

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING MARCH 18, 2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Good evening ladies and gentlemen, sorry for the slight delay. We had obviously a little bit longer...committee tonight. So good evening all of you and welcome to City Council. If everyone please make sure your cell phones are on vibrate. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Madam Clerk.

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

CLERK WOOD: Twelve present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Tonight's invocation was to be given by Ward 8 Councilmember, Richard Sacco. If you'll please stand and remain standing for our Pledge of Allegiance.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on March 18, 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 Ward 8 Council Member, Richard Sacco. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.*

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

PRESIDENT BATES-AYLWARD: And thank you Member Sacco. We are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President...Madam President, I...I move we suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinances #13 through 17 back to this evenings Agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second....second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded...Hearing no remarks, roll call, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinances 13 through 17 are now a legal part of your agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are none...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. We have seven speakers for this evening. Uh...I think most of you have been here before, but just a reminder you will have three minutes to speak. And

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when you come forward we would like you to state your name and residential address. Our first speaker is Rami Hamdan.

RAMI HAMDAN: My name is Rami Hamdan 7692 Peachmont Ave NW. Uh...so I'm just here to ask you guys again to vote on a proposal for cease fire in the Gaza strip. Uh...it's interesting I was listening to you guys talk about being environmentally friendly. The most environmentally friendly thing you could do is to stop bombing...uh...and sending weapons and causing destruction on land. Especially on innocent people. I have tons of photos of...of baby...there was a...the United States dropped aid actually. I was really interesting...uh...the air drop of aid right, you know with a parachute and everything. And we watched moments later the Israeli bomb that exact location, where there was staring innocent people running for food. You know...I mean it's...I hear you guy talking about a vehicle, which I personally...I deal with cell phones all day. I deal with lithium batteries all day. I don't think that lithium is sustainable especially if you care about how it's sourced...you know... in the Congo, where it comes from. And there is slave labor used to get this lithium out the mines. It's in my opinion, not environmentally friendly, but the environmentally friendly thing is to stop the bombing. Stop the sensation of fire...uh...we are fast right now it's our month of Ramadan. So, I just watched a video of a guy who is in a hospital giving...help to patients all day and he asked the people not to post pictures of food because he's also fasting all day and he had to break his fast with flavor water. Right, this is our fault, this is an American people's fault. We paid for this, we let the Israelis do whatever they want. We let them go and they're actually trying to destroy this Country actively. You know we have open our eyes and see that we need help here. Specially in Canton, Ohio...especially here. We need to put money into the schools, we need to out money into the...the homeless people. We need to you know, we don't need to worry about (*inaudible*) people (*laughing*). That's the last thing we need to be worried about I'm sorry. We need to worry about putting into the kids here. The Football Hall of Fame also is a...is...we need to...we need put money into the schools. We need to put money into teachers...you know. We should raise the pay of teachers not the...the law enforcement as much. I mean with law enforcement is important but not as much as it...you know at that level. We should be putting money into the schools. Not into all these extra...curricular things. It should be into the children and it should be to teachers and teaching because I talk to kids all day. They are not at the level they need to be in education. Especially in this city. So, once again I'm asking you for a cease of fire...uh...please vote on it. It's the easiest thing you can do. The President did it finally...and it's politically uh...advantageous for you right as well.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you sir. (*Applause*) Our next speaker if is Errick Freeman.

ERRICK FREEMAN: Hello.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Hi.

ERRICK FREEMAN: 1129 7<sup>th</sup> St NW. I know this cannot be 12 inches cause that's a foot. The Arts in its purest forms is not meant to be confined with the boundaries of any individual group or entity. It's a means of self-expression transcending labels in societal norms. However, when the arts are used to exploits others it loses its authenticity and should no longer be called as such. Instead it because a mere tool for profit and self-interest. I came across a discussion that shed light on the paradox within our local art community. In an online art group a question was posed, what's the best way to gain exposure for your art and attract more people to it. A local artist responded, "Create art that sells." I laughed because this response, all those seemingly innocent, implies that the sole purpose of art is to be marketable to become famous. It's a mindset that diminishes the true essence of art. Regrettably, there are individuals within a creative field how are willing to sacrifice the artistic integrity of our local art community and pursue them influence and fame. However, in their pursuit they become monolithic figures forsaking their artistic integrity for personal gain. I...I recently watched an online video

