

CANTON CITY COUNCIL

President Kristen Bates Aylward

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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
May 13, 2024
7:00 PM

Roll Call: All Members Present

Motion to Excuse Members: Not Necessary

Invocation: Pastor Gregory Reaves, Jesus Speaks Christian Center

Pledge of Allegiance: President Bates Aylward

AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES: (Suspended Rule 22A to add 2nd Rdg O#9 - O#12)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC SPEAKS: Linjun Xu spoke about falsified records within the City of Canton and what the Council planned on doing to prevent that. Barbara Smith spoke about her concerns about how many homes in the city contain lead, including her daughter's home where her grandchildren stay. Ahmed Cheema and Eric Resnick spoke about the ongoing tragedies in Gaza and asked the Council for a ceasefire resolution. They both also gave their condolences to the Tyson Family. Eric Resnick also commended the Council for their public speaks rule changes. Veronica Earley, Skylark Bruce, and Sierra Mason expressed their concerns about the Frank Tyson incident and asked for a change in police policy. David Kerestes spoke about favoritism between members of the Council and the citizens of the city and asked for a change in policies.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Req Sale of City Owned Land Reutilization Property to Mary L. Argabright; emergency.
- Economic Development Director Hardesty

2. Req JSC Properties, LLC Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) & Tax Increment Financing (TIF), emergency. - Economic Development Director Hardesty
3. Req Sale of City Owned Land Reutilization Properties to Habitat for Humanity, emergency. - Economic Development Director Hardesty
4. Req appt of Mr. Zachary J. Malloy to the Systems Planning Board commencing 5/20/24 to 5/31/26. - Mayor Sherer
5. Ltr advising of Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Waiver - Civic Center AV Work. - Service Director John Highman

FIRST READINGS:

6. Amend approp O#61/2024; emergency (various supp approps and trfs) - Finance Committee
7. Auth Clerk of Council to certify to County Auditor unpaid and delinquent charges for board up/clean up/demo serves performed by or on behalf of the City of Canton Building and Code Dept; emergency - Finance Committee
8. Auth Auditor to create 5252 Water Service Shop Renovation Funds; amending approp O#61/2024; emergency (supp approp to project fund) - Finance Committee

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

SECOND READINGS: (SUSPENDED RULE 22A TO ADD 2ND RDG O#9 - O#12)

9. Auth prof construction contract for oversight services; Execute cost-share agrmt with Perry Township for street paving; Auth to receive grant funds for Perry Hts Area Wtr Main Replacement Phase 2; Establish 5253 Perry Hts Wtr Ph2 Water Main Replacement Fund (supp approp in project fund). - Environmental and Public Utilities and Finance Committee
10. Auth contract for abandonment of Collector Well #3 at Northwest Water Treatment Plan and release of easements; emergency (4125 Salway Avenue NW). - Environmental & Public Utilities Committee
11. Auth agrmt for purch of Stark County Auditor parcel #5200863; emergency (Supp approp for Capital Projects Fund). - Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
12. Auth to renew easement and make payments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 50 year renewal term back-dated to 1/25/24; emergency. - Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

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

THIRD READINGS:

13. **98/2024** Auth to create 2358 C&DD Program Fund; Amend approp O#61/2024; emergency. (inter-fund adv to said fund) - FIN
14. **99/2024** Auth to create 2357 RV Parks/Campground Program Fund; emergency. - FIN
15. **100/2024** Amend O#61/2024; emergency (Supp approp to General Gov't Support Admin) -FIN
16. **101/2024** Amend O#40/2000 to establish Classification Plan for Safety Director's Traffic Engineering DIV; emergency. - PERS
17. **102/2024** Approve City of Canton 2024-2028 Consolidated Action Plan; Auth. filing of plan with U.S. Dept HUD; emergency. - C&ED
18. **103/2024** Auth contract for purchase of one Track Mounted Dozer; emergency (Collection Systems & Water Department). - PPCI
19. **104/2024** Auth change order #2 for 11st SE Intersection and Roadway Improvement Project, GP 1144; emergency. - PS&T
20. **105/2024** Auth to file with HUD 2024 Annual Action Plan, execute grant agrmts and enter into all necessary contracts for 2024 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Grants Program; Amend Approp O#61/2024 (supp approps in Community Development Fund)- C&ED

