

MINUTES OF THE MEETING APRIL 15, 2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Good evening ladies and gentlemen... uh and welcome to Canton City Council. It's good to see all of you. 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 vote please.

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 PRO TEM WENSEL: Twelve present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Tonight's invocation will be given by Council Member-at-Large, Lou...Louis Giavasis. If you'll all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on April 15, 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 Council Member-at-Large, Louis Giavasis. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Before we get started I just want to say, it's so wonderful to see all these young people... in our audience. Our future is here so please, I just want to say welcome. I'm so thrilled that you're all here. So, just... could you guys just give them a round of applause. They came out here... *(Applause)* it's just... it's just really awesome so thank you.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay, we are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinance #19 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinance #19 to this evening's agenda. 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 and Ordinance #19 is a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Public Hearings, and we do have one Public Hearing for this evening. Madam Clerk, would you please announce the Public Hearing.

CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TEXT TO CHAPTER 1131 - DEFINITIONS SMALL BOX AND CHAPTER 1148 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS (SMALL BOX DISCOUNT RETAIL STORES) OF PART ELEVEN, PLANNING AND ZONING CODE

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this Ordinance, please come forward to the podium. I will repeat, is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this particular Ordinance. Seeing no one step forward, the Chair declares the public hearing over in regard to this matter. And the matter now rests in the hands of Council. The Ordinance will follow later 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 seven speakers this evening. Uh... I'll remind those of you who have not been here, if there is anyone that has not been here, you have three minutes to speak and you can watch your time on the... on the uh... jumbotron. And uh... please uh... respect the three minutes so everyone has their chance to speak. Our first speaker is Rami Hamdan. Please step forward and give us your name and your residential address, sir.

RAMI HAMDAN: Rami Hamdan, 7692 Peachmount Ave. Uh... hello respected members of City Council. Uh... I know the statement you know you said last time, but we're not going to give up. We're here today again to get your guys support for an Informal Resolution for a ceasefire. It has been documented extensively that the atrocities committed on a daily basis... are considered genocide. And there is no justification for this. We need you to stand up for justice. We need you to stand up for humanity and we need you to stand up for us. I think to myself on daily bases what am I going to say at the next meeting, uh... mostly in shower (*he laughs*). These people must be hearing us they must be seeing what's going on. They can't be completely blinded by the racist rhetoric about Muslims and Palenstians and Arabs. That we deserve this type of treatment. Why don't they just do it to get rid of us. You know you have better things to do... you know like stuff for the city. Just do it to get rid of us. Uh... but it must be something deeper... I'm not sure. Uh... but for my Christian brothers and sisters... we have to remember that Jesus or (*inaudible*) like his mother called him, was a Palestinian. And he would 100% stand for a ceasefire... and there's no doubt in that. Palestinians are his people. Uh... I'm just going to give you a little update on what's been going on today. Northern areas of the Gaza Strip are facing an unprecedented health and environmental crisis. Threatening serious health and environmental consequences for over 700,000 residents... amid accumulating mountains of waste, hundreds of temporary mass graves and rubble from various areas. Over 75,000 tons of waste are scattered while hundreds of thousands of tons of rubble and debris from homes destroyed by the occupation that are also present. This waste has led to the spread of infectious disease among the thousands of citizens including hepatitis and skin disease and has become a fertile environment for the (*inaudible*) flies, mosquitoes, insects, and harmful reptiles. The environmental impact is exasperated by citizens setting fire to it causing harmful smoke pollution. The piles of rubble and degree from homes containing the decomposed bodies of thousands of martyrs represents... I'm sorry you guys...uh represent a serious health and environmental health crisis as odors emanate from them. Subjecting them to disturbance by animals and stray dogs. Increasing the transmission of diseases and infections and compromising the human dignity of these martyrs who have not been very (*inaudible*). Adding to this catastrophic scene is the spread of hundreds of temporary mass graves. They were killing people in the hospital and then hiding them...you under mass graves. So we really need you guys to just put in an Informal Resolution to say...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ten seconds...

RAMI HAMDAN: ...ceasefire... we're on the brink of World War 3. I don't know if you guys been aware of what's going on with Iran, it's because Israel has been unchecked. So we need to check them and say ceasefire.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Your time is up, sir thank you. Our next speaker is... Josiah Ali (*Applause*). Josiah Ali... there he is. If you'll please uh... approach and give us your name and residential address, thank you sir.