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where an artist accurately stated...“The arts aren’t elevating and the conversations are become cheaper.” This sentiment resonates with the current state of the creative community. *(Microphone went out)* ...works are often attributed to single artist. Neglecting the contributions of the entire group. Some local individuals have exploited...and undermine our communities for financial gain. All in the name of social media validation. These issues are not isolated incidence. They permeate our community but locally and internationally. *(Microphone went out)*...have in common is the manipulation of upper connects to gain an advantage. Refocusing on the main point of this *(Microphone went out)*...we should not be exploited. *(Microphone went out)*...personal possession. The arts will always be about expressive freedoms. There’s no reason to involve oneself in the arts if lacking creativity. *(Buzzer)*...just as you wouldn’t hire a plumber to do an electricians job, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. *(Applause)* Our next speaker is Moncef Ben Abid. If you could please...give us your residential address for the record.

MONCEF BEN ABID: Dear Council Members. My name is Moncef, last name Ben Abid. Uh...I love at 1300 Dunkeith Dr. NW Canton, Ohio 44708. I would like to mention first my purpose of this speech. I am pleading that...asking you to adopt and pass a Resolution for a fire in Gaza. *(Microphone went out)*...a daily bases the atrocities of *(Microphone went out)*...on the Palestinians are merciless and have gone beyond any limit that any of us can sit in his mind. *(Microphone went out)*. It is not acceptable. It went way beyond *(inaudible)*. We are not into *(inaudible)* politics. Instead we are standing with kids, women, elders and humanity is...as a whole. To those who are not *(inaudible)*...I want to tell them that over thirty-one thousand people were killed. Among those twenty-one are women and kids. Let’s stand in the right side of history...by passing *(Microphone went out)* Let us be a reminder that we stood by the humanity. Let’s say no to cruelty, to ethnic cleansing, to manmade anger, to forcible displacement, to bloodshed. Let’s say no to all this. The world will end one day for sure. And the history *(inaudible)* were we stood from this. The history will *(inaudible)* what we did for this. This is a...this is a historical inhuman uh...event and we need to choose what to stand from it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. *(Applause)* Our next speaker is Ahmed Cheema.

AHMED CHEEMA: Respected Councilmembers and...fellow Canton residents, salaam alaikum peace be with you. Peace in Gaza, peace in the region, the world stopping the genocide...is again the reason why I’m here. I will borrow some words...uh...Congressman Ro Khanna. Not because, to show my political affiliation or...or any...thing of that sort. Just that these word were very simple, but kind of hit home you know with me. I’ve been watching this and following the...the...the atrocities for a long time, but uh...he mentioned these while he said that he would vote no, on the seventeen billion dollar...uh...aid package which is a blank check to...the...Israeli region. And he said “It is painfully obvious to the entire world, that what is needed today is a permit cease fire and a release of hostages. There come moments in a nation’s history when our actions reveal our values. This is such a moment.” Again, so if you think our values, your values than better then turning a blind eye to genocide in Gaza and the occupied territories, then this is our place...and it does matter. That the council brings forth the Resolution against genocide. Let’s focus on the issue on the issue at hand and not get derailed by...the whataboutism, a new that I learned. Uh...you know it’s prevalent in media...very prevalent. And uh...another thing you know, talking about revenue and investments as we were earlier...uh this Resolution is an investment in our future generations. There’s no monetary value attached to it, sure...maybe. Well there is like I just mentioned, seventeen billion dollars plus some, but it will pay dividends...in liberty and justice for all of humanity. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And real quick sir could give us your residential address?

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AHMED CHEEMA: I'm apologize...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's not a problem...

AHMED CHEEMA: 5155 Foxchase Ave NW.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thanks, just for the record thank you. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Miss Kim Bell.

