

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 22, 2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Canton City Council. Council Members, I want to remind you to please have your earbuds in and if everybody could please turn your cell phones to vibrate. We are encouraging social distancing, here in Council, tonight. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Mr. Clerk.

10 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (WILLIAM SMUCKLER, JAMES BABCOCK, CHRISTINE SCHULMAN, GREG HAWK, BRENDA KIMBROUGH, JASON SCAGLIONE, CHRIS SMITH, JOHN MARIOL, PETER FERGUSON & FRANK MORRIS)

TEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT. (MEMBERS FISHER AND HALL ABSENT); (MEMBERS SCHULMAN, MARIOL & MORRIS APPEARED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten present, two absent, Mr. President.

**EXCUSING MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we excuse Member Fisher and Member Hall from tonight's meeting.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to excuse Member Fisher and Member Hall from this evening's meeting. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Member Fisher and Member Hall are excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Ward 7 Council Member, John Mariol. If you would all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on March 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council, David R. Dougherty. The invocation was given by Ward 7 Council Member, John Mariol. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sherer.*

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Mariol.

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes, Leader Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move Rule 22A be suspended to add 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinances 12 through 21 to this evening's agenda.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings to Ordinances 12 through 21 to this evening's Agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 12 through 21 are a legal part of your agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Public Hearings and we have no Public Hearings for this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Old Business, and there is no Old Business for this evening.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Informal Resolutions and we have one for this evening. Mr. Clerk, would you please read Informal Resolution #6 by title.

#6. MAJORITY LEADER SMUCKLER: AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT SAFETY DIRECTOR TO OPEN ONE OR MORE PURCHASE ORDERS IN TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,420.00 FOR CAMERAS AND MICROPHONE SYSTEM FOR INTERVIEW ROOMS IN DETECTIVE BUREAU.  
– ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #6.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Resolution #6. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #6 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #6 is adopted.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Public Speaks and we have 1 speaker for this evening. And our only speaker for this evening is Ms. Kimberly Bell.

KIMBERLY BELL: Always me.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Ms. Bell, just want to remind you that you have three minutes and could you please state your name and residential address, please.

KIMBERLY BELL: Yes, Kimberly Bell, um...I do have an address now. I haven't moved in yet. I have to take it because I...it's Mahoning Manor, but it's...it's a place. But I wanna um...talk about what I left off with last time I was here, with the Mayor and...and...you've worked in every department in this building and you have not given anybody else the same opportunities you have had over the years. You've made your hundred thousand dollars over and over and over, more than ten times and...you should be bored with it. I mean, I don't know, maybe you're not. But...how do I get to your status? Where I can just do what I want in this building. You've been in this building since it's been here and you sti...you just turned...you go from one department to the next, but doesn't seem like nothing's getting done as far as helping...the three issues that I came...started coming here for. With the gun violence, the...the jobs for those that's coming out of the prison system and those for uh...you may have but...you may have gotten a couple of people jobs, but those couple of people is not gonna pay those other ten that's coming out of the system that don't have a job or can't get into...uh...any kind of work program, so we've got to be creative. I was one of those people, years ago, but I've been out the system for over twenty years now. And, maybe that's why I'm so...I...I...you know, I...I...I argue my point to every employer that...that...it...the fairness is just...that you, that you show towards your white counterparts, versus us black people, it's unfair and it's unjust. You just keep on letting them get away with stuff. And Mayor, you've had this job long enough and you've befriended so many black people since you've been in this building, but there's...*(Inaudible)*, the black community still is suffering. I mean, every time I look at these papers and come in here, you done created a job for somebody else, Ms. Forchione, uh...uh...my friend, *(Inaudible)*, you've created jobs for them. Why can't you create jobs for somebody else? Those were your friends you got those jobs for so you gotta come up with something or those people that's coming out the prison system are going to be in here...and...you'll probably be done retired, but you could have solved the problem while you was in this building.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Bell.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Communications. Let the journal show that all Communications are received as read.

***NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE.***

76. CHIEF OF POLICE ANGELO: RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR FEBRUARY 2021. – RECEIVED & FILED
77. COURT ADMIN KOCHERA: AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY \$1,467.00 MORAL OB TO REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB, INC. FOR DRUG TESTING SUPPLIES. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
78. DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS: AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT, INC IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,684.60 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER ACTIVITIES; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS. –

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

79. DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS: AUTH RECOMMENDATIONS OF TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC) FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE AGMTS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROJS (CONTINUE FOR RELIABLE READY MIX, JULZ BY ALAN RODRIGUEZ, SLESNICK REALTY CO, MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC, BALL METAL FOOD CONTAINER LLC, AMBAFLEX MFG, INC, 12R POWER CABLE, INC; TERMINATE LESH PROPERTIES, INC). – COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
80. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ADAMS: RATIFY ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SEC 105.04 OF CANTON CODIFIED ORD; AUTH CANTON BOARD OF HEALTH TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION; AUTH AND DIRECT AUDITOR TO PAY ANY AND ALL MORAL OBS RESULTING FROM RESPONDING TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION (105.04 EMERGENCY RPT – COVID 19 VACCINATION SCHEDULING). – FINANCE COMMITTEE
81. LAW DIRECTOR BATES AYLWARD: AUTH TO AMEND SEC 1198.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORD TO CORRECT AN ERROR. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
82. LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OHIO): REQ NEW D5I, D6 PERMIT FOR CANTON A PLUS, INC. DBA A PLUS CRAB, 4309 TUSCARAWAS ST W (WARD 3). – RECEIVED & FILED
83. LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OHIO): REQ TRF OF D5 PERMIT FR MICHAEL CAPOBIANCO DBA PICCIANOS UNIT A, 1<sup>ST</sup> FL & PATIO & BSMT STORAGE RM, 410 MARKET AVE N TO METSKIS LIMITED LLC DBA 410 LOUNGE, UNIT A, 1<sup>ST</sup> FL & PATIO & BSMT STORAGE RM, 410 MARKET AVE N (WARD 2). – RECEIVED & FILED
84. LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OHIO): REQ TRF OF C1 PERMIT FR CANTON COUNT LLC, 1135 MARKET AVE N TO NORTH MARKET DRIVE THRU LLC, 1135 MARKET AVE N (WARD 2). – RECEIVED & FILED
85. MAYOR BERNABEI: APPROVE RE-APPT OF MR. JAMES REINHARD AND MR. CHET WARREN TO STARK AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SARTA) BOARD COMMENCING 4/1/21 THRU 3/31/24. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
86. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ REPLAT OF OUTLOT 1111 (PARCEL #247089) FOR NASSIMI REALTY CORP, CANTON ZAR LLC AND CANTON MALL REALTY LLC @ 4300 W. TUSCARAWAS ST, WARD 3. – PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
87. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: AUTH SAF DIR TO ENTER ONE OR MORE PURCH ORDERS IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,420.00 FOR PURCH OF EQUIP FOR CAMERAS AND MICROPHONE SYSTEM FOR INTERVIEW RMS IN DETECTIVE BUREAU. – RECEIVED & FILED

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their First Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #1.

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***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #11 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#1. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR A LIST OF UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION, AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

O#2. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH IBI GROUP FOR DESIGN OF THE PERRY DRIVE NW WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AMENDING THE 2021 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$38,445.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS FUND TO 5201 207075 PERRY DRIVE NW WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:13 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#3, O#4 AND O#11; ADJOURNED AT 7:23 PM)***

O#3. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2021** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (BUDGET)

Referred to Finance Committee

O#4. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 50/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE 701 REX AVENUE NE DEMOLITION; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ANY AND ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FROM RESPONDING TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:23 PM FOR THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#5; ADJOURNED AT 7:28 PM)***

O#5. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 100/2011, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL

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EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (CRIME ANALYST 1)

Referred to Personnel Committee

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:28 PM FOR THE PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#6 THRU O#9; ADJOURNED AT 7:44 PM)***

