

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

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

FINAL AGENDA
March 30, 2026
7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: ELEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: MEMBER MORRIS ABSENT

INVOCATION: JOHN MARIOL, WARD 7 COUNCIL MEMBER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PRESIDENT GIAVASIS

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#20 AND O#21; O#22 AND O#23 ADOPTED AS AMENDED)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC SPEAKS: KIM BELL SPOKE ON AGENDA ITEM #22, THE CITY'S 2026 BUDGET. SHE EXPLAINED HER CONCERNS WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE CITY EMPLOYEES ARE RECEIVING. SHE ALSO SUGGESTED COMBINING CITY JOBS AND USING THOSE FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY. LEON RYSAH SPOKE ON AGENDA ITEM #20, CONVEYING OF PARCELS FR AEP TO THE CITY. HE EXPLAINED WHY HE DIDN'T THINK THIS ORDINANCE WOULD IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. LEON RYSAH SPOKE FOR HIS MOTHER MARIA WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, ABOUT AGENDA ITEM #3, A MORAL OB. SHE WOULD ALSO LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. CRYSTAL HICKS, KAI WELCH, LARINDA JOHNSON SPOKE ON AGENDA ITEM #2, FAIR HOUSING AWARD. THEY EACH FELT THE FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO HELP THE HOMELESS.

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): SKYLARK BRUCE SPOKE ON THE CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT. ERICA FOSTER SPOKE ON ADVOCATING FOR VICTIMS RIGHTS. CAROLYN FITE BROUGHT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT HER PLANS TO LAUNCH A FASHION DISTRICT IN THE CITY AND ASKED FOR COUNCIL'S GUIDANCE MOVING FORWARD.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. CANTON FIRE DEPT. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT. - CHIEF BENNETT
2. LEG REQ FOR 2025 FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE AWARD (\$60,600.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2215 2025 FAIR HOUSING ASSIST PROG FUND TO 2215 505010 - FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT - OTHER - \$58,100.00, TO 2215 505011 - FAIR HOUSING - OTHER - \$2,500.00; \$6,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2217 2025 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORT FUND TO 2217 505010 - FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT - OTHER). - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
3. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB IN AMT OF \$12,709.00 TO CALFEE, HALTER & GRISWOLD LLP FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVS RENDERED AS PART OF PERRY TOWNSHIP WATER SERVICE. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
4. REQ APPT OF MR. SEAN DIEKMANN TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMENCING 4/6/26 TO 12/31/28. - MAYOR SHERER

FIRST READINGS:

5. AUTH CANTON TO ANNEX TERRITORY KNOWN AS 2100 38TH NW -2025 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROX 2.865 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 7 OF CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS R-4 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; EMERGENCY. - ANNEXATION COMMITTEE **PUB HRG 4/13/26 @ 7:00 PM**
6. AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$105,108.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVS; AUTH MAYOR OR SAF DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF SIXTY BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SOFTWARE, WARRANTIES, STORAGE AND TRANSFER STATION FROM MOTOROLA INC.; AUTH AUDITOR TO RENAME THE 2773 2015 COPS HIRING PROG GRANT FUND; AMEND FINAL 2026 APPROP ORD; EMERGENCY (\$105,108.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2773 OCJS BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT FUND TO 2773 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; \$105,108.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 - POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$105,108.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2773 102001 - ADV IN). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH WEST TUSC ST SAFETY PROJ PH 1, GP 1165; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
8. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ELGIN AVE NW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJ, GP 1478 PROJ;

DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH SCHROYER AVE SW SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT, GP 1380 PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
10. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH NAVARRE RD SW TRUNK SEWER; GP 1491 PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
11. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH 42-INCH WEST SIDE INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION, GP 1442 PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
12. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH 42-INCH EAST SIDE INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION, GP 1441 PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
13. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY RAW PUMP REPLACEMENT; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
14. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY MEMBRANE REPLACEMENT PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
15. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO APPLY, ACCEPT AND ENTER A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGMT FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJ; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR LOAN; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE

16. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL WITH BURGESS & NIPLE LTD, IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$69,500.00 FOR SUGAR CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE COMMITTEE
17. AUTH MAYOR SERV DIR TO ENTER CHANGE ORDER NO.8 WITH S.E.T., INC FOR STA - 11TH ST SE IMPROVEMENTS, PID 90465, GP 1144 FOR NET DEDUCT OF \$1,476.56; AMEND FINAL 2026 APPROP ORD; AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RELATED TO CHANGE ORDER; EMERGENCY (\$24,704.69 APPROP TSF FR 5413 202034 FRESH MARK PH 2 - OTHER TO 5413 202095 11TH ST IMPROV PROJECT, GP 1144 - OTHER; \$98,818.75 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5446 11TH ST IMPROV PROJ FUND TO 5446 202095 11TH ST IMPROV PROJECT, GP 1144 - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. AUTH AUDITOR TO UTILIZE 5255 MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJ FUND TO RECEIVE ALL LOAN AND REVENUE PROCEEDS AND TRACK PROJ EXPENSES IN AMT OF \$720,787.30; AMEND 2026 FINAL APPROP ORD; EMERGENCY (\$720,787.30 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5255 MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJ FUND TO 5255 207098 MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJ FUND - OTHER). - FINANCE COMMITTEE
19. AUTH AUDITOR TO CREATE 4527 COLONIAL BLVD - PHASE 2, GP 1428 PROJ FUND; 4528 4TH ST SE BRIDGE REHABILITATION, GP 1297 PROJ FUND; 4529 12TH ST RESURFACING, GP 1369 PROJ FUND; 5447 WEST TUSC. ST SAFETY PROJ PH 1, GP 1165 PROJ FUND AND 5448 ELGIN AVE NW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJ, GP 1478 FUND; AMEND 2026 FINAL APPROP ORD; EMERGENCY (VARIOUS APPROPS). - PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#20 AND O#21)

20. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF STARK COUNTY AUDITOR PARCEL NOS. 242253, 242395, 242262, 242265, 244077, 214330, 236927, 228702, AND 221615 FR AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER ("AEP"); ENTER CONTRACTS OR TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACQUIRE PARCELS; ENTER INTO LEASE AGMT WITH CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP FOR THIRD FLOOR OF BUILDING FOR SUBLEASE TO AEP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES; EMERGENCY. - FIN
21. VACATE PORTIONS OF OTIS PL SE AND 20' WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY; APPROVE AND ACCEPT REPLAT OF LOTS 3239, 3241, 3243, 3245, 3237, AND PARTS OF OUTLOT 321, AND THE VACATED PORTIONS OF OTIS PL SE AND PART OF A 20' WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY; EMERGENCY (WARD 4, ABBOTT ELECTRIC). - PS&T **PUB HRG WAIVED**

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

THIRD READINGS:

22. **AMENDED AS 51/2026** ADOPT 2026 ANNUAL APPROP FOR THE CITY OF CANTON; EMERGENCY.
23. **AMENDED AS 52/2026** AUTH APPROP OFFICIAL(S) TO PURCH AND/OR LEASE VARIOUS TITLED VEHICLES; ENTER CONTRACT FOR GOV'T LEASES/LOANS FOR PURCH OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCHS AND PROJS IN EXHIBIT A THAT EXCEED DOLLAR AMT THRESHOLD(S); WAIVE INF RES REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON COD ORD 105.09 FOR PURCHS; PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CHANGES ORDERS APPROVED BY BOARD OF CONTROL TO CANTON COD ORD 105.14; PAY ALL MORAL OBS FOR CONST CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS WITH DOLLAR AMT THRESHOLD; PAY MORAL OBS FOR CHANGE ORDERS PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THIS ORD; AMEND 2026 FINAL APPROP ORD; EMERGENCY (VARIOUS SUPP APPROPS AND INTER-FUND TRANSFERS).
24. **53/2026** AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER ALL CONTRACTS FOR PURCH OF ONE (1) FULL SIZE CARGO VAN, ONE (1) 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK WITH ATTACHED BOX, (1) 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK, ONE (1) TANDEM AXLE FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK WITH STAINLESS BED AND ONE (1) VALVE TRAILER; EMERGENCY.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 6:00 PM

ANNEXATION COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

BUILDING TRADES PRESENTATION

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: MAYOR SHERER REMINDED EVERYONE THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS WILL BE APRIL 2ND AT 6:00 PM AT UMSTADT HALL.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: MEMBER MARIOL STATED THERE WILL BE A PRESENTATION NEXT WEEK AND ASKED TO MOVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 @ 7:00 PM