CANTON CITY COUNCIL 7:30 PM NOVEMBER 30, 2009

ROLL CALL: Twelve Council Members Present **INVOCATION:** Jim Griffin, Ward 3 Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Allen Schulman

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to add 2nd Rdg O#4 - O#6)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (None)

PUBLIC SPEAKS (ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION ONLY): (None)

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:

MAJORITY LEADER DON CASAR: EXCUSING MEMBERS. (NOT NECESSARY)

COMMUNICATIONS:

495. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): REQ NEW D5 LIQ PERMIT FOR WILLIAM H THEISS @ 601

CLEVELAND AVE N. - RECEIVED & FILED

496. LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION (OHIO): NOTIFY EXPIRATION OF ALL LIQ PERMITS 2/1/10; MUST RCV

OBJECTIONS BY 1/4/10. - RECEIVED & FILED

497. SAFETY DIRECTOR REAM: DEMO LIST OF VARIOUS PROPERTIES DETERMINED UNSAFE &

HAZARDOUS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. - COMMUNITY &

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

498. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO AWARD & EXECUTE

CONTRACT FOR SHERRICK RD IMPROVEMENT PROJ;

AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO EXECUTE PROF SVCS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING W/OMNI PRO SERVICES LLC; AUTHORIZE RECEIPT OF AMERICAN RECOVERY

& REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FUND IN THE AMT OF \$1,500,000.00 FOR PROJ THROUGH ODOT; MAKE

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROP FROM UNAPPROP BAL 4559 SHERRICK RD IMPROVE FUND GP 1121 TO 4559-202031 SHERRICK RD IMPROVE FUND, GP 1121; AUTHORIZE AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS ON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS. - FINANCE & PUBLIC

SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEES

499. SERVICE DIRECTOR PRICE: AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMTS

W/US DEPT OF ENERGY & AEP TO RECEIVE GRANTS;

AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO PROF SVCS CONTRACT W/URS CORP TO COMPLETE DETAILED ENERGY AUDIT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000.00 FUNDED BY EECDG FUNDS; AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO AWARD & ENTER INTO VARIOUS CONTRACTS NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENT PROJ; MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROP OF \$803,000.00 FROM UNAPPROP BAL 2236 ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION

GRANT FUND TO 2236-202030 ENERGY EFFICIENCY &

CONSERVATION GRANT FUND - CANTON SUSTAINABILITY PROJ,

GP 1134; AUTHORIZE AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS ON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS. - FINANCE & ENVIRONMENTAL &

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:

1. AUTHORIZE SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT W/STARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SVCS TO INDIGENTS; EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

1ST RDG 2. AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMT W/OHIO EPA & OHIO WATER

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR ARRA FUNDS & WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUNDS; DESIGNATING 4501 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AS LOAN REPAY SOURCE; AUTHORIZE AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT & MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT; AMEND

APPROP O#193/2008; EMERGENCY

Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement & Finance Committees

1ST RDG 3. AUTHORIZE MAYOR &/OR SERV DIR TO PURCHASE A 12 ACRE TRACT OF LAND INCLUDING MINERAL RIGHTS IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$186,313.50; ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY

IN AMT OF \$60,436.50; ENTER INTO AGMT TO PURCHASE SAID PARCEL; RCV FUNDS IN AMT OF \$186,313.50 FROM CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND FOR PURCHASE OF SAID PARCEL; RESERVE THE PARCELS FOR PRESERVATION PURPOSES & PASSIVE RECREATIONAL &

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES; EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development & Finance Committees

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 0#4 - 0#6)

2ND RDG 4. AMEND O#55/77, AS AMENDED, ZONING; EMERGENCY (JOSEPH & DEBORAH LAW - 2015 E TUSC - PART OF OUTLOT 196 & PART OF LOT 6265 PARCEL 0234958) (JUD) PUB HRG: 12/7/09 @ 7:30 P.M.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING CONTINUED:

2ND RDG 5. AMEND SEC 1157.02, PERMITTED USES, OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES (TRUCK TERMINALS) (JUD)

PUB HRG: 12/7/09 @ 7:31 P.M.

2ND RDG 6. AUTHORIZE AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00 TO SQUIRE. SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP; EMERGENCY

(FIN)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD/FINAL READING & VOTE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009 in Council Caucus @ 6:45 P.M.

1) Finance Committee

2) Public Property Capital Improvement Committee

3) Community & Economic Development Committee

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Rosario Carcione speaking as President of the Canton Firefighters Union stating that 28 firefighters have received lay off notices today and injuries to staff and death to citizens could occur because of this. He feels there are other avenues for revenues for the city with the Canton Civic Center and Thurman Munson stadium which could possibly save safety jobs. The lack of EMS services within the city will take away about \$2,000,000.00 in revenues. Stated that all city firefighters took an oath to protect the city and they will not allow the Mayor to take the town down. Antoine Hodge wishing to answer any questions the Council Members or administration may have regarding a green energy presentation for our city and stating that he had been trying to reach Rev. Kenneth Lancaster about his re-entry center in Canton Township. Pete DiGiacomo questioning the negotiations between the Mayor and the Police & Fire unions. While he knows that people want their streets plowed and their trash picked up, he also knows that when people call for a safety service they expect a certain level of service for their tax dollars and he hopes that nothing tragic happens from this.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Cirelli discussing the closing of the 8th floor administrative offices on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 and not finding it prudent to close the entire department on a day before a holiday going into a long weekend. She feels that the furlough days should be staggered throughout the office and not all taken on one day. When thinking outside the box to save monies for the city, Member Cirelli wonders if some of these administrative jobs could be eliminated or taken to part time positions if they can close the office for a full day. She stated the large amount that would be saved in this area with salaries, pensions, and benefits. Member Cirelli also mentioning that she hopes that all of the notices given today were done correctly and not like the last time to cost the city even more money for no services. Mayor Healy feels that the voluntary furloughs by the administration and Law Department should be commending for agreeing to take this time off unpaid to save other jobs. He responded to Rosario by thanking him for speaking on behalf of the firefighters and wants all to know that they will continue to look at all avenues and possibilities to prevent the lay offs prior to the final working day of all that received notice. They worked the budget week by week throughout 2009 and feels the city did make it through the year without lay offs and many other cities in the country were not able to do that. They are aware that this cannot happen for 2010. He does appreciate all of the outstanding efforts by both the Police and Fire and wants to work with them in any way. Service Director Price stating that the deficit within the Sanitation Dept at the time the Mayor took office was corrected and exceeded by the 24% increase thanks to the city residents. They are still looking at funding for Munson Stadium. Most employees have been laid off at the Civic Center and only a skeleton crew remains. The contract was terminated with SMG management firm. Law Director Martuccio indicating that the Law Department took every precaution to handle the notices in the correct manner after learning from the school of hard knocks. President Schulman feels all of the city safety services are outstanding and he is aware that Council's duty is to keep the city safe and protection of all citizens must be a priority but in tough times al positions must be looked at such as a Communications Director.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 P.M.