

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 7, 2025**

**ROLL CALL:** All Members Present

**MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:** Not Necessary

**INVOCATION:** Chris Smith, Ward 4 Council Member

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Bates Alyward

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** Suspended Rule 22A to add 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg O#10; 2<sup>nd</sup> Rdgs O#11 and O#12; O#10 Adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 7:00 pm - An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 55/77, as amended, known as the City of Canton Zoning Ordinance; and declaring the same to be an emergency. (Kaitlyn Shepherd for Faith Bible Church @ 1203 Wertz Ave. NW) (1 speaker) See O#69/2025

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reviewed pending issue from Public Speaks.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Kim Bell spoke about an incident with the Mayor 's father at a Democratic event. Daniel Gates spoke about Public Speaks rules. Roger gates spoke about how divided the council is from the community. Starr Fear spoke about the cost of living and affordable housing. Joshua Brown spoke about an incident he had at Jobs and Family Services. Keith Douthett is concerned on why he can't get a copy of the City's demolition list. Justin Nicely spoke about how the City needs to do better by the children. Skylark Bruce spoke about Council's decorum rules and responded to what was said in Old Business on 3/31/25.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** All Communications were received as read.

**NOTE:** All Communications, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the council office with the agenda items file dated April 7, 2025.

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

**NOTE:** President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #8 through #10 for their First Reading, by title, as required by state law. All First Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated April 7, 2025. (O#10 Adopted on 1<sup>nd</sup> Rdg)

**(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:36 PM FOR THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#10 ; RECONVENED AT 7:38 PM)**

10. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 68/2025** AMEND O#40/2000, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS' INITIAL SALARY AND ALLOW SAF DIR TO SET SALARY OF PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER AT WAGE STEP COMMENSURATE WITH CANDIDATE'S EXPERIENCE; EMERGENCY. –

**ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAYS

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:**

**NOTE:** President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #11 and #12 for their Second Reading, by title, as required by state law. All 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated April 7, 2025.



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 7, 2025****ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:****MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025 @ 6:45 PM**

Annexation Committee

Finance &amp; Public Property Capital Improvement Committees

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Member Morris asked if there was any way we could get annual reports as a PDF instead of paper. Member Giavasis spoke to Council about wanting a copy of Rule #16 attached to all agendas for the public. President Aylward told Member Giavasis it would be discussed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:55 PM**

ATTEST:  
JILL M. WOOD  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:  
KRISTEN BATES ALYWARD  
PRESIDENT

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