

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 11, 2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Canton City Council. If everyone would please turn your cell phones to vibrate, and with a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please.

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (JOHN MARIOL, JAMES BABCOCK, LOUIS GIAVASIS, CRYSTAL SMITH, GREG HAWK, BRENDA KIMBROUGH, JASON SCAGLIONE, ROBERT FISHER, JONATHAN COOKS, RICHARD SACCO & FRANK MORRIS)

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Eleven present, one absent, Madam President. (MEMBER SMITH ABSENT)
**** Note: Member Smith arrives for the meeting at the end of Public Speaks)**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Before we move to excuse a member, I just want to take just a moment to formally welcome Member Cooks to our ranks. We're so happy to have you, and have... so if everyone would just give him a round. (*Applause*) And thank you for serving the public. We appreciate it.

EXCUSING MEMBERS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Now, Leader Mariol, we do have an absent member.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none remarks, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Eleven... I'm sorry, eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Member Chris Smith is excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Ward 6 Council Member, Mr. Cooks. And if you'll all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council Pro Tem, Elizabeth Wensel. The invocation was given by Ward 6 Council Member, Jonathan Cooks. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Cooks.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to add second readings Ordinance 14 through 25 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinances #14 through 25 are a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Public Hearings, and we have no Public Hearings 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 going to proceed to Public Speaks. We have eight speakers this evening. Um... I'll remind everyone you have three minutes, and hopefully our timer will be working so you can actually track your progress. And when I call your name I'll ask you to approach the podium and give us your name and your residential address. Our first speaker is Rami Hamdan.

RAMI HAMDAN: Hello.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes. Name... yes.

RAMI HAMDAN: Rami Hamdan, 7692 Peachmont Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio. Okay, so... um, I'm gonna show you guys a picture. You might not be able to see it. This is a young boy named (*pronounced "Fay-zil"*) (*Last name inaudible*). And I'm gonna tell you a little story about him. This young boy, Fazil (*sp?*) (*last name inaudible*), six members of his family, including his father and pregnant mother were executed in December inside their (*inaudible*) home in northern The Gaza Strip. As Fazil and his six year old brother, Adam, watched, four others were wounded including Fazil himself who was wounded in the stomach. Displaced Gazans staying in the home were also murdered and wounded. While I was... this is a quote from him, a little six year old boy, "While I was sleeping in the living room with mama, they blew up the main door and then the other door. When the IOF came in, I hid in the room. They then executed my mother and my father. Then they threw a bomb and they told us to go to school, but I went to the hospital." His seven months pregnant mother was shot in the stomach by the IOF Israeli soldiers, one of the thousands of examples of the heinous intention of genocide and ethnic cleansing. Despite his wounds, Fazil persevered, carrying a burden that no child should have to endure. A reporter asked him afterwards, what would you like to say to the Israelis. After reflecting for a moment, he replied, "they are not nice." His brother Adam said he saw his father's soul leaving his withering body, a seen no child should bear. Yet thousands like Fazil and Adam share this experience. Over twelve thousand children have been murdered in Gaza since October 7th and hundreds of thousands are starving. Adam wants the rights of his parents. Adam's only wish is for the war to end, and as of three days ago, Fazil and Adam were able to evacuate Gaza for medical treatment. Fazil said he wants to eat hamburgers, kabob and pizza. Um... we're just asking you guys to just put up a resolution for a ceasefire. The President did it, Kamala Harris did it, in her babbling (*inaudible*). So if you guys could do it, it would be great. It would show that you

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guys care about your community here, you know, the most vulnerable ones. Especially in the city of Canton, the most vulnerable city... you know, the most vulnerable part of the city. Um... I talk to you guys and I get worried sometimes because we're Muslims, we don't deal with alcohol, lottery... uh, especially in my business, and I was talking to one of the Council Members and the response was, well it makes money, you know. That's not the way we need to be thinking. That's not productive. That's not good for the community. So I invite you guys to our mosque, if you would like to come meet us and see who we are, an... an extended hand. But we're calling for a ceasefire. We would like to see you guys do that. Um... there's many more stories. I could come here every single Monday and tell you guys the most horrific things. I've seen people run over by bulldozers. Women... I can't even tell you about the stories of what they're doing to women and we're paying for every single thing that's happening over there. And there's American soldiers there too. Thank you so much. (*Buzzer sounds*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Applause*) Our second speaker... and the first name, it's hard to read, it's Ja... Jasick Bennett. I'm sorry if I did not read that correctly. If you could approach and give us your name and residential address, sir.

