PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Good evening ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Canton City Council. I'm sorry about the delay, but there were some important matters that had to be discussed. If everyone would please turn your cell phones to vibrate. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call vote please, Madam Clerk.

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (JOHN MARIOL, JAMES BABCOCK, LOUIS GIAVASIS, CRYSTAL SMITH, BRENDA KIMBROUGH, JASON SCAGLIONE, CHRIS SMITH, ROBERT FISHER, KEVIN HALL, RICHARD SACCO & FRANK MORRIS)

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (MEMBER HAWK ABSENT)

CLERK WOOD: Eleven present, one absent, Madam President.

EXCUSING MEMBERS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I would entertain a motion to excuse Member Hawk, Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we excuse Member Hawk from tonight's meeting.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. The motion carries and Member Hawk is excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Council Member-at-Large, Crystal Smith. If you'll all please stand and remain standing for our Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on January 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council, Jill M. Wood. The invocation was given by Council Member-at-Large, Crystal Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Smith.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER MARIOL: I move we suspend Rule 22A to add second readings Ordinance 50 through 53 to the agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add second readings of Ordinances 50 through 53 to this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinances 50 through 53 are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Public Hearings, and we have none for this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Old Business, and there is no Old Business for this evening.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Public Speaks and we have six speakers this evening. Our first speaker is Patricia Kirk. Ms. Kirk, could you please approach the podium and give us your name and residential address.

PATRICIA KIRK: Yes, hello. My name is Patricia Kirk. I live at 131...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Can you speak a little more into the microphone.

PATRICIA KIRK: Can you hear me better now? Okay. My name is Patricia Kirk and I live at 131 5th Street NE, Apartment 508 in Canton Towers. It's right in between YWCA and the Canton Sign Company. First, I wanted to say I found an article in The Canton Repository about 22 years ago. It was done in 2011. It was called Flower Power. That was in those days. But anyway... uh, it was a project. I had received some neighborhood grant money from Marilyn Thomas Jones for this project. We put in trees, rose bushes, flowers, stone masons, the whole bit, turned it into a park, before it was the downtown central... well... or it still is downtown central, however that is inactive now since the change of the times. But... uh, people really enjoyed this when it was a park, the picnic tables. The kids would come down and play games, that type of thing. And people would even come out if they liked photography and they would take close-up pictures of the rose bushes cause they'd never seen roses in the city before. Uh... my problem is this. They want... uh, SSI Disability wants to take away my SSI Disability that I get for severe epilepsy, broken bones that type of thing. And they have accused me of accepting this money that went straight to the arborists and the people that built the park. And I have this money someplace in a bank. I don't... the account is closed, and I have written letters from the bank saying that. However, this was a real plus for the city of Canton, and I would like to see the city of Canton, it is my hometown, go back towards this cause even when you talking about the ice sculptures tonight, they were beautiful. Do you know I only live downtown and I ran into them almost accidentally and didn't even know it was happening. There are two things that you can do. One is to post... like in my building they have two bulletin boards... post notices up there that it's happening. People do not frequent downtown the way they used to. There are very few people that live downtown anymore. Most businesses have closed. They...

Arcadia Grill has gone around the block. There really isn't much business downtown, and the par... the library is going to change. But I did want you to know that good things have happened in the past...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I do want to tell you there are 23 seconds left.

PATRICIA KIRK: Thank you. Good things have happened in the past, and we need to turn back to that place. Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Richard Manson. Would you please approach the podium and give us your name and residential address.

