

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JUNE 2, 2025**

**ROLL CALL:** Twelve Members Present

**MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:** Not necessary

**INVOCATION:** James Babcock, Council Member-At-Large

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Bates Aylward

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** (Suspended Rule 22A to add 1st Rdg O#20 - O#22; 2nd Rdg O#23 - O#29; O#20 - O#22 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#28 Adopted on 2nd Rdg; O#29 Adopted As Amended on 2nd Rdg)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** 7:00 pm - An Ordinance authorizing Canton to Annex the territory known as the 2904 Market Ave N – 2024 Annexation Area containing approximately .426 acre, more or less; assigning said territory to Ward 9 of the city; zoning said territory as B-3 General Business District; and declaring the same to be an emergency. (no speakers) See O#108/2025

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reviewed Pending Issues From Public Speaks

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Majority Leader Mariol: Authorize Mayor or Safety Director to open purchase order in total amount not to exceed \$56,657.74 for purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-250 Vehicle for Building Code Department. – Adopted

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Roger Gates spoke on some issues he's having with keeping his property and asked for Council and the Law Dept for help. Alyssa Harrah, Cassandra White, Justin Nicely, Daniel Gates, Joshua Brown, and Skylark Bruce spoke on their concerns with Council and the Police Dept. David Kerestes spoke on the high grass ordinance. Kim Bell spoke on her concerns with Bill Smuckler's campaign endorsements.

**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 June 2, 2025.

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

**NOTE:** President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #17 through #22 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 June 2, 2025. (O#20 through O#22 Adopted on 1<sup>st</sup> Rdg)

**(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:37 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#20 THROUGH O#22; RECONVENED AT 7:45 PM)**

20. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 99/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP THAT DEAL WITH THE 15TH ST. AREA STREETScape PROJECT DESIGN AND TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND ALL FINANCIAL REPORTING RELATED TO THIS TRANSACTION AND ALL RELATED TRANSACTIONS; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE MORAL OBLIGATIONS ARE PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$27,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE

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PLAN FUND TO 2175 202097 15TH ST AREA STREETSCAPE PROJ - OTHER).– **ADOPTED**

12 **YEAS**

0 **NAY**

21. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 100/2025** RESOLUTION ON SUBMISSION OF A QUESTION OF A REPLACEMENT AND DECREASE OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARK AND RECREATION IN THE CITY OF CANTON, STARK COUNTY OHIO. – **ADOPTED**

12 **YEAS**

0 **NAY**

22. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 101/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH CAVANAUGH BUILDING CORPORATION IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$39,672 FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SEARS BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TRFS FR 7601 307001 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - PAYROLL - \$18,000; FR 7601 308001 HEALTH PROMOTION AND PLANNING PAYROLL - \$32,000 TO 7601 301001 HEALTH ADMIN - OTHER - \$50,000).– **ADOPTED**

12 **YEAS**

0 **NAY**

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

**NOTE:** President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #23 through #29 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 June 2, 2025. (O#28 and O#29 Adopted on 2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg)

28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 102/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO AMEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT OF THE BBS MULTI-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL SCOPE OF SERVICES AS BACKUP RESIDENTIAL BUILDING OFFICIAL AND BACKUP RESIDENTIAL PLANS EXAMINER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

12 **YEAS**

0 **NAY**

**AMENDEMENT**

*Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No.29 by amending the current pending ordinance with the attached revised ordinance.*

29. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 103/2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO.55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$50,000.00 APPROP TRF FR 2175 202047 10TH ST. NW SIDEWALK GP 1454 - OTHER TO 2175 202075 E. TUSC. STREETSCAPE GP 1422; \$77,250.00 FR 4501 202083 CLEVELAND AVE. SW RECONS PH.2 - OTHER TO 4501 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER; \$100,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4553 BELDEN AVE. NE BRIDGE REH GP 1375 FUND TO 4553 202001 ENGINEERING - ADMIN - OTHER) (PROJ FUNDING UPDATE). – **ADOPTED**

12 **YEAS**

0 **NAY**

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**NOTE:** President Pro Tem Mariol called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinance #30 through #35 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 June 2, 2025.

30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 104/2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 10/2024, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (RESOURCE ADMIN FOR PD). –  
**ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**
31. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 105/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 THROUGH 5 WITH STANDARD PLUMBING AND HEATING CO. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$131,960.65 FOR THE CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THESE CHANGE ORDERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$80,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER - ADMIN - OTHER). – **ADOPTED**  
12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**
32. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 106/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY; EXECUTE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVICES; AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NEEDED FOR THE MIDDLEBRANCH WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT UTILIZING ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR RELATED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH AND CREATE FUND NUMBER 5255 MIDDLEBRANCH WL EXTENSION PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**  
12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

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33. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 107/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF THE NAVARRE ROAD SW AREA SANITARY TRUNK SEWER PROJECT, GP 1491; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR RELATED CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$400,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5410 202061 SEWER OPERATING, I-77/FAIRCREST ANNEXATION SANITARY SEWER TO 5410 202098 NAVARRE RD SW AREA SANITARY TRUNK SEWER, GP 1491). – **ADOPTED**

12      **YEAS**                      0      **NAYS**

34. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 108/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2904 MARKET AVE N – 2024 ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY .426 ACRE, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 9 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. –

**ADOPTED**

12      **YEAS**                      0      **NAYS**

35. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 109/2025** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

12      **YEAS**                      0      **NAYS**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 @ 6:00 PM**

Council Work Session

**MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 @ 6:45 PM**

Finance Committee

Community and Economic Development Committee

**CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Sherer gave a shout out to Beth Lechner and Habitat For Humanity for the events they hosted in the 4th Ward, this passed weekend. He also stated that through Community Building Partnership, the city will host it's first Impact Canton Day on Saturday, June 7th on Sherrick Rd. He mentioned Councilman Fisher has a BAN Clean Up, Saturday, June 7th from 10 AM to 4 PM. He stated that on Tuesday, June 10th at The Civic Center at 5:30 PM, there will be a meeting on the state of the school system in the State Of Ohio. He invited everyone to come.

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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Member Kimbrough shared some events coming up in the city. She invited everyone to come out to the McKinley Bulldog Activity Center June 6th from 11:00 AM To 3:00 PM for Books And Breakfast. First Friday will be the theme Chalk Talk; The Juneteenth Festival at Nimishillen Park June 14th and 15th, Fatherhood Fishing Rodeo on June 14th at Cooks Lagoon from 8 AM To 12 PM; Gospel Meets Symphony is on June 14th at Umstead Hall at 6:00 PM hosted by Enrichment, and June 4th, Canton Serving Canton is at Central Plaza from 4:00 PM To 6:00 PM. Safety Director Perry responded to a remark made about her during Public Speaks. She expressed how although she knows her job comes with a lot of negative comments, the statement that was made was false. Member Morris asked Finance Director Crouse to email him a list of the revenue received from the Jedds with Jackson and Plain Townships from the last 10 years. He also suggested making door hangers for the community with a reminder of the high grass ordinance. Member Cooks thanked Doug Foltz for the job he's doing with all the parks, throughout Stark County, especially in Ward 6. He also mentioned that, Harmont Park has been chosen, by the Ymca, as one of the parks providing activities for the youth this summer, starting June 3rd through August 14th. The activities will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. He also informed everyone that the Ymca has a Free Lunch Program, Monday Through Thursday from 12:30 PM To 2:30 PM. Mayor Sherer informed Member Morris that flyers are being made for the high grass ordinance. He also gave information on the Annexations that have been coming to Council.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:18 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD  
PRESIDENT