

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Canton City Council. If everyone could please turn your cell phones to vibrate. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Madam Clerk.

*ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK WOOD:*

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (WILLIAM SMUCKLER, JAMES BABCOCK, LOUIS GIAVASIS, GREG HAWK, BRENDA KIMBROUGH, JASON SCAGLIONE, CHRIS SMITH, ROBERT FISHER, JOHN MARIOL, PETER FERGUSON & FRANK MORRIS)

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT. (MEMBER HALL ABSENT)

CLERK WOOD: Eleven present, one absent, Mr. President.

**EXCUSING MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

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

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on January 23, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council, Jill M. Wood. The invocation was given by Ward 7 Council Member, John Mariol II. 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.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move Rule 22A be suspended in rea... reading of Ordinances 15 through 17 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add second readings of Ordinances 15 through 17 to this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 15 through 17 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.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Public Speaks and we have one speaker for tonight, and it's Mr. Edwin Cleveland. Mr. Cleveland, I want to... I'd like to remind you, you get... you have three minutes under Public Speaks, and could you please state your name and residential address, please.

EDWIN CLEVELAND: First name Edwin, last name Cleveland, address 507 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Canton, Ohio 44703.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

EDWIN CLEVELAND: Um, just come to ask if there is going to be another round of American Rescue Plan Act funds put out to community based organizations such as mine. I am the Executive Director/Founder of the Straight Path Program, which is a juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program. Um, there seems to be no funding out there for us. So I'm just here to ask if there is going to be, and if there is... um, can I be kept in the loop or somebody can be appointed to keep me in the loop or even appointed to be able to work with me and a couple other companies to put in the forefront of juvenile delinquency.

PRESIDENT SHERER: And I would encourage you... um, to stay after the meeting...

EDWIN CLEVELAND: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT SHERER: ...and we can definitely point you in the right direction.

EDWIN CLEVELAND: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Alright, thank you.

EDWIN CLEVELAND: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Informal Resolutions and we have two for this evening. Madam Clerk, would you please read Informal Resolution #1, by title.

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1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: COMMENDING WALTER WILLIAMS FOR HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that we adopt Resolution #1.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #1. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mister...

CLERK WOOD: After we adopt it.

PRESIDENT SHERER: After we...

CLERK WOOD: After we adopt.

PRESIDENT SHERER: After we adopt. ...Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #1 is adopted. Madam Clerk, would you please read Informal Resolu... Informal Resolution #1 in its entirety, please.

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you.

CLERK WOOD: An Informal Resolution respectfully submitted by Canton City Council on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023. **Whereas**, Walter Williams was born in Canton, Ohio on August 25, 1943, where his love of music began at St. Mark's Baptist Church as a soloist and lead member of the choir; and **Whereas**, Hailing from the Canton/Cleveland area, Walt is one of the founding members of the renowned R&B group, The O'Jay's, whose achievements include 18 hit albums, 52 singles and 12 number one hits on major charts; and **Whereas**, In 2005, Walt and his fellow members of The O'Jays were inducted into Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and in 2009 received a BET (Black Entertainment Television) Lifetime Achievement Award; and **Whereas**, Walt caringly gave back to his community through his support and participation at the Southeast Community Center Christmas Party on December 17, 2022, which included a generous donation of toys for the children in attendance. **Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, That we, the Members of Canton City Council, do hereby go on record commending **Walter Williams** for his continuing support of the Canton community and his tremendous generosity. (*Applause*)

MEMBER SMITH: Okay, first of all, I'd just like to introduce to you all... I'm gonna let them do it though... uh, Walt's family which is standing here, and this is what I want you to know is, that generous donation came just from minor conversation which... uh, the Mayor and myself entertained Walt downtown at Centennial Plaza,

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and I mentioned to him what we were getting ready to do in the community. He said well, you know what? Let me know. And I did just that, and he came down. And in this newspaper... I wanted him to have this newspaper because there's a picture of him in here donating and giving us the money when we were there at the Urban League. So I want you to give that to him, and... uh, this is the proclamation because we really appreciate what he did for the children of the city and especially the southeast end. Also, Walt couldn't be here today because he's... uh, in the studio recording, but guess what he said, make sure you know and let the people know that I will be a contributor each year that they give this Christmas party. And we thank him so very much. This is Walt's daughter, and so I'm gonna let the rest of them introduce theirself.

WALT WILLIAMS' DAUGHTER: I... I just wanted to say thank you on my father's behalf. Um, growing up in Canton and the way that life turned for him to be able to unfortunately leave Canton, but to become successful somewhere else, with his career slowing down now, we're doing a lot more in the city and I... I noticed that it's really important to him lately within the last year or so that anything that he puts his name to he wants to be in Canton. So we started a couple businesses here, and like she said, we want to continue to be a part of these different types of organizations. Uh, my dad lost his mother when he was six months old, so to be able to give back to children who are less fortunate, it really touches home for him. So... um, he definitely wanted me to come down and say thank you personally from him, and... um, we'll do what we can for the city of Cle... uh, Canton. Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

JERMAINE WALTER WILLIAMS: I am Jermaine Walter Williams. I'm Walter's baby brother. Uh, want to say thank you to City Council... uh, the whole city of Canton and... uh, I guess we'll help accept that on his behalf. Thank you very much. (*Applause*)

MEMBER SMITH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Ready?

