

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JUNE 16, 2025

ROLL CALL: Eleven Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Member Mariol Absent

INVOCATION: Louis Giavasis, Council Member-At-Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Bates Aylward

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to add 1st Rdg O#25 – O#28; 2nd Rdg O#29 - O#31; O#25 - O#28 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#27 Adopted As Amended on 1ST Rdg)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 pm - An Ordinance authorizing Canton to Annex the territory known as the Image – Teeter – 2024 annexation area containing approximately 163.505 acre; assigning said territory to Ward 4; zoning said territory as I-1 Light Industry; requiring owner of annexed territory to provide a buffer separating use of annexed territory and adjacent land remaining within township; declaring the same to be an emergency. (1 Speaker) See O#114/2025

(Council recessed at 7:08 pm for Council Member Chris Smith to discuss O#114/2025 with speaker; reconvened at 7:11 pm)

OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed Pending Issues From Public Speaks

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Nickolas Goodnite spoke about how high his property taxes are. Joshua Brown spoke about his issues with CPS. Daemon Ford discussed a criminal case involving himself in the year 2014. Skylark Bruce, Cassandra White and Stephen Esway discussed their concerns about the last weeks' council work session. Justin Nicely made numerous public records requests. Evon Peterson asked for information on how to get funding for his organization. Keith Douthett asked how he can receive the City's demolition list. Kim Bell expressed her concern about a court summons she received last week and believes the Executive Session on June 2 was about her.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. Majority Leader Mariol: Authorize Mayor or Public Service to open one or more purchase orders in total amount not to exceed \$47,420.00 for purchase of new dashers for the ice rink. –
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 June 16, 2025.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #17 through #28 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 16, 2025. (O#25 through O#28 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#27 Adopted As Amended on 1ST Rdg)

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:54 PM FOR THE ANNEXATION, PERSONNEL, FINANCE COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#25 THROUGH O#28; RECONVENED AT 8:06 PM)

25. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 110/2025** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 1 – 2024 ANNEXATION AREA, THE APPROXIMATE DATE

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SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, PROCEDURE TO RECONCILE INCOMPATIBLE ZONING USES UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAY

26. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 111/2025** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE WHIPPLE AVE SW NO. 2 – 2024 ANNEXATION AREA, THE APPROXIMATE DATE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, PROCEDURE TO RECONCILE INCOMPATIBLE ZONING USES UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAY

27. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 112/2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10/2024, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE SAFETY DIRECTOR’S BUILDING/CODE DEPARTMENT NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (BLDG CODE). – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAY

28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 113/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OR DESIGNEE TO FILE WITH HUD A 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, 2025 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, AND 2025 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAMS; RATIFYING SUBMISSION AND FILING OF SAID PLAN; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH HUD AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING FOR THE THREE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS TO IMPLEMENT THE 2025 ACTION PLAN UTILIZING ANY PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY THE OHIO REVISED CODE OR CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAY

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #29 through #31 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 June 16, 2025.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

NOTE: President Pro Tem Mariol called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinance #32 through #36 for their 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 June 16, 2025.

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32. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 114/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE IMAGE – TEETER – 2024 ANNEXION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 163.505 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 4 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRY; AND REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY TO PROVIDE A BUFFER SEPARATING THE USE OF THE ANNEXED TERRITORY AND THE ADJACENT LAND REMAINING WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** PUB HRG 6/16/25 @ 7:00PM
11 YEAS 0 NAYS
33. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 115/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY PATH MASTER, INC. A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,842; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**
11 YEAS 0 NAYS
34. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 116/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$12,712.50 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. (\$12,712.50 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102007 OCJS PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING - OTHER). – **ADOPTED**
11 YEAS 0 NAYS
35. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 117/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$100,855 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SOFTWARE, WARRANTIES, STORAGE AND TRANSFER STATION FROM MOTOROLA INC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZED THE AUDITOR TO RENAME THE 2773 2015 COPS HIRING PROG GRANT FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$100,855.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2773 OCJS BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT FUND TO 2773 102001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER; FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OP FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN - ADV OUT; \$100,855.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 - ADV OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2773 102001 - ADV IN). – **ADOPTED**
11 YEAS 0 NAYS
36. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 118/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIAR MARKET VALUE (FMV) OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURCHASE/ACQUISTION FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLONIAL BLVD NE PROJECT, GP 1428, TAG 625 UTILIZING

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ANY PROCESS AUTHORIZING BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE/ACQUISITION OF SAID PARCELS UTILIZING FMV AND TO NEGOTIATE OR DONATE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITY EASEMENTS AND/OR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS; AND FOR CITY TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS AND TITLE TO FEE SIMPLE TAKE PARCELS AND TO MAKE MINSTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROPERTY OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS; DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE PARCELS IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNONT BR REACHED FOR THE CITY TO ACCEPT TITLE TO SAID PARCEL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Annexation Committee

Finance Committee

Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

Personnel Committee

Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Law Director Reese explained that Mr. Douthett has received all demolition lists that are available. Member Cooks thanked the Members of public speak who stay behind to listen to the rest of the meeting because some of their questions are answered during Miscellaneous Business. Member Mayle gave a shout-out to Mayor Sherer for his leadership in coordinating the rally that happened last week. President Bates Alyward also seconded that by expressing how much good information was given at the rally. Member Kimbrough thanked everyone in advance for attending any Juneteenth activities and spoke about how great the Gospel Meets Symphony event was.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:23 PM

ATTEST:

JILL M. WOOD

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD

PRESIDENT

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