

MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 21, 2025

ROLL CALL: All Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Not Necessary

INVOCATION: Jonathan Cooks, Ward 6 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Bates Aylward

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: Suspended Rule 22A to add 1st Rdg O#21; 2nd Rdgs O#22 through O#24; O#21 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#25 Adopted as Amended.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Kim Bell gave her opinion on the upcoming election. Shelly Harper had a concern about a obscured speed bump on Monument Road. Roger Gates spoke about how he feels there's no communication between the Courts and the City. Daniel Gates spoke about complaints he's received from people in the community. Patricia Caver asked for resources on how to get rid of a tree next to her house. Joshua Brown spoke about the unfairness of CPS policies. Justin Nicely expressed his feelings on how he thinks the city is worrying about the wrong things and not the children.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1.) Rules Committee: Amend Rule #1; Sunshine, Open Meetings Law, Of Rules Of Procedures For Canton City Council 2024-2025. – Adopted

2.) Rules Committee: Amend Rule #12; Agenda Of Order Of Business, Of Rules Of Procedures For Canton City Council 2024-2025. - Adopted

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 21, 2025.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #22 through #24 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 21, 2025. (O#21 Adopted on 1st Rdg)

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:37 PM FOR THE COMMITTEE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#21 ; RECONVENED AT 7:38 PM)

21. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 78/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH GOODFETHER, LLC, BOLT BREWING REAL ESTATE LLC, AND HILSCHER-CLARKE ELECTRIC CO. TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**

— **11** — **YEAS** — **1** — **NAYS**
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NAY)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 21, 2025**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:**

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #22 through #24 for their Second Reading, by title, as required by state law. All 2nd Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated April 21, 2025.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinance #25 for its Third, Final Reading and Vote. All 3rd Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated April 21, 2025.

AMENDEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No.25 by amending the pending ordinance with the attached ordinance.

25. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 79/2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 206324 CSD ADMIN BLDG MODIFICATION – OTHER TO 5413 202070 42-INCH WESTSIDE INTERCEPTOR REHAB – OTHER; \$28,220.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 202030 30TH ST. NE RESURFACING – OTHER TO 4501 202044 30TH ST. NW RESURFACING GP 1238 – OTHER) – **ADOPTED**

_____ **12** _____ YEAS _____ **0** _____ NAY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY APRIL 28, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Community & Economic Development Committee

Finance Committee

Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

Public Property Capital Improvement Committee

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Morris said he believes the City Tax Incentives are unfair to the city and schools. Member Mariol, President Bates Alyward, and Mayor Sherer gave an explanation to Member Morris on why it is important for the city to have these tax incentives. Member Cooks gave a thanks to Ms. Harper about bringing up her concerns about the speed tables and also gave a shout-out to Communications Director Christian Turner for bringing back Canton Connections after a 10-year hiatus. Member Sacco had a question about the solar farm and asked and if there was a way the City could find space for it. Member Smith thanked everyone that came out to the Crenshaw Park Easter Egg Hunt. Member Giavasis also expressed his concern about the speed tables and asked about any plans on putting lights up. Service Director Highman said there are already lights.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:57 PM

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ATTEST:
JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:
KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD
PRESIDENT

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