RICHARD MANSON: (Inaudible) This podium's shorter than the last one. The last one was pretty short. Uh... my name's Richard Manson at 601 High Avenue SW. I'm just... uh, wanted to talk about a situation that I'm in with my property. I have... I had started siding my property, doing the exterior work... uh, this past year. And I had previously had a building permit from a previous administration going back to the days of Gary Baker, and he had told me back then that the building permits didn't expire, it was whenever I got to it, so I figured I didn't need another building permit. Quite frankly, I think that should be grandfathered in if a city official... official tells you something, it should be grandfathered in. So, while I was putting my siding on, I get a stop work order posted on my door saying I need to get another building permit, and I had 30 days to do so. Well it just so happens, that I decided I'll get another one. I turned that building permit in on the 26th day, and Mariol, the building inspector, marked it as late. I know there's no way it was late, and I'm pretty sure the reason why he marked it late was because back in previous months, I had asked him why vehicles that I parked on the street were impounded and towed, and he... he's... I... I haven't... I had... I did talk to him, I left him a message then I talked to somebody in the Law Department upstairs if they would call him and ask. It was a Mr. Nicodemus or Nicodemo... uh, called and told... Mariol told him that yes, he did in fact call the city, had my vehicles towed. I then contacted Mariol and he told me he had nothing to do with it, so he gave me a different story than he gave Nicodemo. I think he has a vendetta against me because I came in.. in here to City Council and I alerted all of you... well, some of you weren't here then... as to the discrepancy and the... the different... uh, different stories I got from him. So, I have since sent myself five letters to my house, mailed them out, had them come back to my address. Not one of them... all... all four... four of them were... it took three days. Uh... the fifth one took four days. None of them took five days, and I think that the month I mailed that out on the 26th day, I think it had 31 days in it, I'm pretty sure. So, there's no way that building permit was late. I would like the fine removed so I can get the building permit and finish this. This house would have been done...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thirty... thirty seconds, Mr. Manson.

RICHARD MANSON: ...this Fall.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thirty sec... you have thirty seconds, Mr. Manson.

RICHARD MANSON: Yeah. Well, that... that... my house would have been done this Fall, I want it to be done. I'm tired of it not being done. I had bought the siding in '20... '21 I believe it was, and it's wanting to go on the house. And I just... I get road blocks all the time from the City... um... and I... I don't want... I don't want that. I just want to get on with it, that's it.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, sir. Our next speaker is Mr. Thomas West. And while you don't need an introduction, please approach and give us your name and residential address.

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THOMAS WEST: Yes, thank you... uh, Madam President, City Council and Mayor and Mayor's Administration. My name is Thomas West. I live at 625 12th Street NW, Canton, Ohio. Uh... today I am here as the CEO... President and CEO of the Greater Stark County Urban League. And I wanted to bring a few of my navigators down as well because this Council was proactive in giving the Greater Stark County Urban League some dollars to be able to hire navigators under the leadership of Diane Stevens Robinson... Robinson Stevens, yeah. She has literally laid the foundation of the Urban League. Many of you have known about the Urban League. You seen what happened over at the Southeast Community Center. Matter of fact, it was this City Council years ago that had that building built over there at the Southeast Community Center. Some of you guys wasn't here... uh, you wasn't old enough. But I will tell you, that building over there was built to serve the community, and it was built because urban renewal come through. It was built because (*inaudible*) lining. It was built to serve the community. And I can tell you today it is doing that very thing, serving the community. And because of your support and because of the dollars that you put into those navigators, that Urban League over there is full. Every office is full and it's doubling up, which means there is economic development going over in the southeast side of Canton. And today, one of my navigators is going to tell you the numbers, and they're coming right after me. Come on up, guys. I brought with me my armor bearer, if you will, Armon, who's a graduate of Mount Union College. Um... Wendy, who is soon to graduate from Malone. And we also have Liza from the University of Akron, and they are navigators that are serving our community. So with that, I want to thank you all again for granting the dollars that you did for... for the Urban League and investing in the southeast side of Canton, and Canton as a whole. Thank vou.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. West. And our next speaker... uh, is Armon Cook. So if you'll approach and give us your name and residential address. Thank you.

ARMON COOK: My name is Armon Cook. My address is 1598 Treetop Trail, and for the last month... nine months I've served as an employment navigator at the Greater Stark County Urban League. Uh... and tonight we are here to share some important information regarding our program. In 2023, our Employment Navigator Program impacted the lives of over 250 Stark County residents, 117 of which are residents of the city of Canton. Of 250 clients, we have facilitated the job placement of 113 individuals. These 113 employees will bring over three million dollars of income into Stark County, and for many this will be a pathway out of poverty. We want to extend our gratitude for your support of this program. My colleague will now share what this program has contributed to the city of Canton more specifically. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Cook. Uh... and ma'am, if you would also state your name and your residential address.