CLERK WOOD: U-hmm.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay. Resolution #2, please.

2. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: COMMENDING TRIPPIE REDD FOR HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE CANTON COMMUNITY.- ADOPTED

CLERK WOOD: An Informal Resolution respectfully submitted by Canton City Council on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023. **Whereas**, Born Michael Lamar White II on June 17, 1999, Trippie Redd is an American rapper, singer and songwriter; and **Whereas**, Hailing from the Canton/Massillon area, Trippie is one of the most prominent members of the SoundCloud rap scene, which gained mainstream acclaim in late 2010; and **Whereas**, Included in his achievements are three singles and five albums that hit the Billboard Charts; and **Whereas**, Trippie gladly gave back to his community by supporting and participating at the Southeast Community Center Christmas party on December 17, 2022 including a generous donation of toys for the children in attendance. **Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, That we, the Members of Canton City Council, do

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hereby go on record commending **Trippie Redd** for his continuing support of the Canton community and his tremendous generosity. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I was waiting for that (*laughs*).

PRESIDENT SHERER: (*Chuckles*)... there you go.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move... uh, we adopt Resolution #2.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #2. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #2 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #2 is adopted. Member Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: Okay. Again, on that day a mere conversation came about. In fact, this is Trippie Redd's cousin, and Trippie Redd has sent what, over two thousand turkeys here and we didn't know where to distribute them to, and his cousin just happened to call me because we are good... uh, good friends and so forth and I said I'll get rid of them for you. In fact, the Lord blessed us that it was cold that day. I said just put them on my porch. And I got on Facebook and started calling people and it was like a parade. So... (*chuckles*)... and people came and got the turkeys. Then the conversation went on to say that, you know, this is just something that Trippie wanted to do and would like to do, and he wanted to give back to the community. So you all know a light went off in my head like well, you know, we're getting ready to give this Christmas party, you think... and it (*inaudible*) from there. And when we knowed anything... uh, some of... Babby and all of them was down there, it had truckloads of toys, and these wasn't just toys, these was bicycles... uh...

TRIPPIE REDD'S COUSIN: Hover boards.

MEMBER SMITH: ...scooters and so forth and hover boards. And we just wanted to show our appreciation for him just taking out the time and just wanting to share his greatness with our kids here in Canton. So on behalf of City Council, this is a Resolution...

TRIPPIE REDD'S COUSIN: Thank you so much.

MEMBER SMITH: ...and we thank you so very much for all that you do for Trippie and for this community.

TRIPPIE REDD'S COUSIN: Awe.

MEMBER SMITH: And Trippie also sent some words.

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TRIPPIE REDD'S COUSIN: Yes, let me read them to you guys. "It's an honor to be recognized by the community I came from. I want to continue to be an example for anyone wanting to help the less fortunate or any underprivileged communities. I think it's very important for me to use my platform, not only for my art, but also for the greater good. We can do so much and improve a lot of people's situations just by working together and putting in the effort. I can't wait to share with you all what we are working on next. Thank you again. I'm truly honored." – Trippie Redd (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Ready?

CLERK WOOD: U-hmm.

**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 WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JANUARY 23, 2023.***

3. REQ NEW D5J PERMIT FOR SHULAS RESTAURANT CANTON LLC @ 2101 HALL OF FAME WAY NW, STE 101. – LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OHIO)
4. REQ AUTH OF REAPPT OF MR. MIKE ABBOTT AND MR. BRETT MCELFRISH TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/2023 TO 12/31/2025. – MAYOR BERNABEI
5. REQ REPLAT OF OUTLOTS 1236, 1237, 1238 AND PART OF OUTLOT 1235 (PARCEL 9000005), WARD 4 (FOR ST. CO. LAND REUT. CORP.). – PLANNING COMMISSION
6. REQ CITY WIDE ZONE CHANGES (9<sup>TH</sup> ST NW AND MCKINLEY AVE NW AREA). – PLANNING COMMISSION
7. REQ REAUTH OF STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (O#187/2020). – PLANNING DIRECTOR ANGUS
8. REQ REAUTH OF PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (O#48/2020). – PLANNING DIRECTOR ANGUS
9. REQ CONTRACT FOR CDBG SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REHABILITATION WITH CANTON FOR ALL PEOPLE, INC. – SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2022. – TREASURER PEREZ
11. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR DECEMBER 30, 2022. – TREASURER PEREZ
12. RPT OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 30, 2022. – TREASURER PEREZ

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023****ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their First Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #13.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #13 AND #14 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#13. (1<sup>st</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 151.06, HOLIDAYS OF CHAPTER 151 EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (JUNE 19, JUNETEENTH - 2023)  
Referred to Judiciary Committee

O#14. (1<sup>st</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 7/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE 914 RAFF RD SW 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

PRESIDENT SHERER: At this time, the Chair would declare an in-house recess for the Finance Committee to meet in regards to Ordinance #14 on your agenda this evening. You are now in recess.