KIM BELL: Kimberly Bell 1733 Morris Ave. In honor of your religion, I'm fasting today and tomorrow. Ok from my understanding, you guys voted to...or you're working on stop....uh...all these dollar stores from coming in the area. Can you explain why Five Below is moving into the Rue 21 plaza right there where Walmart is. Five and Below is moving in there. I happen to be...be going to work one day and I pulled up...but I went in there a bought a lot of the Rue 21 stuff when they were going out of business for my little boutique I want to open. But...I asked them what are you putting in here and they said a Five and Below is going in here. Who okayed that? Like Meijer, do we need another grocery store in the Stark County area? I understand it's not in the City, but you can best believe our City earnings and or dollars...the clocks not moving. That our money...our City dollars and our earnings is...is going to that store. Stop turning your heads to look the other way. Did these billionaires come to open up these stores in our City? I remember Walmart could not open a store in certain states. Wouldn't allow them to come in. Why did you...why did you all...why...I know it's not in the City, Meijer is not in the City, but I'm pretty sure you have some say so over somethings that goes on in the County. And you said you was going to change the game...you...you...you claim every time we elect you, that this is going to change and that's going to change and that's going to change. So, let's change the business of this chamber. I...I asked you the first...I asked the last Mayor and I'm asking this Mayor to come up with...I mean it won't take all the time, but come up with a way to let us leave with answers that we...with to questions that we came in here too...asked you. It's...you got...we got three minutes to talk, I'm sure it won't take you, whoever decides to answer the question...it won't take you three minutes to answer the question. Figure something different out. It's a reason why we put you in office. Figure something out to help us. You know...you know...I...yea I know how I feel about murder the of James Williams. You turned your head away from that incident. When...when Canton Police Officer killed that man in his home, in his backyard cause he's firing off a gun on New Years, which we all do, I don't...I don't...I can't own a gun but...you...you...you turned your heads to that one. And that night those six little girls who saw their father murdered, had to go back into the home and clean up their father's blood. They had to clean up their father's blood that they witness the Canton Police Officer her...murdered him. And you all looked the other way. Can somebody raise their hand and asked who checked on Marquetta and the girls since...since this incident? You're not talking you're just raising your hand. Nobody checked on those six little girls who cleaned up their father's blood. Every now and then I do cook a meal and take them a roast and potatoes or a pot of spaghetti or a pan lasagna I'll cook. But I'm...I'm...I'm always in contact with Marquetta because that....

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Nine seconds.

KIM BELL: ...wasn't called for. Stop looking the other way.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Miss Bell. (*Applause*) Our next speakers last name is Johnson and I cannot read the first name starts with a B? I'm sorry I can't read that handwriting so, sir could you give us your name and your residential address please.

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BRION JOHNSON: Forgive me uh...My mom always said I should've been a doctor (*Laughter*). My name is Brion Johnson I'm from Alliance, Ohio, 1390 South Liberty Ave. I am here with my family uh...members Masjid Alrahman of Canton. Once again I'm here to speak with...speak with you on the issue of a demand for a cease fire. If I could take a moment please...(turns to the audience) *\*Can I ask for your daughter to stand up brother...can I can I ask your son to stand up\** ...(turns to face Council). On either side of me, which you looking at is two very young children. Look at their faces. Do you see the joy of life in them? The positivity of what the future might hold for them? As we speak in Palestine, thousands of children just like these two, they're not running around with joy in their eyes. They're not looking forward to the future. They're lying in linen sacks, sown up to the neck...their faces are exposed but they don't look like children anymore. The fat...the fatty tissue is gone from beneath their skin. Their skin itself is gone from that joyest lif...ligh...lively look. To a pale dead cast because they are in fact dead. The starved to death. This isn't an issue of short term...they didn't get food here or there. They haven't eaten since October. They're families as we speak are eating a combination of hay, oats, sand, and water either the nearby gutter or an ocean. I served in the Navy from 1991 to 1997. One thing I had to learn was how to survive incase my ship sunk. I was taught extensively about ocean water. I'm certain you understand that the salinity of the ocean water not contribute to what a person needs from water. In facts it detracts from it. This is Canton, Ohio...it isn't New York, it isn't Chicago, but it is the home of the Football Hall of Fame. Don't for one minute think your voices don't matter. They do. And on an international stage your voice is just as loud as New York, Chicago, or LA. I'm begging you...on the behalf of thousands and children...thousands of children in Palestine...speak loud, speak strong, speak as your morals would demand. Ask for an end to the fighting and a change to feed the children. I'm done.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Applause*) Our last speaker is Eissa Attar...I believe. And of you could give us your name and residential address sir.

EISSA ATTAR: Good evening everyone. My name is Eissa Attar I resided at 4632 11<sup>th</sup> St NW Canton, Ohio. Uh...thank you for giving me the opportunity. Uh...what I ask for the same thing with the others before me about the cease fire Resolution, to save the lives in Gaza. What is happening Gaza is beyond any description beyond any imagination. There are thousands and thousands women and children get killed for no reason except they are Palestinian. Their homes are gone...destroyed. And most of you may would ask what would this Resolution would do, what would change in the ground. Why should we do it here? (*Inaudible*) a short story. In 2008, my son used to a student at Ohio State University. I would go visit him every month in Columbus. And whenever I go there, on the corner of one of the streets...stood a man and wife with a sign that says stop the war in Iraq. And every time I go visit my son, this couple were there. Rain, shine, snow, cold, they were there. One day I stopped and talked to them and I asked them "What's going on here? Why you doing this I just want to know." And he said "Well you are the only one who asked us that. Many people ask the same thing. Why you it, why do you care, what would do, what would change anything." He said "I'll do it because I want everybody that knows me...my coworkers, my people that go to the church, my neighbors, my friends, that I stand for...