LIZA GROSSMAN: Hi, my name is Liza Grossman and my address is 1247 Willoway, spelled W-I-L-L-O-W-A-Y Avenue SE in North Canton 44720. But I used to be the neighbor of Pat Barton, which signifies cause he's here. I thank you so much for your time and for having us and allowing everyone to come in and actually speak to our leaders. We really appreciate all that you do. Uh... remaining true to our vision and our mission, the Greater Stark County Urban League has worked diligently to uplift Canton's underserved communities. Nearly 70% of individuals placed in our Employment Navigator Program... thank you for your support... were African American, half of which were previously designated low income. Fifty-five percent of all candidates experienced barriers to employment such as food and security, homelessness, lack of transportation and lack of childcare. And I'm just gonna say childcare, but really we want quality childcare. In spite of this, our employment navigators have worked tiress... tirelessly... who wrote this? (*Laughter*)... to empower these clients to overcome their adversity, and we walk beside them. Right? We have five pillars of the Urban League, employment is just one piece of being successful and having a thriving community. And so, these are not things that are separate. Right? We put them in boxes, we put them in these pillars, but they are all

connected. So of the 113 candidates who gained employment in 2023... and remember those are the people who actually were placed in employment, we work with people until they find a job, and a job that is going to pay them a living wage. Right? If they're willing to keep walking, we're right there with them. So of those 113 candidates that were placed in 2023, 68 of them were placed within the city of Canton producing 2.3 million dollars of income. Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. (Applause)

THOMAS WEST: And I can tell you, today we have 116... to date, 116 people employed which is over about three million dollars of annual income. And what that means is community development dollars at its finest. When we get people jobs, they can go downtown and enjoy Centennial Plaza. They can enjoy the community. So thank you all for your support.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. West. Our next and last speaker is Miss Kimberly Bell. Miss Bell, if could approach and give us your name and residential address. Thank you.

KIMBERLY BELL: Yes, Kimberly Bell, 1733 Morris Avenue. Um... I... is that it? That's it.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's all you need, yes.

KIMBERLY BELL: Okay. Okay, I gave Jill... uh... uh... an envelope for you guys to look over. I'm gonna pass this to you. I want you to look at this and pass it around for me, please. And... uh, when I walked in here... um, that... somebody was presenting something about First Friday, a hundred thousand dollars, that's spent on at... for that at... for that entertainment every year. Um... okay, so the letter I gave to you about the property I live on. They doubled my rent. I've been coming to you guys when Mayor Bernabei was on this pan... was... was in his administration, about the... about Metropolitan. I've asked you guys time and time again to address them. You can... you can complain about the... you... you... you raise money for the Hall of Fame. You wanted the... uh, that... uh, building by... over there by Aultman, you... Mercy... you wanted that taken down. You talk about all this money. You talk about this. But what about us? My rent... get... I'm getting punished because I got a job and I receive assistance, so I'm getting punished. My rent has doubled come March the sec... March the first. It went from 237 to 436... 456, in a three room apartment, not three bedrooms. It's an efficiency apartment at (inaudible) Mahoning Manor, and I've been talking... telling you all and telling you all about Metropolitan, and I can talk until I'm blue in the face with them people, but it's your job as... as leaders to... uh, to find out what's going on that they would do this to some... this is why homelessness... this is where homelessness starts. It starts when a mother gets a job, living in public housing or Section 8, so they want to go up on her rent. Her... her rent is tripled the amount she paid. Her rent maybe was a hundred dollars before she got a job. Now she's paying eight hundred dollars to live in Metropolitan? Are you serious? I'm paying four hundred dollars to live in a three room apartment. I don't have a living room. I have a bedroom, a kitchen and a restroom. That's all I have. And you want to charge me four hundred and fifty-six dollars to live there, Metropolitan. This is where homelessness starts. I was homeless...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Twen... twenty-five... twenty five seconds.

KIMBERLY BELL: ...two or three years ago. I was homeless three or four years ago. Someone at City Hall helped me, and I'm not gonna say the name, and it... they was a guardian angel, but this is not acceptable. And you guys, just like Jelly Roll went to Congress, take me to Congress and sit on the panel to tell them, you cannot put people on fixed incomes (*buzzer sounds*)... and pay four hundred dollars for a three room apartment.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Bell. (*Applause*) Thank you to all of our public speakers, we appreciate it.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay. We are now under Informal Resolutions and we have 17 for this evening. Madam Clerk, would you please read Informal Resolution 1, by title.

1. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF MR. MILTON YOUNG TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/26. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #1.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution 1 is adopted. Leader Mariol.