O#6. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT CONTRACTS; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION; ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS; ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AS NEEDED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WITH WHEELING & LAKE ERIE RAILROAD AND TIMKENSTEEL; AND SECURE ALL EASEMENTS NEEDED FOR THE TIMKEN PL/CLARK AVE. CONNECTOR PROJECT, GP 1313; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE THE RAILROAD CROSSING AT 19<sup>TH</sup> ST. SW JUST WEST OF CLEVELAND AVE.; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees

O#7. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 53/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT CONTRACTS; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MARKET AVE. SOUTH STREETScape PROJECT, PHASE 2, GP 1319; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees

O#8. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 54/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO DESIGN OR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT CONTRACTS; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CITY WELCOME SIGNS, GP 1314 PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees

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O#9. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 55/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO DESIGN CONTRACTS FOR THE WEST TUSCARAWAS CORRIDOR SAFETY PROJECT, PHASE 1, GP 1165; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees

*(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:44 PM FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#10; ADJOURNED AT 7:45 PM) (COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 7:45 PM)*

O#10. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 56/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO POWER COMPANY, A UNIT OF AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (AEP) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (NEWTON A VE SW FOR POLICE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA)  
Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

O#11. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 57/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT, INC. A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,684.60 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER ACTIVITIES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: At this time, the Chair would declare an in-house recess for the Finance, Personnel, Public Property Capital Improvement and Environmental & Public Utilities Committees to meet in regards to Ordinances 3 through 11 on your agenda this evening. You are now in recess.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Council is reconvening after the recess. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A and add Ordinances 3 through 11 back to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances 3 through 11 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Ordinances 3 through 11 are a legal part of your agenda. Leader.

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory Rules of Ordinances 3 through 11.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: There's a motion to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances 3 through 11. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: You've heard the three readings, Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #3.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #3. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move to amend Ordinance 3 by the amendment before every Council Member.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to amend Ordinance #3 per the copy before each of you. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it. The motion carries. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #3, as amended.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

**AMENDMENT**

*Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No. 3 by the substitution of the attached amended Exhibits A – C for the original pending Exhibits A – C.*

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #3 as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as amended? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#3 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #3, as amended, has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #4.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #4. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#4 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 50/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #4 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #5.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #5. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#5 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #5 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #6.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#6 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #6 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #7.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#7 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 53/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #7 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #8.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #8. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#8 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 54/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #8 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #9.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#9 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 55/2021**

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PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #9 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #10.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #10. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#10 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 56/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #10 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #11.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #11. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#11 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 57/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #11 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance #12.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #12 THROUGH #21 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#12. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR KEMPTHORN, INC. EXPENSES FOR A RENTAL VAN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (FRESH START PROGRAM)

O#13. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 239/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$3,650.00 APPROP TRF

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FR 2760 102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER TO 2760 102001 POLICE ADMIN – PAYROLL (OVERTIME FOR FEDERAL FORFEITURE CASES)

- O#14. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 239/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207074 SC LAGOON DECHLORINATION BUILDING – OTHER (SUGARCREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT)
- O#15. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF LOTS 12462-12466 AND ALL OF LOTS 41857, 41858 & 41860; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (JEFF MATTINGLY FOR PROP OWNERS @ 2321 CLEVE AVE NW, WARD 7)
- O#16. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE CANTON SERVICE CENTER – 30<sup>TH</sup> ST NE ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 6.389 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 6 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT (I-1); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUB HRG 4/5/21 @ 7:00 PM**
- O#17. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY B&H PHOTO VIDEO, LLC A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,819.79 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (VIDEO EQUIP)
- O#18. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO: ENTER INTO ALL SOLE SOURCE/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS NECESSARY WITH WI-FIBER, LLC FOR ADDITIONAL CLOUD STORAGE, NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 ANNUALLY; ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY EITHER THE OHIO REVISED CODE OR CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND TO ENTER INTO ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE ABOVE-REFERENCED HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT; AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ARISE WITH THIS PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (WI-FIBER NEIGHBORHOOD CAMERA PROJ, POLICE DEPT)
- O#19. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY MASIMOS AMERICAS, INC. A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,360.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (PULSE OXIMETERS)

