

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 30, 2026

ROLL CALL: Eleven Members Present

MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS: Member Morris Absent

INVOCATION: John Mariol, Ward 7 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Giavasis

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 2nd Rdg O#20 & O#21; O#22 & O#23 Adopted as Amended)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Kim Bell spoke on agenda item #22, the city's 2026 budget. She explained her concerns with the amount of money the city employees are receiving. She also suggested combining city jobs and using those funds for the community. Leon Rysah spoke on agenda item #20, conveying of parcels from AEP to the city. He explained why he didn't think this ordinance would improve the community and asked for additional information. Leon Rysah spoke for his mother, Maria, who was also present, about agenda item #3, a moral ob. She would also like additional information. Crystal Hicks, Kai Welch, Larinda Johnson spoke on agenda item #2, Fair Housing Award. They each felt the funds should be used to help the homeless.

RULE 18 SPEAKER(S): Skylark Bruce spoke on the Climate Change Report. Erica Foster spoke on advocating for victims rights. Carolyn Fite brought additional information to support her plans to launch a fashion district in the city and asked for Council's guidance moving forward.

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 30, 2026.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#5 and O#19 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 30, 2026.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#20 & O#21 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 30, 2026.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #22 through #24 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 30, 2026.

22. ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2026 AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING THE 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CANTON;

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23. **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL(S) TO: PURCHASE AND/OR LEASE VARIOUS TITLED VEHICLES; ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENTAL LEASES/LOANS TO ASSIST WITH THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT; ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THOSE PURCHASES AND ANY PROJECTS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A THAT EXCEED ANY APPLICABLE DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLD(S); ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASES AND PROJECTS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; ENTER INTO ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A; WAIVES THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.09 FOR PURCHASES APPROVED THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE; PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14 WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS; PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRCT CHANGE ORDERS THAT TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING THE 2026 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

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24. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 53/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FULL SIZE CARGO VAN, ONE (1) 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK WITH ATTACHED BOX, (1) 4X4 PICKUP TRUCK, ONE (1) TANDEM AXLE FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK WITH STAINLESS BED AND ONE (1) VALVE TRAILER; OR TO ALTERNATIVELY PURCHASE SAID ITEMS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED**

___11___ YEAS ___0___ NAYS**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:****MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

Annexation Committee

Finance Committee

Public Property Capital Improvement Committee

Building Trades Presentation

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Sherer reminded everyone the State of the City Address will be April 2nd at 6:00 PM at Umstadt Hall.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Mariol stated there will be a presentation next week and asked to move Committee Meetings to 6:00 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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