CLERK WOOD: Informal Resolution #2.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Oh, I'm sorry. (Chuckles) I'm jumping the gun.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JEFF DAFLER TO TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #2.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #2. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution 2 is adopted. Uh... Madam Clerk, #3.

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3. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. JANELLE LEE TO TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/24. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #3.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution 3. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it and Resolution #3 is adopted. Resolution #4, please, Madam Clerk.

4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID BECK TO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/27. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #4.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #4. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #4 is adopted. Number 5 please, Madam Clerk.

5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. STUART KRAFT TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/26. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #5.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution 5. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Resolution 5 is adopted. Resolution 6, Madam Clerk.

6. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. LISA SIMS TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/26. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #6.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution 6. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it and the motion carries. Informal Resolution #6 is adopted. Number 7, Madam Clerk.

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. ANGELA MOODY TO FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/28. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #7.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #7. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #7 is adopted. Number 8, Madam Clerk.

8. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. JAMES JOHNS TO CANTON CITY BOARD OF HEALTH COMMENCING 4/1/24 TO 3/31/29. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #8.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #8. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution 8 is adopted. Number 9, Madam Clerk.

9. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. DAWN M. DEVINE TO INVESTMENT BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #9.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #9. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it and the motion carries. Informal Resolution #9 is adopted. Number 10, Madam Clerk.

10. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. PATRICK McCARTHY TO INVESTMENT BOARD COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #10.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #10. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #10 is adopted. Resolution #11, Madam Clerk.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. REBECCA EAGLE-MALONE TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #11.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #11. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution 11 is adopted. Uh... Resolution #12, Madam Clerk.

12. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JEFFREY BROWN TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION COMMENCING RETRO 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #12.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #12. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #12 is adopted. Number 13, Madam Clerk.

13. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF JIM GRIFFIN TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #13.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #13. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #13 is adopted. Number 14, Madam Clerk.

14. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. CARL BLISS TO CANTON TREE COMMISSION RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/24. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #14.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #14. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #14 is adopted. Number 15, Madam Clerk.

15. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JOHN LUCAS, JR. TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/26. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #15.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #15. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution 15 is adopted. Number 16, Madam Clerk.

16. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF HEAVY-DUTY TRAILER FOR WATER DEPARTMENT. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Informal Resolution #16.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #16. Are there any remarks under this Resolution? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #16 is adopted. Number 17, Madam Clerk.

17. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TECHNICAL RESCUE TOW VEHICLE WITH LIGHTING, EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #17...

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

MEMBER MARIOL: Informal Ordinance.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #17. Are there any remarks under this Resolution? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and our final Informal Resolution #17 is adopted. Thank you very much. (*Inaudible*)

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Communications, and let the journal show that all Communications are received as read.

NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY, IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JANUARY 22, 2024.

- 18. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR DECEMBER 2023. CHIEF BENNETT
- 19. REQ FUNDING APPROVAL FOR CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP (CCIC) FOR 2-YR PERIOD RETRO FROM 1/1/24 TO 12/31/25. FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE