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- O#20. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STARK US-30/RAFF/WHIPPLE INTERCHANGES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (PID 106204, RT 30)
- O#21. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 58/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL(S) TO: PURCHASE AND/OR LEASE VARIOUS TITLED VEHICLES; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THOSE PURCHASES AND ANY PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A THAT EXCEED ANY APPLICABLE DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS(S); ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASES AND PROJECTS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; ENTER INTO ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A; WAIVES THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.09 FOR PURCHASES APPROVED THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING THE 2020 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$2,010,346.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO 4501 102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER - \$159,651.00, TO 4501 103001 FIRE ADMIN – OTHER - \$475,000.00, TO 4501 103501 CANCOM – OTHER - \$44,255.00, TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING ADMIN – OTHER - \$150,000.00, TO 4501 202210 STREET MAINTENANCE – OTHER - \$313,625.00, TO 4501 204010 OTHER BUILDINGS – OTHER - \$505,000.00, TO 4501 208001 MOTOR VEHICLE ADMIN – OTHER - \$50,000.00, TO 4501 301001 HEALTH ADMIN – OTHER - \$124,615.00, TO 4501 504010 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OTHER - \$100,000.00, TO 4501 702001 CLERK OF COURTS – OTHER - \$23,000.00, TO 4501 753001 LAW ADMIN – OTHER - \$5,200.00, TO 4501 801001 AUDITOR ADMIN – OTHER - \$15,000.00, TO 4501 852001 TREASURER ADMIN – OTHER - \$45,000.00; \$579,671.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4502 MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES FUND TO 4502 102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER - \$286,171.00, TO 4502 103001 FIRE ADMIN – OTHER - \$64,000.00, TO 4502 202001 ENGINEERING ADMIN – OTHER - \$32,000.00, TO 4502 202210 STREET MAINTENANCE – OTHER - \$112,500.00, TO 4502 204010 OTHER BUILDINGS – OTHER - \$70,000.00, TO 4502 301001 HEALTH ADMIN – OTHER - \$15,000.00) (EXHIBIT A ATTACHED)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules on Ordinance #21.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #21. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries. You've heard the three readings, Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #21.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #21. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 58/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #21 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinance and Formal Resolutions for their Third/Final Reading and Vote. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance #22.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCE #22 THROUGH ORDINANCE #28 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#22. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 59/2021** ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,250,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING OR EQUIPPING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #22.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #22. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#22 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 59/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #22 is adopted. Ordinance #23, please.

O#23. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 60/2021** ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,300,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING CITY BUILDINGS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CITY HALL ROOF, THE CIVIC CENTER ROOF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO OTHER CITY FACILITIES

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #23.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #23. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#23 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 60/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #23 is adopted. Ordinance #24, please.

O#24. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 61/2021** ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$700,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY A COURT-APPROVED SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #24.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #24. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#24 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 61/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #24 is adopted. Ordinance #25, please.

O#25. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 62/2021** ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,325,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MAKE A LOAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #25.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #25. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 62/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #25 is adopted. Ordinance #26, please.

O#26. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 63/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR ENVIROSERVE, INC. FOR EXPENSES RESULTING PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP IN 2020)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #26.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #26. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 63/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #26 is adopted. Ordinance #27, please.

O#27. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 64/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FULL SIZE CARGO VAN, ONE (1) 4X4 SUV, ONE (1) SMALL CARGO VAN, ONE (1) 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK, ONE (1) VALVE OPERATOR, ONE (1) MINI EXCAVATOR, AND ONE (1) SKID STEER WITH TRAILER; OR TO ALTERNATIVELY PURCHASE SAID ITEMS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (APPROX TOTAL \$276,500.00 – WATER DEPT)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #27.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #27. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 64/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #27 is adopted. Ordinance #28, please.

O#28. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 65/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATED TO THE 44<sup>TH</sup> STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT/ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #28.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #28. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

**#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 65/2021**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #28 is adopted.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Finance will meet April 5th at 6:45 here in Council Chambers.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Mariol.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Personnel will meet, same time, same place.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Babcock.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: ...Huh? ...Public Thoroughfares will meet the same time, same place.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: No...that's...