***\*Fire alarm goes off\****

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Oh that's not you. I don't know what's going on. Just hold on one moment. It's the fire alarm.

EISSA ATTAR: I didn't does this though (*laughing*).

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I know you did not (*laughter*). The officer went to go check it so just give us a second to see if we have to evacuate.

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EISSA ATTAR: I wanted a more (*inaudible*) like this, but not like this (*laughing*).

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes...I'm sorry sir I think that was...yea you still have time if you would like.

EISSA ATTAR: (*Inaudible*) So, again...when I visit my son I would standing in the road. When get to talk to them I was asking the same thing like all of us do. Why do you it, what make change in the ground, would change anything in the ground. And he told me the same thing I would tell you. (*Inaudible*) he said "I want all all the people I know...all the friends, neighbors, coworkers, the people I go to church with that I said for stopping this war. I stand for saving the lives of innocent life (*inaudible*) in the war. Then he went say that "And someday when I meet my Lord I want him to know that I did everything possible within my power to stop this war. And I (*inaudible*) the same thing. This Resolution might make change in the ground. Might not the stop the killing or death, but what it would do....it would send a clear and loud message that even though we don't know these people, even though we don't to share the message with them, even though we don't share their faith or value or the color of their skin...we stand with the humanity. We stand with the saving of life with children and women who are killed for no reason (*inaudible*) except they are Palestinians. So, again I hope that you pass this Resolution. When you think about this, you think about the life of the women and children. And if we all act that way and we all look at this as women and children as humans like us this would be a better place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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 18, 2024.***

1. REO APPROVAL OF UPDATED CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR CIVIL SERVICE DEPT; EMERGENCY
2. REO REAPPTS OF MR. JAMES REINHARD AND MR. CHET WARREN TO SARTA BOARD COMMENCING 4/1/24 TO 3/31/27
3. REO REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 3695 AND ALL OF LOT 3696. PARCELS 219433 & 227631, WARD 2 (CANTON FOR ALL PEOPLE, 1327 & 1329 LOGAN AVE NW)
4. REO REPLAT OF ALL OF LOT 566. PARCELS 229452, 229453, 229254 & 223352, WARD 9 (JONATHAN DEMYAN, 2410 MAPLE AVE NE)
5. REO REPLAT OF LOTS 3806-3810, 3814, 6557, 19564, 38911, 39968-39974, PART OF LOTS 3805, 3811-3813, PART OF OUTLOT 90 AND VACATION AND REPLAT OF 56' WIDE 7TH ST SW FROM COOK AVE SW TO 78.03' WEST OF COOK AVE SW. PARCELS 209340, 211144, 243883 & 10017360, WARD 4 (GREENER PROPERTIES, 719 COOK AVE SW)
6. REO AUTH OF \$23,914.53 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM 2024 OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; AMEND APPROP O#227/2023; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO ARPA BONUS - PERSONNEL)

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7. REQ 105.04 EMERGENCY RPT FOR DEMO OF 2318 13TH ST NE COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE; EMERGENCY
8. REQ AUTH OF COUNCIL CLERK TO CERTIFY LIST OF UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMO SERVS TO STARK COUNTY AUDITOR; EMERGENCY
9. REQ WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO 18TH STREET SW IN PERRY TWP; EMERGENCY
10. REQ PAYMENT OF MORAL OB AND ALL NECESSARY AGRMTS TO FINALIZE PID 93376 - MARKET AVE WIDENING PROJ, GP 1194 WITH ODOT; EMERGENCY
11. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 2/29/24

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under First Reading Ordinances...and Formal Resolutions for their First Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please start with Ordinance #12.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCE #12 FOR IT'S FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#12. (1<sup>st</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT \$150,000 IN DONATED FUNDS FROM THE PARK FOUNDATION; AMENDING THE FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, POLICE ADMIN AND FIRE ADMIN FUNDS)  
Referred to Finance Committee

***\*Fire alarm goes off\****

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Just pause for a moment. Okay, I'm sorry about that folks. I'm not sure... what's...what's wrong with that, but continue on Madam Clerk.

MADAM CLERK: We're now at Second Readings.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Oh I'm sorry did you finish the...I couldn't hear...you finish that (*laughing*).