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, May 20th, 2024 in Council Chambers @ 6:30PM
Finance Committee

Community Building Partnership Presentation

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 PM

THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

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CANTON, OHIO



WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 9, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Chambers
Canton, OH 44702

OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: Request for Legislation – Sale of City Owned Land Reutilization Property to Mary L. Argabright

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

In recent years, the City of Canton has acquired a number of now vacant properties through various programs, actions, and initiatives. Mary L. Argabright has applied to the city to acquire two of the properties the city now owns. She is a neighboring, owner-occupied property owner that plans to expand her yard with the proposed acquisition.

After extensive review by multiple city departments, it has been determined the properties requested are no longer needed for municipal purposes, and should be enabled for reutilization for residential purposes, removing them from City maintenance responsibility, and re-establishing them to a tax revenue generating status. The City of Canton will reserve perpetual easements for Public Street and Utility Right-of-Way as noted below. Additionally, each of the properties will be sold for fair market value as determined by the appraised value established by the Stark County Auditor, of which the amount is also noted below. These properties shall be transferred pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.07. As such, request is being made for Council authority to dispose of the following parcels at the following amounts:

200819 – Clinton Ave SW – 5’ R/W Easement - \$3,900.00

200820 – 919 Clinton Ave SW – 5’ R/W Easement - \$3,900.00

Therefore, I am requesting legislation for the following:

1. Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter into contract for the sale of the aforementioned city owned real property located at Stark County Auditor Parcel numbers listed above, while retaining any needed easements.
2. Authorizes the Auditor to draw warrants upon receipt of vouchers duly approved by the proper department authority.
3. Declare 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Hardesty". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christopher J. Hardesty
Director of Economic Development

Cc: William V. Sherer II, Mayor
John M. Highman, Jr., Director of Public Service
Andrea M. Perry, Director of Public Safety
Jason Reese, Law Director
Donn Angus, Director of Planning
Matt Bailey, Planning Administrator
John Slebodnik, Chief Deputy Auditor

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May 9, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Office
Canton, Ohio 44702

OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: JSC Properties, LLC Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) & Tax Increment Financing (TIF)

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members:

On Monday, April 29, Canton City Council passed Ordinances 84 & 85 which authorized a 15-year 75% CRA Tax Abatement and a 30-year "Non-School" TIF on Parcel Numbers 246824 & 246821 owned by JSC Properties, LLC. The purpose of these two tax incentives was to provide incentive for the development as well as generate funding for infrastructure investment around the parcels.

Unfortunately, I neglected to appropriately notify Canton City School District of these two tax exemptions which is required by State Law. Because of this, it was necessary to start the process over in order to move forward with executing the necessary agreements and filing the tax exemptions with the County. Canton City School district was notified of the City's intent to pass these new ordinances on Friday, May 3, 2024.

All aspects of the previously approved ordinances will remain intact, there are no changes.

Therefore, I hereby request legislation which does the following:


1. Authorizes the Mayor and/or Director of Public Service to enter a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with JSC Properties LLC to provide a 15-year, 75% real property tax abatement.
2. Authorizes the City of Canton to declare the improvements to certain real property located in the City of Canton, owned by JSC Properties, LLC, permanent parcel numbers 246824 and 246821 as identified in Exhibit A, to be a public purpose under the Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.40(D), also known as a "Non-School" Tax Increment Financing (TIF).
3. Declares that certain real property to be exempt from taxation for a period of 30 years at 100%.
4. Authorizes the maintenance or construction of public infrastructure improvements under Section 5709.40 of the Ohio Revised Code.
5. Requires services payments in lieu of taxes.