JOSIAH BENNETT: In the name of Allah. My name is Josiah Ali Bennett, 200 High Avenue SW, Canton, Ohio. Um... ceasefire is really a loaded word. It's a proxy propaganda, just like the entire event going on over there in Gaza. It's just covering up the fact that the Jesuit Order, the... uh, New World Order wants to give the Jews their third temple so they can have their false Messiah control the world. And the Bible says in the Old Testament that Moses and Joshua and them were ordered to... to destroy every living thing in the valley that was a gentile, and that's exactly what the Jews believe the time is now, that we are all the gentiles and their entire world is the valley. So they believe that, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, and in their kingdom there's no gentiles. And I don't see any Jewish people. I don't see no yamakass. So they think that they're gonna bring the kingdom of Earth on... the kingdom of heaven on Earth, meaning all of you are their enemy. So it's really... a ceasefire means nothing to me honestly, cause I'm a Muslim and I know what's gonna happen. The Hadith... the... the prophecy of (*inaudible*)... every syllable he said is gonna come to fruition. He already predicted face time fourteen hundred years ago. He said before the appearance of the Mamak Ti, a Muslim from the East will be able to see and speak to a Muslim from the West without leaving their homes. Go home and look at your iPad next time you think about Muhammad (*inaudible*) because he probably is the one who invented it. Subhanallah. So I'm not here to tell you that Muslims of the world are weak people and we're done because we're not. We're living forever. So the only fire that is gonna be ceased or need to cease is the fire of Johan, which won't be touching me or the people of Gaza ever. Subhanallah. So you can send a resolution to the Federal government, you know, the... the Judge will order... we... I know that these pieces of paper won't do anything because the only pieces of paper that are gonna be doing things is the book of Revelation and the Holy Quran and the Hadith that was brought to us from the prophet Muhammad (*inaudible*), so honestly I... I just want you guys to be human, you know what I'm saying, and just change your hearts about that, but if you want to send that paper in, fine. If you don't, just... just come up and tell us no. You know what I'm saying? So then we can come back here and we talk about something else.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Miss Kimberly Bell. Miss Bell.

KIMBERLY BELL: Kimberly Bell, 1733 Morris Avenue. It's... you're... you're being heard, sir. We... we feel the pain. We... you're being hurt. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry, kids. All adults aren't like that. Okay, let's goin' on over there in your coun... all adults are not like that. I'm not like that. Okay? Just remember that. Listen to your parents. I... I... I gave... I forgot you, Mr. Morris. And I don't know how I did that. I don't want you jumpin' down my throat (*inaudible*). Here you go, Mr. Morris. (*Miss Bell hands him paperwork*)

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Okay... um, during the Covid I was... I had opened my... I started my cleaning business, and I gave you guys a copy of my LLC and my business card and everything, and... but during the Covid I lost out. All... they couldn't pick nobody, so I... I lost my... I lost majority of my business. Every now and then I'll have... um... uh... uh... AKP Properties called me... uh... uh... the (*inaudible*). But I... I...I'm... I've lost everything cause of that Covid from... with my cleaning business. So I gave you guys a business plan, cause I worked in the plaza where the laundromat is where Avis Rental Car is and Happy's Pizza. I worked in that laundromat, Laundry Express. Well, there's some vacant... uh, suites in the... in the plaza and I thought about putting a resale shop of used clothe... clothing in there. And you know, mine's could be different from Plato's, Clothes Mentor's, Encore... I worked for Encore, I worked for Paula Tscholl and RuthMary Tscholl. I worked for them for three years. I even... when RuthMary broke her hip, I lived with her and... for about two months, they paid me, but my... my shop would be different because those shops, they only buy current. Nowadays the... the younger generation are pulling their grandmothers' and their grandfathers' clothes and firs out of the closet and they're bringing things back. They bro... they're bringing back bell bottoms, so I wouldn't buy... I... I would... I would go further than more... the last two years. I would buy from the sixties to current. They only buy for the last three years styles. Mine's would be different, so I will give you more information about that. I'm working with Chris here. He's gonna send me some emails. And then I'll keep you guys updated with what I'm doing next about it. But thank you. (*Buzzer sounds*)... pray for the families over here.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Thank you, Miss Bell. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Shahad Awadallah. If you would approach and give us your name and residential address.