PRESIDENT SHERER: Mmmm...Clerk Dougherty, I don't believe... I believe under the Committee Meetings, there should be just Finance and Personnel, I believe. But thank you, Member Kimbrough.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business for this evening?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Is the Finance...uh...Mark, you still there?

FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE: Yes, I'm still here.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: The red block that was given to us, what was that and are...what steps are we taking to rid ourselves of that?

FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE: Well, that one measures our capital assets, which are roads and bridges and uh...we're trying to determine why we're still scored at a red category.

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: This is, this is, this is John Highman. I would also add, it is not just roads and bridges, it also encompasses all capital assets...uh...buildings...uh...water lines, sewer lines, basically everything. And it's my understanding, it's based in part...uh...on our depreciated assets. And, for example, here's one thing that we've been talking about...so...a couple weeks ago I talked about...um...through the cleaning and televising, of the city sewer system, we have a one-hundred-year old sewer. You know we, we have, you know we have some sewers are literally a hundred years or more old...older. When you look at it from a depreciated asset standpoint, that particular asset, you know, may...may be shown from an auditing standpoint, a...uh...being...being in pretty bad shape but then we go out and we do our cleaning and televising and...and the sewer might not be near as bad as we thought. So, that's for example, one discussion that we've had in term of why are we...we that...why are we that low? Um...it's a...it's a combination of all of those assets and uh...I mean...from an improvement standpoint, I think we can see the massive investments that we've made in all of these categories, so it's really something we need to try to...I...I believe, get a handle for why...why is it showing as red and actually work with the various auditor's offices to do that.

FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE: Yes, and also...uh...Mr. Smuckler, we...the Auditor of State...uh...audit is going on right now, so when they come in, we'll have a conversation with them to see what they say would help us improve our score in that category.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Would you please send a written memo to share with the Council people, what that may be? There might be some projects in some of the various Wards to help that out, depending on what we need to do here.

FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE: Okay, sure thing.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Number two, Mr. Mayor, the weather is getting warm, you and I had this conversation before and I just want to make sure it's going to take place. I know that some people in the

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audience that feel that there's a lot of money spent on various projects and maybe not quite enough on people. Will we be hiring summer help this year? Which is part of the budget.

MAYOR BERNABEI: Uh...Member Smuckler and Members of Council and Fonda, if you're still here, you can also assist me with this, but we had a preliminary meeting last Friday actually...Friday afternoon and there was a discussion with regard to the amount of money we are receiving from the American Rescue Plan. And we anticipate beginning immediately with regard to at least re-initiating the hiring of the fifteen to twenty high school/college students for the Ambassador Program that we ran, not last year in 2020 because it was eliminated because of ...uh...Covid-19, but the program that we ran in...uh...2019. So that is a program we want to initiate immediately because of the benefits that it brought to us with regard to cleaning up our parks...uh...uh...other neighborhoods, litter and so forth. That is one aspect of this. We still need to examine other hiring. And Fonda, I don't know if you're still here or not but do you have any comments on that?

DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS: Yes I am, Mayor, and...uh...Member Smuckler. Yeah, we will, as...as we do every summer...uh...we traditionally run the programs that Mayor just elaborated on but we all...also look at additional programs we can add for the summer. Uh, for instance, I just had a conversation with the Police Chief, and...uh...he came up with a pretty creative program that we're trying to put together with our young people and the Police Department for the summer, so stay tuned on that. We'll bring that information to Council, but yes, we will be doing additional hiring this summer, to answer your question.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Um...Service Director Highman, uh...as it's getting warm, there's one thing that I can't stand and that's the grass growing in the neighborhoods. In the empty lots. Are we going to do that by...um...hiring companies out or have we talked about that yet?