JOSIAH ALI: Thank you. My name is Josiah Ali... uh... lifelong resident of Canton, Ohio 200 South High Street. Uh... 200 High St SW. So I'd like to remind the Council of the ini... iniqu... uh I'd actually like to speak to uh...the people actually in this room. As well as the Council...uh of the inevitability of what is to come in the days leading, the war and conflict in Palestine. **Speaker took a moment of silence** That is what we'll be leading. The end of everything we know... as humanity. Again I must remind you... the enemy of the so called Jews that are occupying Palestine, the Zionist, sees each and every one of us in this building as gentiles. And their mission is to bring heaven on earth. And in their heaven... gentiles do not belong. So, a ceasefire for Palestine is ceasefire for Canton, Ohio. A ceasefire for Palestine is a ceasefire for Ashanti Monroe. A ceasefire for Palestine is a ceasefire for Crystal Smith...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Uh... please don't... don't address them personally. We don't do that. Don't address them personally...

JOSIAH ALI: A ceasefire for Palestine is ceasefire for every single human being in this room. A ceasefire for Palestine is ceasefire for every single human being in this room. What I... what I would like to ask is like you said, the future is in this room... it's looking very bi-racial. It's looking very Palestinian. And I ask these ... these... these young leaders and... and... and these children to not be captured is the word they use when you join the illuminati, when you join the Masons, when you join the Zionist, you are captured. Do not sell your souls for worldly gain... for a world that is no longer going to exist.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Sir...sir...sir you need to address Council and not our lovely young guests. Continue.

JOSIAH ALI: I am address...okay...I'm...right. Right well, I'm being proactive.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: No, you're being out of order. So please address us with your comments.

JOSIAH ALI: Okay. That is all.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Our next speaker is Hasan Muheisen... Muhe... Muhe... I'm terrible at this, I'm sorry sir. Your name and residential address please sir.

HASAN MUHEISEN: My name Hasan Muheisen my address is 615 Rodeo St. Louisville, Ohio. I think we are here to talk peace. When we say As-Salamu Alaykum, we give you the peace from us to you. When we say As-Salamu Alaykum, also we say Shalom Aleichem in Hebrew that means peace. When we say peace that means we have to work for peace, not work for killing. Not supporting killing of the children or races. We want to save the children of Palestine. We want to save the children of also the Israelian children, not just the Palestinian children because... when I want to talk about what happened back in my family, 1948, my Uncle got killed he was a police officer in Jerusalem. He got killed and left three beautiful kids behind him. They were suffering because they lost their father for (*inaudible*) until now, some of them still alive and some of them died. When I say I'm with Gaza, the one who (*inaudible*) thirty thousand or thirty-five thousand people got killed for no reason. The reason is... just someone who asked for peace we need peace for our children, we need peace for our mind. Some of them want (*inaudible*) they want to say no, we want...we don't want peace we want piece of land. Piece of land is different than peace of mind, peace for our children. And when I say my father got

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injured also, in 1949 he even in East Jerusalem, he was suffering for almost fifty-seven years from the bullets in his leg until he died. God bless him. He was suffering from that bullet but seventy-five or eighty-five thousand people got injured in Gaza and seeing how much suffering they've had. We see a lot of children, they lost their schools... not even just in Gaza, in Jerusalem, West Bank. Even yesterday...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ten seconds...

HASAN MUHEISEN: ...the settlers attacked the civilians. That's seventy-five maybe...**Buzzer** ...and we're asking for you to support the peace and ensure that we achieve it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Applause*) ...Our next speaker is Ahmed Cheema. Mr. Cheema if you would approach and again state you name residential address.

AHMED CHEEMA: Ahmed Cheema, 5155 Foxchase Ave NW. Respected Council... members of the community, As-Salamu Alaykum peace be with you. City Councils in Akron, Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Athens, Cincinnati voted on and passed ceasefire resolutions. Similar to the one I and several other members of the Canton community have been advocating for... weeks. These City Councils just like this one... in Ohio are local governing bodies and foreign policy's decisions are beyond their purview as well. Because there is a long standing history of hostilities in the region of Israel and Palestine, that seem to restart as soon as there's a pause... that is exactly the reason why a ceasefire is more important than ever before. Enough is enough. There has been too much violence and bloodshed and disregard of basic human rights. City Councils in other cities do not have the international diplomatic sophistication to go beyond the local level, but it's one thing that Council Members in those City Councils have demonstrated, love for humanity and preservation of life. As I have said multiple times during my address to the honorable Council, this ceasefire resolution is a symbolic gesture no one expects anything else from the City Council beyond its capabilities. A few Council Members are concerned that voting on a ceasefire resolution will risk alienating members of our community. Again, I remind the Council of Akron, Dayton, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Chicago, Willington, Cambridge, Albany State College, Providence, Madison, Seattle, etc. the list goes on of the cities. Just like our city of Canton, these cities are home to people from diverse backgrounds and faith traditions. I thank all Council Members for their involvement. I know we are being heard but sometimes... I question how many are actually listening. Canton, Ohio City Council operates under the Home Rule which shifts governing power to the state, to county and municipal governments. This means that this City Council does have the ability to vote on an Informal Resolution and that is what my request is. Pass or fail... please vote.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ten seconds...