- 20. REQ TO AMEND APPROP O#227/2023; EMERGENCY (VARIOUS SUPP APPROPS, INTER-FUND ADV AND INTER-FUND REPAYMENT). – FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
- 21. REQ TO RAISE PROSECUTORS KATIE LUKOSAVICH, JONATHAN COPE AND LUKE HAMILTON'S SALARY BY \$7,364. LAW DIRECTOR REESE
- 22. AUTH REAPPT OF MR. CHRIS HARDESTY TO STARK COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENCING RETRO FROM 1/4/24 TO 12/31/25. MAYOR SHERER
- 23. LTR ADVISING OF REAPPT OF MR. ROBERT FAY TO INCOME TAX REVIEW BOARD AS LONG AS MAYOR SHERER SERVES AS MAYOR OF CANTON, OHIO. MAYOR SHERER
- 24. REQ COUNCILMEMBER JOHN MARIOL BE APPOINTED TO JEDD BOARD OF TRUSTEES (STOLLE JEDD) COMMENCING 1/29/24 FOR 4 YR TERM. MAYOR SHERER
- 25. REQ COUNCILMEMBER JOHN MARIOL BE APPOINTED TO JEDD BOARD OF TRUSTEES (STARK STATE JEDD) COMMENCING 1/29/24 FOR 4 YR TERM. MAYOR SHERER
- 26. REQ TO AMEND SECTION 1305.01(a) OF CHPT 1305, BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CANTON (RESIDENCY AND COMPOSITION OF BOARD). MAYOR SHERER
- 27. REQ REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 118, PART OF LOT 119 AND PART OF LOT 120, PARCEL 248083, WARD 2 (JOHN BOYETT FOR DCLB CORP, 200 BLK OF WALNUT AVE NE). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 28. REQ REPLAT OF ALL OF OUTLOT 573 AND PART OF LOTS 23588 23590 AND PART OF LOTS 35138, PARCELS 280021, 284896, 284862, 280235, 280205, 280206 & 280207, WARD 6 (CCSD, 2525 19TH ST NE). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 29. REQ REPLAT OF OUTLOT 1495 & PART OF LOT 42485 AND LOTS 42485 AND 42486, PARCEL 10016277, WARD 6 (CAROLANN GRAENING COPE AND CLYDE ALVIN MILLER, 3715 HARMONT AVE NE). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 30. REO REPLAT OF LOTS 9022 AND 9023, PARCELS 200744 & 206331, WARD 4 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 412 & 414 WATSON PL SE). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 31. REO REPLAT OF LOTS 24382 AND 24383, PARCEL 242873, WARD 6 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 2340 21ST ST NE). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 32. REO REPLAT OF LOTS 4994 AND 4995, PARCEL 245225, WARD 5 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 909 PROSPECT AVE SW). PLANNING COMMISSION
- 33. REO LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT FOR TECHNICAL RESCUE TOW VEHICLE FOR FIRE DEPT. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
- 34. REO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STA SR 43/172 14.4VAR, PID 101269 GP 1245 (WEST TUSC, MARKET AVE AND WALNUT AVE PAVING); EMERGENCY. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 35. REO COOPERATIVE AGRMT WITH STARK COUNTY FOR STA-CR-225 PERRY DR NW WIDENING AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR WATER FUND TO PERRY DR NW MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ). – SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

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- 36. REO SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN; EMERGENCY. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 37. REO PURCHASE OF TRUCKS FOR COLLECTIONS SYSTEMS DEPT; EMERGENCY. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 38. REQ WATER DEPT VEHICLE PURCH; EMERGENCY. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 39. REQ INTERSTATE TRAILER FOR WATER DEPT SERVICE SHOP. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 40. REO 11TH ST SE INTERSECTION AND RDWY IMPROVEMENTS PRJ, GP 1144, PID 90465 ODOT FUNDING ADJUSTMENT; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP 11TH ST IMPROVEMENT PROJ, GP 1144 FUND TO 11TH ST IMPROV PROJ GP 1144 OTHER). SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
- 41. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 12/29/23. TREASURER PEREZ
- 42. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 12/29/23. TREASURER PEREZ

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their First Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #43.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #43 AND #49 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#43. (1st RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 100/2011, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE EMERGENCY (UPDATES) <u>Referred to Personnel Committee</u>
- O#44. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE EMERGENCY (UPDATES) Referred to Personnel Committee
- O#45. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE BELOW-NAMED CITIES, VILLAGES AND ENTITY TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL CASES AND RELATED MATTERS BY THE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (E. CANTON, E. SPARTA, HARTVILLE, LOUISVILLE, MAGNOLIA, N. CANTON, WAYNESBURG AND CLEVELAND CLINIC - MERCY) <u>Referred to Finance Committee</u>

- O#46. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE STARK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES TO INDIGENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee
- O#47. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE STOREFRONT REINVESTMENT PROGRAM ("SRP"); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO SRP GRANT AGREEMENTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00 OF ISSUE 13 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY <u>Referred to Finance Committee</u>
- O#48. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE RE-ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC REALM REINVESTMENT PROGRAM ("PRRP"); AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH APPROVED PUBLIC REALM BUSINESSES IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 OF ISSUE 13 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Finance Committee
- O#49. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO THE CHRIST FOUNDATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY Referred to Environmental & Public Utilities Committee

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. And it says we have none. Huh... would you please begin with Ordinance number...