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: Uh, Leader Smuckler, this is, this is uh Director Highman, I would just remind everybody that this is actually a Safety Director function, but...uh...run through the Building and Code Department, but to answer the question, yes absolutely, we will do the same program that we have done for uh...many years. Uh...it started in the Street Department, now moved to Code and uh...JR, I...I know had done that the last couple of years through Code, and, and honestly, I know we talked about this when we moved it from Street to Code several years ago and...and I do believe from...uh...just a personal standpoint, driving through this city, I do believe that was the correct move to make. Code has the enforcement capabilities. They're able to send people out, follow up on...on the mowing contractors, so although it still a never-ending issue, I would just say, you know, to Director Perry, the Code Department, JR and his team, uh, and the Chief Building Official, Dodovich, they...they really have done a nice job, I believe the last two years of taking that pro...of taking that program over, but, but yes...uh...it'll be outside contractors just like years past. Anything else to add, Director Perry.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: No...I believe, I believe the contractors are already...been provided with their contracts for the year so they're ready go.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Safety Director, does that...will that begin as the grass grows or that will begin on a certain date?

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Um...

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SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: I can, I can speak to that, if you want me to. I would remind everybody that the issue is, if you go out there and...and...I talked to both Steve and JR about this over the years...if you, if you do the first cut too early, you're effect...you're effectively, when it's growing in the Spring, you'll be doing a second and third cut and a forth cut before you ever really get anywhere, so effectively, when you see that first cut, it's usually sometime in May. And I know that...that sometimes can be frustrating but the goal is to not end up doing like four or five cuts. Once they...they get in there and they do that first cut, when you see the grass, you know, start to stop its initial Spring grow, then every other, then every year in the Summertime, you start to see it...uh...really be more effective at that point.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: However, um...uh, Leader Smuckler, if there's a...a complaint or something comes along or if they go past their property, that they deem needs to be done immediately, prior to that May date, they will take care of those properties.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: My concern is, this is an early Spring and we're getting sixty, in fact Wednesday it's supposed to be seventy-degree weather, and I don't think the grass cares about May or April, it's just uh...trying to get things done and we're going to get plenty of phone calls as Council goes, and I just understand the work through the Building Department. We normally do and I'm sorry that...uh...I didn't go to the right area, but my concern is that...uh...people know what to do, how to do it and...because there is a frustr...certain frustration level of, especially on the multi-lots that are owned by several individuals in this community who could care less and think we're mowing service. And uh, it's always very frustrating to me because I've been wanting to do something about these multi-lot owners who think we're a mowing service. We're not, we shouldn't be, but we also don't want the people in the community to have to live by some of these.

MEMBER SCHULMAN: I agree.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Is there anything else under Miscellaneous Business?

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: I just wanted to send a little congrats to uh...Council Member Scaglione on the exciting stuff happening on West Tusc and paring this with the Cancer Center going in. I think it's going to be a really good thing for the city. So, congratulations to Member Scaglione and congratulations to the city as-a-whole.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Mariol.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Thank you, John.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Is there anything else under Miscellaneous Business? Member Smith, are you accepting donations for the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Egg Hunt?

MEMBER SMITH: Yes I am.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay, for The Ward 4?

MEMBER SMITH: Yes. It's not really for Ward 4, it's for the city of Canton.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay, but that will be held at Crenshaw Park...

MEMBER SMITH: ...Yes...

PRESIDENT SHERER: ...On April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 – 5 PM?

MEMBER SMITH: Yes sir.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Smith.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: You have the food thing this weekend too?

MEMBER SMITH: The food give-away?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Is that this weekend?

MEMBER SMITH: Yes. The food give-away is Saturday, this Saturday.

PRESIDENT SHERER: So, there is going to be another food give-away at the Coleman Center, when is the time, Member Smith?

MEMBER SMITH: From 1 to 5.

PRESIDENT SHERER: From 1 to 5 PM?

MEMBER SMITH: Yes...

PRESIDENT SHERER: ...which I believe we'll also be taking donations to other facilities like the Babe Stearn Center and some retirement communities within the city and that's a very, very good thing. So, thank you Member Smith. Clerk Dougherty, our quote for the week, please.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: *"One of the hardest things in life to learn are which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn."* – Oprah Winfrey (Laughter).

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move we adjourn.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. Mr. Clerk, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: This meeting is adjourned. Thanks for attending tonight. (*Gavel falls*).

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:20 PM

ATTEST:  
DAVID R. DOUGHERTY  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:  
WILLIAM SHERER, II  
PRESIDENT