

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JULY 14, 2025

ROLL CALL: Eleven Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Member Morris Absent

INVOCATION: Darren Mayle, Ward 1 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Bates Aylward

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to Add 2nd Rdg O#21 through O#29; O#28 & O#29 Adopted on 2nd Rdg)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 7:00 PM – An Ord auth Canton to Annex the territory known as the 2707 Fulton Dr NE Area – 2024 Annexation containing approx.. 1.852 acres, more or less; assigned said territory to Ward 7 of the city zoning said territory as B-3 General Business District; and declaring to same to be an emergency (No Speakers) See O#127/2025

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Roger Gates expressed how disappointed he was that Members of Council did not take up his invite to come inspect his home and the surrounding neighborhood. Daniel Gates thanked Law Director Reece for assisting his father with issues concerning his home. Amy Roe spoke about her experiences with Canton PD's slow response time. Skylark Bruce expressed her feelings on how more Council Members should have been a part of the search for Ryan "JJ" Godbey. Justin Nicely gave background information about his mental health. Keith Douthett expressed his disappointment in how the system works.

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 July 14, 2025.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #11 through #20 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 July 14, 2025.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #21 through #29 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 July 14, 2025. (O#28 and O#29 Adopted on 2nd Rdg)

28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 125/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CANTON MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION & CORRECTION FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE SFY 2026-2027 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT 2.0 GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$752,253 FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

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29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 126/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAYS

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

NOTE: President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinance #30 through #34 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 July 14, 2025.

30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 127/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 2707 FULTON DR NW AREA – 2024 ANNEXATION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.852 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 7 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

PUB HRG 7/14/25 @ 7:00PM

11 YEAS 0 NAYS

31. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 128/2025** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF CANTON'S ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAYS

32. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 129/2025** AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF 8TH ST. NE; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 6250, 6251, & 39454, PART OF LOTS 2019, 2020, & 39558, PART OF OUTLOT 137, PART OF SENECA PL. NE AS VACATED AND THE VACATED PORTION OF 8TH ST. NE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAYS

33. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 130/2025** AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNNAMED 10' ALLEY; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 37897 AND LANDS OF T.L. BALL AND THE VACATED PORTION OF AN UNNAMED 10' ALLEY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

11 YEAS 0 NAYS

34. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 131/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$5,500 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM WALMART'S SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANT FOR THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

10 YEAS 1 ABSTENTION
(MEMBER SCAGLIONE ABSTAINED)

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Finance Committee

Judiciary Committee

Public Property Capital Improvement Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Sherer reminded everyone that the Recycling Center will be closed for the next three weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:45 PM

ATTEST:

JILL M. WOOD

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD

PRESIDENT

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