CLERK WOOD: Fifty.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Fifty. Sorry, yes.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #50 AND #53 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (0#53 ADOPTED):

- O#50. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND/OR CANTON CITY BOARD OF HEALTH TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$300,000 IN FUNDS FROM REPUBLIC STEEL AND TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL JUDGEMENT ORDER UTILIZING ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE FUND 2333 REPUBLIC CANTON COMMUNITY FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 227/2023; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$300,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2333 REPUBLIC CANTON COMMUNITY FUND TO 2333 301001 HEALTH ADMIN – OTHER)
- O#51. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2023 FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#52. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO SIGN REPLACEMENTS ON US-30, US-62, SR-43D, SR-153, SR-687 AND SR-800 WITHIN THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#53. (2ND RDG) ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 6/2024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE YWCA OF CANTON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS USING CDBG FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules on Ordinance #53.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspended the Statutory Rules on Ordinance 53. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries. You've heard the three readings, Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #53.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #53. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#53 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 6/2024 PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #53 has been adopted.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Third Readings for Ordinances and Formal Resolutions, and there are no Third Readings for this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Now we are under Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is January the 29th and Committee... oop, Committee Meetings will be starting at 6:30 PM.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Finance Committee will meet... uh, January 29th at 6:30 PM

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Giavasis.

MEMBER FISHER: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER FISHER: Environmental & Public Utilities will meet January 29th at 6:30.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Fisher. And Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Personnel Department will meet that same time and same place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Kimbrough.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Do any of you have any Miscellaneous Business to cover? Yes, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR SHERER: Madam President... um, as far as the warming shelters that we were able to open up, you know, during that cold spell... you know, one thing that I found out, we really didn't have a plan. Well, we're gonna have a plan moving forward. And actually that kinda opened my eyes a little bit talking to the Service

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ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

Director that... um, even our disaster response plan... God forbid if we would ever had a catastrophic event like a tornado or even a terrorist attack, and, you know, we hope that day never comes. But I think the last time we had a conversation with that was probably 20 years ago. So it would be... that's one thing we are gonna get updated that if we ever had a catastrophic event, about all the resources that we have with the City and how they're gonna be utilized. But I just want to let the Council Members know, moving forward, we will have a plan for the warming shelter for our most in need. So that will be one less thing that we have to worry about, so...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR SHERER: Thank... thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Does anybody else have Miscellaneous Business?

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: Um... I'd just like to add for the record so everyone knows. Uh... with the pending... potential ice storm overnight, the Street Department will obviously be out in full force, and depending on how the storm comes and when it rains versus icing... uh, we'll be pretreating and treating as appropriate with the mind set of not letting the salt just wash away before they do so. But obviously with ice, it's a whole other animal, so I would just encourage anybody to... uh, who has to be out, to please be cautious, please give people the benefit of the doubt. And again, we of course express our ongoing and continuous gratitude to our AFSCME 2937 folks, not just the Street Department who are out in the hazardous conditions but also DMV and the other support folks who keep this whole thing moving. Um... although it's never perfect, I think we're starting to see our investment in process in infrastructure and equipment start to pay off. Um... and I think we will continue to do so, so I thank Council for the support over the years. I think we're gonna finally start to see a pay-off.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, Director Highman. Um...

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Director Highman, Mayor, awesome job with the shelters and getting the roads cleared. Uh... no complaints. However, wouldn't be myself if I didn't complain about something. You know, since we redone the Chamber, I'm further away from the audience, okay... and I'm actually having trouble hearing when people are speaking. So I don't know who came up with this bone headed idea to take and go up another 60 inches across that wall with half inch tempered glass to block not only the sound, but segregate us from our constituents. It was a poor idea. And being in the glass and glazing industry, it's gonna end up falling down and it's going to become a liability or you're gonna end up tearing up that wall and redo it because I don't believe that wall can hold the weight. Uh... not too many things I have expertise in, but definitely glass and glazing. So I don't know whose idea it was, but Leader, Mayor, if you could put the brakes on that one, I sure would appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Morris. Member Scaglione.

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MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Yes. Uh... a business owner in my ward has brought to my attention there will be a meeting of the Canton Rotary Club on the 26th at Malone College at noon where our new Mayor will be the guest speaker, and he would like to invite everyone to come down and join the event.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright. Thank you very much. Is there anyone else that has any Miscellaneous Business they would like to cover? ...Hearing none, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: A roll call vote please, Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone, for coming. (*Gavel falls*).

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:26 PM

ATTEST: January 24, 2024

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD CLERK OF COUNCIL KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD PRESIDENT