SHAHAD AWADALLAH: Um... hello, I'm Shahad Awadallah. I... um, 3912 Timberview Street. Um... so to you, it may only be people dying, but to me, to my family, to the Palestinian people it's our children, our mothers, our fathers, our grandparents. It's our home being blown up in our faces, massacred by the thousand, starving in the millions. It is disheartening to have to stand here time and time again knowing that atrocities and war crimes continue to grow in severity and inhumanity, knowing that accountability is not being upheld. The least we can expect as... as humans is a ceasefire, and for Palestinians to be treated as nothing less than human beings. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, ma'am. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Ahmed Cheema. If you could approach and give us your name and residential address.

AHMED CHEEMA: Ahmed Cheema, 5155 Foxchase Avenue NW, Canton. Respective Council Members and fellow citizens, assalamualaikum, peace be with you. Unfortunately, our representatives at the highest level of government have been unable to stand for humanity. Unable to firmly stand against the crime of crimes, genocide. It's for that reason once more I stand before you and bring the ongoing genocide in Gaza to your attention. The need for putting an end to the killing, returning hostages and for preventing World War III is now. We don't have a lot of time. One of the City Council meetings I heard about, you know, programs like Safe Routes for School. It's an amazing program designed to encourage and make it easier for students to walk and bike to school. Uh... unfortunately, when I think about that, I think about schools in Gaza that are used as bomb shelters... uh, and mass grave yards. That is if those buildings are lucky enough to survive, you know, being... being turned into rubble. By now we're aware of Senior Airman, Aaron Bushnell, who set himself on fire to protest. He's not alone. There's several hundred active military U.S. ... uh, members and veterans who actually met prior to the State of the Union address by our President. Um... Palestinians have several options to choose from to... for dying perfect deaths. I'll just mention a few, starve to death slowly, die collecting aid from trucks, being killed by the snipers, get drawn into the open trying to get some supplies from, you know,

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things that are parachuted off air... air drops... um, sometimes pallets falling on them and crushing them to... to death, infectious diseases. I mean, the things goes... the list goes on. Um... at the same time I see Israeli spokesmen, you know, wishing Ramadan Kareem, Happy Ramadan on... on... on television, which... I don't know. I have no words to... to respond to that that could be used in this meeting. So if we're serious about helping these people instead of building a port or doing something that's gonna take forever, let's stop killing them.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Buzzer sounds*) Our next speaker is Annah Williams. If you would approach and give us your name and residential address, please.

ANNAH WILLIAMS: My name is Annah Williams. I live in Victory Square at 1223 8th Street NE here in Canton City.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yeah, and can you either pick up the microphone or speak a little more so that we can hear you better. Thank you. Thank you.

ANNAH WILLIAMS: My name is Annah Williams.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Perfect.

ANNAH WILLIAMS: I live in Victory Square at 1223 8th Street NE here in Canton City. Um... I'm here tonight to discuss some of the issue that have been ongoing there. As of March 3rd or 4th of this current month, we have had no management on site at our property. Our tenants are still trying to find new homes, as you guys are probably all aware with the circumstances ongoing at Victory Square. Um... right now we don't have enough funds or help from those who have promised us, as the residents of Victory Square, that they would help us seek amends and fix the situation. Um... not to mention those that should be held accountable for not doing their due diligence with the property having scored so low multiple years in a row is still an issue at hand. Um... we're not even the only property in the city that is experiencing the same situations like Skyline Terrace, SMHA scattered sites and the actual project sites as well. Chips... they're all having the same situations that we're having. It's an ongoing situation. I know that working with different members of the city throughout this ordeal since I started engaging in it... um, I know that there is a lot more that can be done if we can actually make it work to enforce the rules and regulations that are upon housing, especially since the majority of Canton are renters and Canton City has a very high poverty rate, which means most of our tenants are low income and need low income housing. But the majority of you sitting at the circle right now would not live in the locations that we live. You wouldn't live in the situations that we deal with. So I'm just here more or less asking that we can actually fix the standard quo that we have right now, the status quo, because if the standard isn't even where we're at right now in Victory Square with over forty families being displaced for negligence on the owner or property management companies, city building inspecting, whomever it may fall on... HUD as one of the main people that it should fall on, the main company or background program, however you want to word it, something needs to be done to make sure that they are doing what they're supposed to be doing. That's pretty much all I have to say, so...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, ma'am.