MADAM CLERK: I did.

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright, I'm sorry. We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #13.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #13 THROUGH #17 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#13. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO

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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

- O#14. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#15. (2<sup>ND</sup> 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
- O#16. (2<sup>ND</sup> 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
- O#17. (2<sup>ND</sup> 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



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WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AMENDING THE FINAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk.

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions...for their Third Final Reading and vote. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #18.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #18 THROUGH #28 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#18. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2024** 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

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18.

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 WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 48/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #18 is adopted. Ordinance #19, please.

O#19. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2024** 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

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #19.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #19. Are there any remarks?  
... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 1 NAYS  
(MEMBER GIAVASIS VOTED NAY)

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

**#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 49/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #19 is adopted. Ordinance #20, please.

O#20. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 50/2024** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF OUTLOTS 1164 AND 1411; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #20.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #20. Are there any remarks?  
... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 50/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #20 is adopted. Ordinance #21, please.

O#21. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2024** 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

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #22.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: #21, yea.

MEMBER MARIOL: 21 I'm sorry.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #21. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 51/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #21 is adopted. Ordinance #22, please.

O#22. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2024** 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

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #22.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #22. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#22 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 52/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #22 is adopted. Ordinance #23, please.

O#23. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 53/2024** 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

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #23.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #23. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#23 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 53/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #23 is adopted. Ordinance #24, please.

O#24. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 54/2024** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 7887 AND 7888; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #24.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #24. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#24 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 54/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #24 is adopted. Ordinance #25, please.

O#25. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 55/2024** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 13665 AND 13666; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #25. Are there any remarks?

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MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes...Member...Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: According to Council rule if a piece of legislation comes down and it...is directed to one Ward and one Ward only, the Ward Councilman is to be contacted. Moving forward can we please be contacted when a piece of legislation is coming down in our Ward. Not that I that I'm opposed to it, but I would just like a courtesy email or something telling me it's come down, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. I'm sure that has been heard, Member Morris. Are there any other remarks under this particular...uh piece of legislation which is for Habitat?... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 55/2024**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Motion carries and Ordinance #25 is adopted. Ordinance #26, please.

O#26. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 56/2024** 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

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #26. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 56/2024**

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

O#27. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 57/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL

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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)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #27. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 57/2024**

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

O#28. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 58/2024** 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)

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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 moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #28. Are there any remarks? ... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

**#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 58/2024**

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Our Committee Meetings will start at 6:45 PM...Finance

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President, uh...Finance will meet at 6:45 for our next meeting.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And Personnel.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Personnel will meet at 6:45 PM for Committee, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business...

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Business...

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Boy you're quick on the draw, yes sir.

MEMBER MORRIS: It wasn't Miscellaneous Business, Announcement of Committees, Personnel will be meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Oh I'm sorry...I'm sorry...I miss read that. I'm sorry.

MEMBER MORRIS: Yea well, it is a...uh just a Committee Meeting so a little word. It's open to the public however, we will move to go into Executive Session immediately when we meet, thank you.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Because of Personnel, should we move that meeting to 6:30 PM?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We may wish to move that...to...6:30 if we want to have an Executive Session. Madam...Clerk...

MEMBER MARIOL: Mad...Madam President, I...I...think there might be some confusion on the dates. Finance is going to be on Monday, where...if I'm...I'm not mistaken Personnel is going to be this Wednesday, is that correct...Chairman?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's not what it says...I don't know.

MADAM CLERK: There is also a Personnel Committee for next Monday...for appointments. So next Monday, our Committee Meetings will be Finance and Personnel. Our second meeting will be on...

MEMBER MORRIS: Wednesday...this...the 20<sup>th</sup>.

MADAM CLERK: What time?

MEMBER MORRIS: 3:00 PM, 24 hour notice.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright just to clarify for everyone because I was a little confused myself, We will have regular Committee Meetings next Monday. There will be matters for the Personnel Committee to handle and Finance. There's also going to be...another meeting of the Personnel Committee to go into Executive Session on Wednesday to discuss...uh some Personnel issues, so.

MEMBER BABCOCK: We stick with 6:45?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, we'll stick with 6:45 since that others on a different day. Alright, not that straightened out...uh...we are now under Miscellaneous Business and is there any Miscellaneous Business that anyone would like to discuss? Alright hearing none, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded. Roll call vote please, Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Twelve yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. This meeting is adjourned, thank you for coming.



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ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:51 PM

ATTEST:  
JILL M. WOOD  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:  
KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD  
PRESIDENT