

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

President Kristen Bates Aylward

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Greg Hawk, Ward 1
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Chris Smith, Ward 4
Robert Fisher, Ward 5
Jonathan Cooks, Ward 6
John Mariol, Ward 7 - **Majority Leader**
Richard Sacco, Ward 8
Frank Morris, Ward 9

FINAL AGENDA

April 1, 2024

7:00 PM

Roll Call: Eleven Members Present

Motion to Excuse Members: Member Morris Absent

Invocation: John Mariol, Ward 7 Council Member

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bates Aylward

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to add 2nd Rdg O#7 - O#17; O#17 Adopted on 2nd Rdg; O#18 Reconsidered & Adopted as Amended)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Linjun Xu asked Council for an emergency extension or exemption on the demolition of his building. Erick Freeman believes that someone has wrongfully appropriated his artwork known as the Living Wall, and he is asking that either the work be returned to him or he is paid for it. Justin Nicely addressed his concerns about ineffective and corrupt leadership in the city, and stated that city officials need to address the real problems such as housing, crime and mental health. Lawrence Chapman spoke about illegal activities at 1112 12th St NE and damage that the residents caused to his property, and asked that it be addressed. Kim Bell asked Council to consider her idea for helping low-income families and expressed her concerns about the homeless and impoverished conditions in the city. Josiah Ali, Moncef Ben Abid, Abdallah Masri, Jihad Alrawajfeh, Rami Hamdan, John Cameron, Brion Johnson and Ahmed Cheema spoke about the ongoing crisis in Gaza and asked Council to adopt a ceasefire resolution.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Req establishment of Demolition Assistance Program (DAP) and auth agrmt with and compensate CCIC to administer DAP; emergency. - Economic Development Director Hardesty
2. Req all contracts necessary with Butcher and Son for demo of 800 Walnut Ave NE; emergency. - Safety Director Perry

FIRST READINGS:

3. Amend Chapter 1131 Definitions Small Box of Title Seven and Chapter 1148 Special Provisions of Title Thirteen of Canton Codified Ordinances - Judiciary Committee **PUB HRG: 4/15/24 @ 7:00 PM**
4. Auth all necessary contracts and prof servs contracts for Traffic Engineering Bldg Project - GP1446 design, construction oversight and completion; emergency - Finance and Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
5. Auth all necessary contracts to implement 2024 Summer Work Experience Programs and 2024 Summer Camp/Learning Programs utilizing ARPA Funds; emergency - Finance Committee
6. Auth establishment of FMV of real property for purchase/acquisition for fee simple takes and easements, and agrmt for purchase/acquisition of said parcels utilizing FMV, necessary for construction of Belden Ave NE Bridge Rehabilitation Project, GP 1375; emergency - Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for First Reading Vote**

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#7 - O#17; O#17 ADOPTED)

7. Auth to amend O#100/2011 to establish attached exhibit A as Classification Plan for Non-Bargaining Unit personnel - PERS
8. Approve and accept replat of part of lot 3695 and all of lot 3696; emergency (Canton for All People, 1327 & 1329 Logan Ave NW, Ward 2) - PS&T
9. Approve and accept replat of all of outlot 566; emergency (Jonathan Demyan, 2410 Maple Ave NE, Ward 9) - PS&T
10. Vacating portion of 7th St SW; Approve replat of Lots 3806-3810, 3814, 6557, 19564, 38911, 39968-39974; part of Lots 3805, 3811-3813; part of Outlot 90; emergency (Greener Properties, 719 Cook Ave SW, Ward 4) - PS&T **PUB HRG WAIVED**
11. Auth to accept grant funds from 2024 Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program; amending 2024 Final Appropriation Ordinance; emergency (supp approp to ARPA Bonus - Personnel) - FIN

12. Amend O#55/77, as amended, known as the City of Canton zoning Ordinance; emergency (Parcel 232763 from PB-4 - Planned Special Business to PB-3 Planned General Business District, Ward 4) - JUD PUB HRG 4/8/24 @ 7:00 PM
13. Approve Canton City Water Main Extension to 5210 18th St. SW Perry Twp; emergency - E&PU
14. Amend O#55/77, as amended, known as the City of Canton zoning Ordinance; emergency (Parcel 8300070 from R-3-Garden and Townhouse Apartment District to PB-4 Planned Special Business District, Ward 4) - JUD PUB HRG 4/8/24 @ 7:01 PM
15. Auth Auditor to pay moral ob for widening GP 1194 Project and enter agrmts to finalize project; emergency - FIN
16. Amend O#55/77, as amended, known as the City of Canton zoning Ordinance; emergency (1620 Market Ave. S., 1003 Cherry Ave NE., and 2213 Gage Ave NE.) - JUD PUB HRG 4/8/24 @ 7:02 PM
17. **65/2024** Auth Council Clerk to certify the county auditor unpaid and delinquent charges for servs performed by City of Canton Building and Code Department; emergency - FIN *

***Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for Second Reading Vote**

THIRD READINGS:

18. **RECONSIDERED AND AMENDED AS**
62/2024 Auth all necessary contracts for purch of various titled vehicles, equipment and projects as described in Exhibit A (Various Supp Approp and Inter-fund Trf); emergency
19. **66/2024** Auth acceptance of \$150,000.00 in donated funds from Park Foundation; Amend final Approp Ord; emergency (supp approp to Community Development, Police Admin and Fire Admin funds)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, April 8, 2024 in Council Chambers @ 6:30 PM

Finance Committee

Judiciary Committee

Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Chris Smith thanked the Mayor, Member Babcock and everyone who came out for the Easter Egg Hunt. She reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting of the health facility and grocery store at 1318 Gonder Ave SE. She asked that those attending arrive at 10:30 AM, and the event will start at 11:00 AM. President Bates Aylward thanked Member Chris Smith for arranging the tour of this facility.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:56 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

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THE CITY OF

CANTON, OHIO



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

March 27, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Office
Canton, Ohio 44702

OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: City of Canton Demolition Assistance Program (DAP)

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

The City of Canton seeks to support the demolition of blighted commercial and residential properties associated with economic development activities and projects within the City of Canton. This program is specifically designed to assist property owners and developers with the demolition of blighted properties which are directly connected to future economic development activity on or around the site. This proposed program seeks to leverage the Canton Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) as the primary manager of the program and is designed to provide reimbursement grants for the abatement and demolition of blighted commercial and/or residential properties.

Grants for residential demolitions will be up to 50% of the cost capping at \$15,000 and grants for commercial demolitions will be up to 50% of the cost capping at \$30,000. Eligible costs will be the complete abatement (if needed) and demolition of the property. Additionally, eligible projects must include detail outlining the economic benefits and economic activity which will occur at the site post demolition.

It is proposed that the DAP will be a City-wide program open to any and all entities with an eligible, associated economic development project. The program will be administered by the Canton Community Improvement Corporation

Therefore, I hereby request legislation which does the following:

1. Establishes the Demolition Assistance Program (DAP)
2. Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter agreement with and compensate the Canton Community Improvement Corporation to administer the DAP.
3. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants from the General Fund, Non-Income Tax portions in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00
4. Amend Appropriation Ordinance No. 61/2024 with the following supplemental appropriations:

FROM: Unappropriated Balance of the 1001 General Operating Fund	\$100,000.00
TO: 1001 200501 General Gov't Support Admin – Other	\$100,000.00

5. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christopher J. Hardesty in black ink, with the initials "JMC" written to the right of the signature.

Christopher J. Hardesty
Director of Economic Development

cc: William V. Sherer, II, Mayor
John Highman, Director of Public Service
Jason Reese, Law Director
John Slobodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor

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THE CITY OF

CANTON, OHIO



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

March 25, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Chambers
Canton, Ohio 44702

OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: Appropriations for Demolition of 800 Walnut Ave NE

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

The City of Canton Building and Code Department is requesting permission for the Safety Director to enter into a contract with Butcher and Sons, for services up to \$52,300.00 for the demolition of 800 Walnut Ave NE, located in Ward 2. The Building Department pursued this location via normal department procedures at the request of J.R. Rinaldi and the Blight Removal Program. The testing, abatement and cleanout is underway therefore the reason for this communication. We are asking for first reading passage as demolition will be able to take place shortly after passage. All expenses related to this blighted property removal will be assessed to the property via our lien process with the Stark County Auditor.

Therefore, I hereby request legislation that does the following:

1. Authorizes the Mayor or Director of Public Safety, on behalf of the City of Canton, to enter into any and all contracts with Butcher and Son.
2. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of vouchers duly approved by the proper department authority.
3. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

I am requesting **First Reading** passage of this communication at the April 8, 2024, Council meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Andrea M. Perry

Andrea M. Perry
Director of Public Safety

cc: William V. Sherer II, Mayor
Jason Reese, Law Director
John Slobodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor
Charles J. Corcoran, Chief Building Official
J.R. Rinaldi, Chief of Staff

