

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2026

ROLL CALL: All Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Not Necessary

INVOCATION: Darren Mayle, Ward 1 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Giavasis

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 1st Rdg O#26 - O#29; 2nd Rdg O#30 - O#36; O#26 - O#29 Adopted On 1st Rdg; O#36 Adopted On 2nd Rdg)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: None

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): Larinda Johnson spoke about Rule 15, Public Speaks.

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 February 2, 2026.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#23 through O#29 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 February 2, 2026. **(O#26 through O#29 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**

26. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 9/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$85,536 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH VERSATERM PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY CONNECT PLATFORM SOFTWARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2784 FROM 2017 COP'S HIRING GRANT TO 2784 OCJS SEXUAL ASSAULT NOTIFICATION PROGRAM GRANT IN WHICH TO PLACE THE GRANT MONEY; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

27. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 10/2026** AN ORDINANCE REAUTHORIZING ORDINANCE NO. 96/2025; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 11/2026** AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 105.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF CANTON; AUTHORIZING THE

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MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF 707 5th ST. NE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RESULTING FROM RESPONDING TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12/2026** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 9/2024, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE SAFETY DIRECTOR'S BUILDING/CODE DEPARTMENT BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 11 YEAS 1 ABSTAINED

(MEMBER MARIOL ABSTAINED)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#30 through O#36 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 February 2, 2026. (**O#36 Adopted on 2nd Rdg**)

36. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 13/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH ELLEX PROPERTIES LLC AND STEVE'S TAILORING & MEN'S WEAR TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #37 and #38 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 February 2, 2026.

37. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 14/2026** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO GREENTREE AVENUE SW INSIDE THE CITY OF CANTON CORPORATION LIMITS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

38. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 15/2026** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO LAKE CENTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 YEAS 0 NAY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2026**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026 @ 6:15 PM**

Finance Committee

Downtown Canton Partnership Presentation – Todd Herberghs**2025 Crime Statistics Presentation – Chief Gabbard**

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Sherer gave a shout-out to the Street Department for their outstanding work clearing roads during the recent snowstorm. He also recognized the American Red Cross for stepping up to assist a family in need after they lost their home in a house fire.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Mayle recognized Mayor Sherer and Christian Turner for their assistance with the homeless community during the winter season, with Member Sacco concurring. Member Fisher thanked the Street Department for their hard work during the winter season, and Member Smuckler also recognized Mayor Sherer for his efforts. Member Cooks asked the community to keep the family of Tashaun Smith in their prayers following a shooting death in Skyline Terrace. Member Mariol gave a shout-out to the Street Department, and Service Director Highman recognized all city departments involved in response efforts during the recent snowstorm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:41 PM

ATTEST:
JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:
LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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