

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026

PRO TEM OFFICE APPOINTMENTS: Jill Wood, Clerk Pro Tem, Ashanti Monroe & Kierra Cottle, Council Staff

ROLL CALL: 12 Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Not necessary

INVOCATION: Bill Smuckler, Council- At- Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Giavasis

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 1st Rdg O#25 - O#30; O#25 - O#30 Adopted on 1st Rdg)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): Parker Bennet, Larinda Johnson, Shawna Kirby, Kim Bell, and Sylark Bruce all gave their thoughts on Rule #15 changes.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: APPROVING AND ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CANTON CITY COUNCIL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2026. - **ADOPTED**
2. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTIONS OF CLERK OF COUNCIL & OFFICE STAFF:
CLERK OF COUNCIL: JILL WOOD; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V: ASHANTI MONROE; ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V: KIERRA COTTLE. - **ADOPTED**
3. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT - JOHN MARIOL II. - **ADOPTED**
4. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: ELECTION OF COUNCIL FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT - JAMES BABCOCK. - **ADOPTED**
5. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES. - **ADOPTED**
AWARDED TO: REPOSITORY/BEACON JOURNAL AS ALTERNATE
6. COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF RULE #15, AS AMENDED, OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, 2026 - 2027 TERM. - **ADOPTED**
7. COUNCIL MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE #44 B OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO, 2026-2027 TERM. - **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 January 5, 2026.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:**

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#23 through O#30 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 January 5, 2026. **(O#25 – O#30 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**

25. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 1/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 WITH SHUMAKER ADVISORS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY
26. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 2/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO APPLY FOR, ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR, AND RECEIVE FUNDS FROM ANY AND ALL POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY
27. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 3/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO VARIOUS CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, ITEMS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES PURSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 105.09; ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 105.10; ENTER INTO CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 735.05 WITH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCIES; ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, ITEMS, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES UTILIZING ANY PURCHASING PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY EITHER THE O.R.C. OR CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDERS AND/OR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR SAID PURCHASES DURING THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR; WAIVING THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 105.14; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY
28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 4/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY, DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026, TO SELL CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 721.15(D); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY

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29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 5/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACTING PROCESS FOR VARIOUS CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BUT NOT COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1, 2026; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY
30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 6/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH CPS CONSTRUCTION GROUP IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$93,382.84 FOR THE CITY HALL PARKING GARAGE REPAIR PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE CHANGE ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$94,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4501 CAPITAL PROJ FUNDS TO 4501 204010 BUILDING MAINTENANCE - OTHER). – **ADOPTED**
____12____ YEAS ____0____ NAY

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

None

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026 @ 6:45 PM

Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Sherer explained that during the day there is a warming shelter on East Tusc at St Paul's Church. He also wanted to clarify that Refuge of Hope takes the lead and runs that for the city and that if someone refuses to get registered, or refuse the help that is offered, they can't go to the Refuge. He encouraged those in need to try the other resources available. He explained the Saver Grant, that was discussed last meeting, is reimbursable.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Mariol congratulated Officer Steve Jakupca on his promotion. He also explained The Salvation Army historically closes on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and the food pantry has not ever been offered during the Christmas season, but is now open to help.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:17 PM

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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