

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING MAY 12, 2025****ROLL CALL:** Eleven Members Present**MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:** Member Chris Smith Absent (Member Chris Smith arrived at 7:05 PM)**INVOCATION:** Frank Morris, Ward 9 Council Member**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Bates Aylward**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** Suspended Rule 22A to add 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg O#21, O#23 & O#24; O#21, O#23 & O#24 Adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg.**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None**OLD BUSINESS:** None**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Council-As-A-Whole: Commending Tony Baker and Ron Seymour for their dedication to the Walking With A Purpose Organization. – Adopted
2. Majority Leader Mariol: Auth purch of materials, equipment, supplies, or services for repair/reconditioning of centrifuge at Water Reclamation Facility. - Adopted

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Kim Bell spoke about events surrounding the campaign from the recent Primary Election. Joshua Brown, Daniel Gates, Michael White, Roger Gates, Vickie Prunty, Justin Nicely, Cassandra White and Sierra Mason voiced their concerns about the police department and the recent reinstatement of a police officer. David Kerestes gave his views on the history of government policies. Mary Lindsey, Jalia Williams, and Jason Cousins expressed their frustration with the police department and their role in the James Williams' case. Martin Zawacsy asked for better communication from Council Members concerning their Wards and also expressed his concerns with the negative campaigning towards Member Crystal Smith. Chamone Russell and Stephanie Ferrell spoke about their experiences with Child Protective Services and the police department. Skylark Bruce spoke on budgeting in the city and the police department. Keith Douthett spoke about his housing program.

**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 May 12, 2025.

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

**NOTE:** President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #16 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 May 12, 2025. (O#21, O#23 & O#24 Adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg)

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 8:14 PM FOR THE FINANCE, PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#21, O#23 AND O#24; RECONVENED AT 8:22 PM)***

21. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 87/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM INVOLVING THE HISTORIC HERCULES LLC; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**

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23. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 88/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,000 TO PURCHASE SIGNAGE, SECURITY TECHNOLOGY AND CAMERAS FOR THE DOWNTOWN POLICE SUBSTATION; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO.55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**11 YEAS 1 NAY**  
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NAY)

24. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 89/2025** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**

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

NONE

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

**NOTE:** President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #25 through #31 for their Third, Final Reading and Vote. All 3<sup>rd</sup> Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated May 12, 2025.

25. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 90/2025** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**
26. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 91/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO SETTLE A PENDING CLAIM REGARDING THE ESTIMATED \$415,000 REMAINDER OF THE CENTENNIAL PLAZA LEASE WITH THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM, INC. DBA THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MUSEUM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**
27. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 92/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT TO SETTLE A PENDING CLAIM REGARDING THE ESTIMATED \$415,000 REMAINDER OF THE CENTENNIAL PLAZA LEASE WITH THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM, INC. DBA THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MUSEUM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
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(MEMBER GIAVASIS VOTED NAY)

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28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 93/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: CANCEL THE MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING AND MARKETING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL MUSEUM, INC., DBA THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MUSEUM (PHOF) FOR CENTENNIAL PLAZA; CANCEL THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CANTON AND THE PFHOF FOR THE CAFE STRUCTURE AT CENTENNIAL PLAZA; ENTER INTO CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SMG FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF BOTH THE CANTON MEMORIAL CIVIC CENTER AND CENTENNIAL PLAZA; AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS AND TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL STEPS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO TRANSFER THE MANAGEMENT OF CENTENNIAL PLAZA FROM THE PFHOF TO SMG; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**
29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 94/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STREET SWEEPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; ALTERNATIVELY MAKE SAID PURCHASE PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND TO ENTER INTO A GOVERNMENTAL LEASE/LOAN IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PURCHASE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**
30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 95/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SOL HARRIS/DAY ARCHITECTURE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,870 FOR ADDITIONAL CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CIVIC CENTER RESTROOM AND PARKING LOT EXPANSION PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THIS CHANGE ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**
30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 96/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE CJIS NOTIFICATION ISSUE; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**  
**12 YEAS 0 NAY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING MAY 12, 2025****ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:****MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

Personnel Committee

Finance Committee

Environmental &amp; Public Utilities Committee

Annexation Committee

**Canton City Schools Presentation****Plain Local Schools Presentation**

**CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Sherer stated Communications Director Christian Turner will be doing a press release the about summer curfew. He also stated an email will be sent in regards to summer jobs for teens.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Member Mariol addressed the Public Speakers in regard to the reinstatement of a police officer. He stated that the Council Members agreed with the Mayor and the Safety Director's decision on firing the officer; however, the officer appealed his termination and the arbitrator ruled in favor of the officer. President Bates Aylward stated that due to the collective bargaining agreement and state law, the officer had to be reinstated.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:39 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD  
PRESIDENT