

MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 6, 2026**ROLL CALL:** All Members Present**MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:** Not Necessary**INVOCATION:** James Babcock, Council Member-At-Large**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Giavasis**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** (Suspended Rule 22A To Add 1st Rdg O#12 & O#13; 2nd Rdg O#14 – O#28; O#12 & O#13 Adopted on 1st Rdg; O#28 Adopted on 2nd Rdg; O#31 Reconsidered & Amended as O#52/2026)**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None**OLD BUSINESS:** None**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Skylark Bruce spoke regarding Agenda Item No. 12, expressing her opinion that the city's Law Dept. should be handling the Perry Twp. Water Issue and that she doesn't believe the ordinance should pass as an emergency.**RULE 18 SPEAKER(S):** None**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:**

1. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRMING APPT OF MR. SEAN DIEKMANN TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMENCING FROM 4/6/26 TO 12/31/28. –
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 April 6, 2026.**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:****NOTE:** President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#11 through O#13 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 April 6, 2026. **(O#12 & O#13 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**

12. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 54/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,709 TO CALFEE, HALTER & GRISWOLD LLP; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. - **ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

13. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 55/2026** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL'S RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY- **ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:**NOTE:** President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances O#14 through O#28 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 April 6, 2026. **(O#28 Adopted on 2nd Rdg)**

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28. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 56/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE THE: 4527 COLONIAL BLVD – PHASE 2, GP 1428 PROJECT FUND; 4528 4TH ST SE BRIDGE REHABILITATION, GP 1297 PROJECT FUND; 4529 12TH ST RESURFACING, GP 1369 PROJECT FUND; 5447 WEST TUSC. ST SAFETY PROJECT PH 1, GP 1165 PROJECT FUND AND 5448 ELGIN AVE. NW NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, GP 1478 FUND; AMENDING THE 2026 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. - **ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING:

NOTE: President Giavasis called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #29 through #31 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 April 6, 2026.

29. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 57/2026** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ACCEPT THE CONVEYANCE OF STARK COUNTY AUDITOR PARCEL NUMBERS 242253, 242395, 242262, 242265, 244077, 214330, 236927, 228702, AND 221615 FROM AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER (“AEP”); ENTER INTO ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRACTS OR TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ACQUIRE PARCELS; AND ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE BUILDING FOR SUBSEQUENT SUBLEASE TO AEP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

30. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 58/2026** AN ORDINANCE VACATING PORTIONS OF OTIS PL SE AND 20’ WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 3239, 3241, 3243, 3245, 3237 AND PART OF OUTLOT 321, AND THE VACATED PORTIONS OF OTIS PL SE AND PART OF A 20’ WIDE UNNAMED ALLEY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. – **ADOPTED** 12 **YEAS** 0 **NAYS**

31. **RECONSIDERED & 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

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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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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 @ 6:45 PM

Finance Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Cole thanked the Building Trades for their presentation, Which helped address questions and concerns from the community.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:34 PM

ATTEST:
JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:
LOUIS GIAVASIS
PRESIDENT

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