ANNAH WILLIAMS: Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Our next speaker... I believe it says Brother James?

BROTHER JAMES: Yeah.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Am I correct?

BROTHER JAMES: Yeah.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: If you would please approach. Yes. (*Brief pause*) Can somebody maybe hand him the mic. That would be wonderful. Thank you.

BROTHER JAMES: Thank you, thank you. Thank you (*inaudible*).

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Your name and residential address, sir.

BROTHER JAMES: Assalamualaikum. Brother... (*inaudible*). My bro... Brother James. I live at 515 5th Street NW... uh, Canton, Ohio, Wilson Pointe Apartments right here in downtown Canton. And... uh, I want to begin with a great man, Martin Luther King, Jr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Vietnam War called for a ceasefire. And in calling for this ceasefire, he took a great deal of flak, a lot of people turned against him. Maybe this is even part of the reason why certain factions wanted to kill him. In his speech... as soon as I find my place here... in 1967 at Riverside Church, King detailed the devastating costs of the Vietnam War and described millions of children and women who were killed by American bombs in the sixties. Bombs and bullets, and the poor masses were... were not spared to slaughter, only to face a slow and painful death of disease and starvation just as it is now in Gaza. Then King turned to his so called enemy, the North Vietnamese, even if we do not condone their actions, King said in his speech, surely we must see that the men we supported pressed them to their violence. They were pressed into violence. Surely we must see that our own computerized plans of destruction simply dwarf their greatest acts. In the fight for justice and humanity, King's words resonate today. Unlike in King's time, sixty-one percent of potential voters support a permanent ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Anti-war protests abound across the nation and across this world. We can in the United States, as King would ask the nation, move forward from here. In the 1960's King grappled with the very question on one hand and he felt a deep solidarity with the Jewish struggle against the persecution, and on the other hand he rejected the violence of occupation of the Palestinian lands that would run counter to this noble cause. He saw resolution...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Te... ten seconds, sir.

BROTHER JAMES: Okay. He saw resolution through a commitment of breaking cycles of violence and practicing (*buzzer sounds*)... worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concerns. We are neighbors. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir.

BROTHER JAMES: And after peace. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. And our final speaker this evening is Nadine Salem, and if Nadine Salem could approach and give us your name and residential address, ma'am.

NADINE SALEM: Uh... Nadine Salem, 8220 North Casswell Circle. Council Members, my name is Nadine Salem. I'm an engineer, recent graduate from the University of Akron, 2018 graduate from Hoover High School and a lifelong member of this community. Today, however, I'm speaking to you as a Palestinian American. One of my favorite memories of my childhood was sitting in my fifth grade class at Northwood Elementary with Mrs. (*pronounced "Du-meeko"*), celebrating our heritage during Dia de la Raza with my