6. Authorizes the Auditor to create the 2189 Landmark TIF Fund.
7. Authorizes the Mayor or Director of Public Service to enter all agreements necessary for the maintenance and construction of the public infrastructure identified within the ordinance.
8. Authorizes Stark County to compensate the Canton City School District for their portion of real property taxation it would have received but for the exemption.
9. Declares this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Additionally, I respectfully request that this new legislation be passed on its first reading on May 20, 2024. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Christopher J. Hardesty
Director of Economic Development

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

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May 9, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Chambers
Canton, OH 44702

OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: Request for Legislation – Sale of City Owned Land Reutilization Properties to Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio is a valuable and respected partner to the City of Canton in our efforts to ensure all people have quality, affordable housing. Over the years, the city has acquired a number of now vacant properties through various programs, actions, and initiatives. Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio has identified a few of these properties within their current targeted development areas that would benefit the efforts of their organization. With each of the parcels, Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio intends to reconfigure the properties and construct new housing.

After extensive review by multiple city departments, it has been determined the properties requested are no longer needed for municipal purposes, and should be enabled for reutilization for residential purposes, removing them from City maintenance responsibility, and re-establishing them to a tax revenue generating status. The City of Canton will reserve perpetual easements for Public Street and Utility Right-of-Way as noted below. Additionally, each of the properties will be sold for fair market value as determined by the appraised value established by the Stark County Auditor, of which the amount is also noted below. These transfers will be pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5722.07. As such, request is being made for Council authority to dispose of the following parcels at the following amounts:

- 228531 – 614 Gobel Ave SE – 10’ R/W Easement - \$5,700.00
- 243121 – 618 Gobel Ave SE – 10’ R/W Easement - \$11,400.00
- 225767 – 2157 6th St NE – 5’ R/W Easement - \$2,800.00
- 242023 – 2527 7th St NE – 5’ R/W Easement - \$10,900.00
- 221230 – 7th St NE – 5’ R/W Easement - \$5,200.00
- 221231 – 7th St NE – 5’ R/W Easement - \$5,200.00

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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.

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

Sincerely,



Christopher J. Hardesty
Director of Economic Development

Cc: William V. Sherer II, Mayor
John M. Highman, Jr., Director of Public Service
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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 7, 2024

Canton City Council
Council Office
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OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: Appointment of Mr. Zachary J. Malloy to the Systems Planning Board

Dear Madam President and Honorable Members,

I am respectfully requesting Council authorization of my reappointment of Mr. Zachary J. Malloy to the Systems Planning Board.

Mr. Malloy has proven to be a consistently reliable and contributing member of the Systems Planning Board. His new term will expire on May 31, 2026.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

William V. Sherer II
Mayor

cc: Patrick Barton
Law Department
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WILLIAM V. SHERER II, MAYOR

May 9, 2024

Canton City Council
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OKAY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION:

RE: Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Waiver – Civic Center AV Work

Dear Madame President and Honorable Members:

As you know we are currently under design for various upgrades at the Civic Center. As is typical for Canton projects, the base bid will be let with the inclusion of a PLA. The estimate for this work is about \$1.8 million and includes HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work. Of this cost, it is estimated that just under \$600,000 will be labor. Additional work not included in this base bid include significant AV upgrades. It is estimated that this portion of the project will cost about \$1.1 million with \$141,000 being attributed to labor. Given the nature of AV work, the equipment, and related warranties, there are only specific vendors who will be able to do this install. As a result, we are going to bid it separately and exempt it from the PLA requirements of Canton Codified Ordinance 105.01. As such, please accept this communication as a waiver of the PLA for the AV component of the Civic Center upgrades project pursuant to Subsection 105.01(b)(5) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Canton.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

John M. Highman, Jr.
Director of Public Service

cc: William V. Sherer II, Mayor
Jason Reese, Law Director
Blake Schilling, Civic Center General Manager
Cliff Graves, Building Maintenance Superintendent
Andrew Roth, Director of Purchasing