AHMED CHEEMA: ...As always we welcome the opportunity to meet with Council Members to meet outside this Executive Session because three minutes is not enough time for... **Buzzer**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Cheema. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is David Kerestes. Did I get that right? Maybe... anyway if you could give us your name and residential address please.

DAVID KERESTES: My name is uh... David Kerestes I'm at 626 Walnut Ave NE. And I'm here to speak on the word entitlement cause I'm quite baffled and befuddled and bewildered at what this country has changed since the 1919 Volstead Act that has been repealed in the Syntax come in. And bringing in the different the mindset unto the nation, but when I think about the Pledge of Allegiance and the fact that there's supposed to be justice unto all and look... uh at what I would considered my civic duty unto my nation which all have that so

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you're not outside of the ramification of yourself. You do have civic duty uh... and... and so the word is government program providing benefits to members of a specific group, senators, military, elected and employed officials... that type. So, uh... we have no Aristocracy. To me that's no more than blasphemy when you change the law and have a different... uh... entitlement for others based off who you are in this society. Uh... and then when I look at uh... how that would compromise freedom for someone who like me cause I'm not a veteran, I'm not a cop... nobody special, but I think the Emancipation Proclamation was meant for all of us. In school, I was taught we were the Totalitarian Society. So, for me I watched this nation being destroyed I watch our money going elsewhere creating weapons and wars. Bringing back PTSD which I have from Green Beret father. Uh... creating a bad society in our uh... nation. So, you know when I'm thinking that they uh... characteristic and criminal conducted in our elected and employed officials who are involved in the Syntax violating the Civil Rights as Christian... has become common action from authorities and the civilian population in this nation makes me sick to my stomach. It really does. Uh... God doesn't exist in the country like it used too. Uh... and so for me I'm just trying to cope with that. Cope with how I have fires... uh you know I dealt with my father beating me and the domestic violence came out he still did it. Nobody did anything. And I was beating at the Rikered Building by adult signing a paper saying I would sue Steve Meredith who accused me of something I didn't do. Then as I got older I watched my daughter get beaten by Dessert Storm Canton Cop black and blue and that was covered up as well. So, for me I think the beginning of the end is when you let people investigate their own people, because that's where you fail. Thank you. And I would like to say...uh...you did well cleaning up 9th St and all the people smoking meth on 2nd St, 9th St, and hanging out selling the crack in front of the stores. Whoever did it... **Buzzer**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Tina Rhodes. And if you would please approach the podium and give us your name and residential address for the record.

TINA RHODES: Tina Rhodes, 2227 Strasser Pl SW Canton, Ohio. Uh... I'm here... I'm here about the Homeless Coffee House at 800 Smith Ave. SW. Uh... it started out to be a place to help homeless people, drug addicts, uh... maybe AA people too I don't know. Uh... but it's come to be a very big nuisance... uh the people hang outside and they, and this is when they open too not just when they're closed, uh...doing drugs and ... uh... urinating on the building. Uh... things like that...uh and I just want to see something done. There's a lot of violence there. There's been cops there many times for fi... fighting and stuff between people that got there. And... uh...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And that address one more time so we can note that please...

TINA RHODES: Oh 800 Smith Ave. SW.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

TINA RHODES: It's called the Homeless Coffee House I believe is what they call it. Uh... it's right on... uh... alley where I live. Uh... Smith and Strasser. And my house is kind of caddy corner from it so I see a lot of what goes on there. And... uh sorry I'm not used to doing this.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's quite alright.