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classmates. One student came dressed in a kilt, another with cookies made by her grandmother with countless others proudly representing their roots, Scotland, Italy, Argentina and of course Palestine. Memories like that flood my mind as I think about this community embraced me and my background. They embraced the part of me that held my parents' homeland in my heart. They listened empathetically as I recounted stories from my own travels back home and the hardships my family endured under Israeli occupation. As I reflect on those memories, however, I can't help but ask... but ask myself why is today any different? My community will listen to my stories, eat our food and embrace our culture, even give condolences after seeing the news, but why won't they stand up for injustice? I was born and raised in North Canton, but what if instead of Northwood Elementary I had grown up as a fifth grader in Palestine. What are the odds that I'd become one of over twelve thousand children murdered in cold blood by an Israeli air strike. I ask myself that everyday. There's an alternate world where instead of paying taxes here in the U.S., I was killed by a missile paid by those same tax dollars. Council Members, now is the time to prove to us, your Palestinian constituents here in Northeast Ohio, that we belong and that you put... you believe that our people deserve to live. The reality on the ground is dyer, entire residential buildings leveled, hospitals bombed, people gunned down by Israeli soldiers while lining up for flour. War crime after war crime after war crime, all funded by 3.8 billion dollars of our tax money every year. As the holy month of Ramadan begins today for myself and many Muslims around the world, it reminds me to be grateful for the blessing of being able to break my fast each night after sunset. But my heart aches knowing that in Gaza a small child is crying in starvation as her mother stares at her helplessly with nothing to provide. Inaction is complicity. You're probably thinking to yourself that local resolutions don't matter, that talking about this today here in Canton, Ohio is pointless, but while we can't stop the destruction and violence by our vote here in one day, passing a ceasefire resolution condemning the violence is a principled stance in solidarity with basic human rights. With each community that stand up and passes a resolution, support of Palestinian lives, we are making a small but impactful step towards a shift in how our Federal government participates in these atrocities. There is no excuse. When I teach my future children about their heritage, let it be pride in a free and thriving Palestine, not through old photos of what once was. When I share where I'm from... (*buzzer sounds*) (*inaudible*)... not feeding memories of an imprisoned homeland. When the world asks what happened to Palestine, let it be a story of justice prevailing, not a cautionary tale of how history has once again repeated itself.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, ma'am.

NADINE SALEM: I urge you to be on the right side of history today and call for a ceasefire. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Thank you very much. We are now under...

MEMBER SMITH: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Oh, I'm sorry.

MEMBER SMITH: Madam President, would you let the Minutes...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yeah... oh, you're here. Oh my goodness, you snuck in on me.

MEMBER SMITH: Yeah, I did. (*Chuckles*) I just wanted the Minutes to reflect that I am here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And THE Chris Smith has entered the building. Welcome. They said you never miss.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Communications. 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 MARCH 11, 2024.

1. REQ TO VACATE A PORTION OF 7TH ST SW TO THE WEST OF COOK AVE SW (LOT 209340 AND 10017360). – APPLICANT SCOTT McHENRY
2. REQ FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERTIFICATION DATED 2/29/24. – AUDITOR MALLONN
3. STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION DATED 2/29/24. – AUDITOR MALLONN
4. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR FEBRUARY, 2024. – CHIEF BENNETT
5. REQ C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT TRF FROM SIYAMAN INC. TO MAY MAA 1 LLC @ 2502 11TH ST SW, 1ST FL (WARD 3). – LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
6. REQ ACCEPTANCE OF PARK FOUNDATION DONATION; EMERGENCY (VARIOUS SUPP APPROP). – SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
7. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 2/29/24. – TREASURER PEREZ
8. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 2/29/24. – 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 #9.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCES #9 THROUGH #13 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#9. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-150 LIGHTNING OR OTHER SIMILAR EV TRUCK; OR TO ALTERNATIVELY PURCHASE SAID VEHICLES PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- O#10. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