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:15 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MEET IN REGARDS TO O#14; RECONVENED AT 7:16 PM)***

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinance 14 back on this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinance #14 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #14 is a legal part of your agenda. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory three readings of Ordinance #14.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

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

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #14.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#11 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 7/2023**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #14 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #15, please.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #15 THROUGH #17 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

- O#15. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF SADIE COURT NW; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 15228-15229 AND LOTS 15265-15267; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#16. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 42460-42463, PART OF OUTLOT 1106, PART OF OUTLOT 1107, OUTLOT 1030 AND OUTLOT 1031; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#17. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DOING BETTER BUSINESS INC. AND SHAFFER TECHNOLOGIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX SCANNING-IMPORTING PROCESS THROUGH LASERFICHE CLOUD SOLUTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$32,887.50 WITH AN ANNUAL RENEWAL OF \$20,733.50 IN YEAR 2; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

CLERK WOOD: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023****ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third, Final Reading and Vote. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #18, please.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCE O#18 THROUGH #21 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#18. (3<sup>rd</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 8/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH IBI GROUP FOR DESIGN OF THE PERRY HEIGHTS WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 8/2023**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #18 is adopted. Ordinance #19, please.

O#19. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 9/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP FOR DESIGN OF THE CROYDON DRIVE AREA AND BROOKPARK CIRCLE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #19.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #19. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 9/2023**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #19 is adopted. Ordinance #20, please.

O#20. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 10/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS FOR DESIGN OF THE GROSS AVENUE NE AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #20.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It’s been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #20. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 10/2023**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #20 has been adopted. Ordinance #21, please.

O#21. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 11/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY, DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023, TO SELL CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 721.15(D); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 11/2023**

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #21 has been adopted. Ordinance #22, please.

O#22. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12/2023** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 PER YEAR FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOWNTOWN EVENT PROGRAMMING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #22. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER MORRIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Thank you. Yes, I have remarks. Okay, Government 101. We are the legislative authority. It is our responsibility to hold the purse strings of the community and hold people financially responsible in the Administration and anybody we give our tax dollars to. So I'd like it part of the record that during Committee, I did ask the Director of the Regional Chamber of Commerce for a detailed list on how we were going to spend... how he was going to spend our tax dollars. At that point, if looks could kill, I'd have probably died. Uh, this is a professional service agreement that has absolutely no agreement attached. There's no stipulations, there's no outlines, it's here's a blank check, spend it on three projects and economic and community development as you see fit. It's not a professional service agreement because there is no agreement because there are no stipulations to it. Also I know, in the past I have heard from numerous Council Members that the Chamber of Commerce is our Economic and Community Development Department. However, we spend \$95,000.00 on an Economic and Development Director. We spend \$118,000.00 annually on a Planning Director, which was supposed to be covered by outside funds, but now is solely paid by tax dollars in the city. I would encourage you to vote no on this, however that would just be wishful thinking. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Morris. Are there any other additional remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 8 YEAS, 3 NAYS  
(MEMBER KIMBROUGH, MEMBER FISHER  
AND MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NO)

CLERK WOOD: Eight yeas, three nays, Mr. President.

**#22 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12/2023**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 23, 2023****ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date will be Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and Committee will start at 6:15 PM. There will be a... there will also be a Community Building Partnership Presentation by Maureen Austin. But Committee does start at 6:15.

*(Inaudible voice)*

CLERK WOOD: Yeah, you do.

PRESIDENT SHERER: You do. *(Inaudible voice) (Chuckles)*... You do now, right?

MEMBER HAWK: Finance committee will meet Mon... Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:15. Thank you. *(Chuckles)*

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Hawk.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member...

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Judiciary will meet same time, same place.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Giavasis.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Babcock.

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

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Babcock.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business for this evening? ...Hearing none, Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: No. Councilwoman Smith, please.

MEMBER SMITH: Yes.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Smith.

MEMBER SMITH: Mr. President, I would just like to give some additional information to the flyers that I passed out in regards to the Stark County... the Greater Stark County Urban League Black and White Ball. On there it does not say the date, but the date is February the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. It's at the DoubleTree. And you also asked about individual tickets. Individual tickets are \$100.00. On the flyers that you have before you, are the sponsorships, so if anyone would like to sponsor, the deadline dates are on there, or see myself or call the Greater Stark County Urban League. I would love to get everyone's participation in that. Thank you so very much.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Smith. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business for this evening?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: This meeting is adjourn. Thank you for coming this evening. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:29 PM

ATTEST: January 25, 2023

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