

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026

ROLL CALL: 11 Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Member Morris Absent

INVOCATION: Joe Cole, Council- At- Large

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Giavasis

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 1st Rdg O#17 & O#18; 2nd Rdg O#19 & O#20; O#17 & O#18 Adopted On 1st Rdg)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed Pending Issues

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Larinda Johnson expressed her concerns about Agenda item #4, the Mayor's Community Relations Commission.

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): None

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 January 12, 2026.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#10 through O#18 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 12, 2026. **(O#17 and O#18 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**

17. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 7/2026** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10/2024, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

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18. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 8/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 WITH STANDARD PLUMBING AND HEATING CO. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,695.42 FOR THE CIVIC CENTER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THESE CHANGE ORDERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

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ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#19 and O#20 for their Second Reading, by title, as required by state law. All Second Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated January 12, 2026.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING**

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Economic Development Committee

Finance Committee

Personnel Committee

Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Sherer asked the community to keep the family of Thomas Lucas in their prayers. Member Mariol also gave a moment of silence for the family.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Smith invited the community to the Martin Luther King Program on Monday, January 19th, at the Southeast Community Center at noon.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM

ATTEST:
JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:
LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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