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- O#11. (1ST RDG) 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 THRESHOLDS(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 OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED 105.14 WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS; AMENDING THE 2024 FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- O#12. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SEARS BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT AND TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT UTILIZING ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; WAIVES THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.09 FOR PURCHASES APPROVED THROUGH THIS ORDINANCE; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14 WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement Committee
- O#13. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MS CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING THE STA-CR-225 PERRY DRIVE NW WIDENING AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AMENDING THE FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #14.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCES #14 THROUGH #25 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#14. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION FOR BLENDED FAMILY HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,722.44; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE MORAL OBLIGATION IS PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#15. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2025 ON THE REVIEW AND ISSUANCE OF ANY ZONING PERMITS, BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, OR OTHER LICENSES OR PERMITS FOR SMALL BOX DISCOUNT RETAIL STORES IN THE CITY OF CANTON, ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, AND MAJOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS OF: FULTON ROAD, CLEVELAND AVENUE, MARKET AVENUE, AND TUSCARAWAS STREET; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#16. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF OUTLOTS 1164 AND 1411; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#17. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF ALL OF LOTS 1573 AND 1574, AND PART OF LOTS 1617, 1618, 43166, AND 43167; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#18. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF LOTS 6095, 6096, 6097, AND 6098, ALL OF LOTS 6093, 6099, 6100, AND 6101 AND A 10' AND A 20' ALLEY AND HALF OF A 15' ALLEY; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#19. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF LOTS 37959, AND 37960, AND ALL OF LOTS 37961 AND 37962; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#20. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 7887 AND 7888; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#21. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 13665 AND 13666; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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- O#22. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENTSION TO WICKER CREEK NO. 6; 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
- O#23. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS FOR DESIGN OF THE MOUNT VERNON AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 227/2023; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$206,300.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER FUND TO 5201 207089 MOUNT VERNON AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – OTHER; \$10,500.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF SEWER OPERATING FUND TO 5410 207089 MOUNT VERNON AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – OTHER)
- O#24. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$9,670 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAM, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE TRAINING OF FIVE (5) OFFICERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO RENAME THE 2817 JOBS OHIO FUND TO 2817 FY 23 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JAG GRANT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 227/2023; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$15,450.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2817 FY 23 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JAG GRANT FUND TO 2817 102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER; \$15,450.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN – ADV OUT FOR \$9,670.00 AND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN – TRANSFER OUT FOR \$5,780.00; \$9,670.00 INTER-FUND ADV FR 1001 102001 ADVANCE OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2817 102001 ADVANCE IN; \$5,780.00 INTER-FUND TRF FR 1001 102001 TRANSFER OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2817 102001 TRANSFER IN)
- O#25. (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 44/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY HALL LIGHTING PROJECT AND THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER/SERVICE CENTER LIGHTING PROJECT (PROJECTS) AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE PROJECTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules on Ordinance #25.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspended the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #25. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

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

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #25.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #25. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 44/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #25 has been adopted.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third and Final Reading and vote. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #26.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCES #26 THROUGH #28 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#26. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 45/2024** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$725,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO MAKE A LOAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #26.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 45/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #26 is adopted. Ordinance #27, please.

O#27. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 46/2024** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,750,000.00 TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, FURNISHING OR EQUIPPING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #27.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 46/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and number... uh, Ordinance #27 is adopted. Ordinance #28, please.

O#28. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 47/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DOWNTOWN CANTON PARTNERSHIP, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 PER YEAR FOR TWO YEARS, FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2024 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2026 UTILIZING ISSUE 13 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #28.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded. Are there any remarks?

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 47/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #28 is adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is March the 18th, 2024, and due to the Finance situation, the Committee Meetings will start at 6:00 PM. Finance Committee.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President, Finance will meet at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Uh... Public Property Capital Improvement Committee.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Madam President, Public Property Capital Improvement will meet March 18th at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business for tonight? And I see Member Morris hot on the mic. Sir.

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President. To our audience, I cannot speak for anybody else up here. I can only speak for myself. I sympathize with you and I agree with you. A ceasefire has to happen. Too many innocent people, children especially, are losing their life. A point has been made by Israel, but everything has its limitations. Justice in Ukraine, with the Gaza Strip, we desperately want peace in the world, and I for one will speak that. Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Morris. Continuing under Miscellaneous Business, does anyone else have a comment? I see...

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Mister... uh, Member Giavasis.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: I would like to echo the sentiments and comments of Member Morris also.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Giavasis. (*Applause*) Member... Member Sacco.

MEMBER SACCO: I also like to... with Morris said. I agree with that. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Sacco. Okay. Are there any other miscellaneous comments? Okay. Thank you all very much. Uh... Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, and we are adjourned. Thank you all for coming. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:44 PM

ATTEST: March 13, 2024

APPROVED:

ELIZABETH WENSEL
CLERK OF COUNCIL PRO TEM

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD
PRESIDENT