

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 2, 2026

ROLL CALL: All Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Not Necessary

INVOCATION: Chris Smith, Ward 4 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Giavasis

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 1st Rdg O#14; 2nd Rdg O#15 - O#17, O#14 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#22 Adopted as Amended)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Skylark Bruce spoke on Agenda Item #27, the two year contract with Downtown Canton Partnership, Inc. She expressed her concerns with the funding with this contract, and how it feels like the community is being left behind.

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): Linjun Xu spoke about the issues he had with Building Code.

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 March 2, 2026.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#8 through O#14 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 March 2, 2026. **(O#14 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**

14. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 26/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF \$101,000 FOR CLINT KRENDICK FOR THE POSITION OF MAINTENANCE CHIEF AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY; GRANTING MR. KRENDICK FOUR WEEKS OF VACATION UPON HIRE AND THE TRANSFER OF 1,200 SICK LEAVE HOURS FROM HIS PREVIOUS POSITION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___11___ YEAS ___1___ NAY
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NAY)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#15 through O#17 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 March 2, 2026.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #18 through #29 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 March 2, 2026.

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18. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 27/2026** AN ORDINANCE
 REAUTHORIZING THE INTERIOR RENOVATION PROGRAM (IRP); AUTHORIZING
 THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL GRANT
 AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE IRP; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO DRAW
 WARRANTS FROM THE ADMISSIONS/PARKING TAX FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
 EXCEED \$100,000; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. –

ADOPTED 12 YEARS 0 DAY

19. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 28/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CANTON TO RECEIVE AND DEPOSIT ADULT USE CANNABIS TAX DOLLARS INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND CLASSIFY THEM AS INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 **YEA** 0 **NAY**

12 YEA 0 NAY

20. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 29/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD UTILIZING GENERAL FUND DOLLARS IN AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000 PER YEAR; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

12 YEA 0 NAY

21. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 30/2026** AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (“SRP”); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO SRP GRANT AGREEMENTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000 OF ADMISSIONS TAX FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

12 YEA 0 NAY

22. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 31/2026** AN ORDINANCE RE-
ESTABLISHING AND EXPANDING THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM TO INCORPORATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIORITY
ACTION AREAS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO DRAW HIS WARRANTS FROM
NEIGHBORHOOD FUNDS AND THE ADMISSIONS TAX FUND IN A TOTAL AMOUNT
NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. –

ADOPTED 12 YEA 0 NAY

23. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 32/2026** AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM (“PRRP”); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED PUBLIC REALM BUSINESS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 OF ADMISSIONS TAX FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** **12** **YEA** **0** **NAY**

12 YEA 0 NAY

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24. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 33/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY WITH BUTCHER AND SON FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 705 6th ST. NW “THE RITZ”; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___12___ YEA ___0___ NAY

25. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 34/2026** 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**

___12___ YEA ___0___ NAY

26. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 35/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 AND A ZERO PERCENT INTEREST LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 5257 WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE I FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___12___ YEA ___0___ NAY

27. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 36/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A TWO YEAR CONTRACT WITH DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 PER YEAR UTILIZING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___12___ YEA ___0___ NAY

28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 37/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,590 FOR THE FULTON AVE NW AND 25TH ST NW INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT GP1430,PID 121602 CONTRACT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THIS CHANGE ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___12___ YEA ___0___ NAY

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29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 38/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER/AMENDMENT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GROUP IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000 FOR THE TYLER AVENUE SE AREA SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, GP 1472; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THIS CHANGE ORDER; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 243/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. –

ADOPTED

___12___ YEA

___0___ NAY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM

Finance Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:01 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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