CITY OF CANTON; EMERGENCY. - PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
18. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO: ENTER PROFESS SERVS CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND OVERSIGHT; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARDS AND ENTER CONSTRUCTION CONTACTS FOR THE PROJS IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBIT A; ENTER ONE OR MORE CONTACTS FOR PROJS UTILIZING ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTH BY LAW; WAIVE INF RES REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON COD ORD 105.09 FOR PURCHS AND CONTRACTS RELATED TO PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:47 PM FOR THE ANNEXATION COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#19; RECONVENED AT 7:53 PM)

19. **23/2026** ORD REQUIRING ANNEX INTO CITY FOR PROPS CURRENTLY OUTSIDE CITY OF CANTON CORPORATE LIMITS SEEKING MUNICIPAL WTR AND SEWER SERVS; AMEND CH. 955, WTR COMMISSION OF COD ORD OF CITY OF CANTON; AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER ALL NECESSARY AGMTS; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE*

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#20 - O#31)

20. REAUTH INTERIOR RENOVATION PROGRAM (IRP); AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ALL GRANT AGMTS NECESSARY FOR IRP; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS FR ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000; EMERGENCY. - ECON DEV

21. AUTH CITY OF CANTON TO RECEIVE AND DEPOSIT ADULT USE CANNABIS TAX DOLLARS INTO GENERAL FUND AND CLASSIFY THEM AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES; EMERGENCY. - FIN
22. AUTH FUNDING OF CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR TWO-YEAR PERIOD UTILIZING GENERAL FUND DOLLARS IN AMT OF \$50,000 PER YR; EMERGENCY. - FIN
23. RE-ESTABLISH STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM ("SRP"); AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO SRP GRANT AGMTS IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 OF ADMISSIONS TAX FUNDS; EMERGENCY. - COMM DEV
24. RE-ESTABLISH AND EXPAND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM TO INCORPORATE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITY ACTION AREAS; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS FR ISSUE 13 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000; EMERGENCY. - COMM DEV
25. RE-ESTABLISH PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM ("PRRP"); AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED PUBLIC REALM BUSINESS IN TOTAL AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 OF ADMISSIONS TAX FUNDS; EMERGENCY. - COMM DEV
26. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER CONTRACTS NECESSARY WITH BUTCHER AND SON FOR DEMOLITION OF 705 6TH ST NW "THE RITZ"; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY. (\$94,320.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5701 BUILDING CODE FUND TO 5701 101501 CODE ENFORCEMENT ADMIN - OTHER) - FIN
27. AUTH CLERK TO CERTIFY TO COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVS PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPT. FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; EMERGENCY. - FIN
28. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ; AUTH CITY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN AMT OF \$750,000 AND A ZERO PERCENT INTEREST LOAN IN AMT OF \$750,000 FOR PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AUTH AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH 5257 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - PHASE1 FUND; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY. (\$1,500,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5257 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 1 FUND TO 5257 207090 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - PHASE 1 - OTHER; \$1,700,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207090 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - PHASE 1 - OTHER) - FIN
29. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP, INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 PER YEAR UTILIZING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDS; EMERGENCY. - FIN

30. AUTH MAYOR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT INC. IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,590 FOR FULTON AVE NW AND 25TH ST NW INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT GP 1430, PID 121602 CONTRACT; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER; EMERGENCY. (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND TO 5413 202025 FULTON AVE NW & 25TH ST NW - OTHER; \$22,610.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS OPERATING FUND TO 5201 202025 FULTON AVE NW & 25TH ST NW - OTHER)- FIN
31. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER/AMENDMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP IN AMT TO EXCEED \$22,000 FOR TYLER AVE SE AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT , GP 1472; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY. (\$927,600.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND TO 5413 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SWR REPLAC - OTHER; \$160,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJ FUND TO 4501 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SW REPLAC - OTHER; \$12,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WTR FUND TO 5201 202081 - TYLER AVE SE AREA SAN SW REPLAC - OTHER)- FIN & PPCI

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

THIRD READINGS:

32. **AMENDED AS**
24/2026 AUTH LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BELOW-NAMED CITIES, VILLAGES AND ENTITY TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES; EMERGENCY (EAST CANTON, EAST SPARTA, HARTVILLE, LOUISVILLE, MAGNOLIA, NORTH CANTON & WAYNESBURG).
33. **25/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE PROF SERVS CONTRACTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF US 62 & HARMONT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJ - GP 1417; AUTH THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AMEND APPROP O#243/2025; EMERGENCY (\$200,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 2182 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN TO 2182 202005 US 62 & HARMONT INTERSECT GP 1417 - GP).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:45 PM
FINANCE COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER PROVIDED COUNCIL WITH AN UPDATE CONCERNING THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WATERLINE AND SEWER ISSUE.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER SMUCKLER CLARIFIED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT DRONES ARE NOT INTENDED FOR USE AS WEAPONS AND EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT OF THE MAYOR'S DECISIONS CONCERNING THE PERRY TOWNSHIP WATERLINE AND SEWER ISSUE

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 P.M.

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 @ 7:00 PM