TINA RHODES: Uh... the people stay there day and night even after it closes. They're supposed to be out of there by I think it's six o' clock now. It was five but now I think it's six. And they still stay there all night hanging do... uh some of them doing drugs, some of them are getting into fights like last night. There was a big fight between two...two of them. One guy accused the other of trying to steal something from him and he went

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after him with a big old wrench. They were pounding on a big sign making noise. It was just horrible you know. I had to call the police. Uh... I... I'm even afraid to let my grandchildren come over and come outside during the day to play because these people are just there. Uh... some of them tweaking as I guess they call it today. Need another fix I guess. Uh... and like I said even during the day they urinate on the building. I've caught many of them doing that. And where I live, next to my house there was a big patch of... uh trees and stuff and we had to cut them down. I caught a man... I seen him go in there one day and there's no way out of there it's just uh... a closed place. And he was undressing and taking a bath... with a bottle water. Uh... I was not happy about that... uh... you know. And I'm really tired of the violence and the drug use and you know and uh... things like that I said about taking a bath and the you know so we had to cut all them trees down and get rid of them. Uh... and they're... steal...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ten seconds.

TINA RHODES: ...they steal I caught them... uh... looking in my car trying to open up my car door, my husband's car door. They stole stuff from the neighbors... **Buzzer** ... thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much ma'am. And if you are still around at the end of the meeting... some folks here, maybe our Safety Director and/or the Ward Councilman might be able to talk to you a little bit. Thank you so much. (*Applause*) Our last speaker is Jeffrey Rhodes. And if you could give us your name and residential address too, sir.

JEFFREY RHODES: Uh... Jeffrey Rhodes 2227 Strasser Pl SW Canton, Ohio 44706. In regards to the coffee house... uh it's also lingering over to uh... The Total Living Center. They have a deck out back. They go over there a lot of times try to break in over there. Uh...as a matter of fact I think they have broken in at one time. Uh... The neighbors behind us have had to put out expensive money for fencing, to put a privacy fence up because they go over there and tease their dogs and there's an alley behind us they leave grocery carts back there all kinds of trash. Uh... the neigh... there's another neighbor on the other side of us uh... they've had found where they have tried to make a bed I guess found teddy bears all kinds of stuff they were hiding back in there. It is really becoming a big nuisance in that area. And we've done everything that we could now it's time that we're asking for help from you. And that really about all I got to say at the moment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much coming and down and sharing your concerns.

JEFFREY RHODES: Yeah.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. (*Applause*)

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Informal Resolutions, and we have two for this evening. Uh... Madam Clerk, will you please read Informal Resolution #1 by title.

1. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH PURCH OF TWO PORTABLE GENERATOR POWERED TOW BEHIND LIGHTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

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

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #1. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #1 is adopted. Informal Resolution #2 please.

2. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM APPT OF MS. CARLA STOKES TO FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION COMMENCING 4/15/24 TO 12/31/26. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Are there any... it's been moved and seconded... sorry. Are there any remarks under this Resolution? And by the way, thank you for your service. Hearing no further remarks, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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

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 APRIL 15, 2024.

3. REQ FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERTIFICATE DATED 3/31/24. - AUDITOR MALLONN
4. REQ NEW D5J, D6 PERMIT FOR DIPIETRO ENTERPRISES 6 INC., DBA THE PIZZA OVEN HOFV STE 8A @ 2101 HOF WAY NW, WARD 7. - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OH)
5. REQ TO AMEND APPROP O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FROM GENERAL OPERATING FUND OF 2024 PRISONER EXTRADITION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT - CLEARWATER FL). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
6. REQ TO AMEND APPROP O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FROM GENERAL OPERATING FUND OF 2024 PRISONER EXTRADITION REIMBURSEMENT GRANT - MURFREESBORO TN). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY

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7. REQ PROF SERVS CONTRACT FOR WEST MANOR AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJ - PHASE I DESIGN; REQ TO AMEND O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FROM WATER WORKS FUND). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
8. REQ CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH COMMUNITY DROP-IN CTR FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS USING CDBG FUNDS; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
9. REQ PURCHASE OF PORTABLE GENERATOR POWERED TOW BEHIND LIGHTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
10. REQ AUTH OF FINAL PARTICIPATORY LEGISLATION WITH ODOT FOR STA-SR43/172-14.40/VAR, PID 101269, GP1245 (RTS 43, 43D AND 172 PAVING); REQ TO AMEND APPROP O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FROM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
11. REQ UPDATE TO CANTON CODIFIED ORD 917.09(F)(4) - TREE CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

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 #12.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCES #12 THROUGH #18 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#12. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH JSC PROPERTIES LLC TO PROVIDE REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- O#13. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE “JSC PROPERTIES LLC NON-SCHOOL TIF,” AUTHORIZING FINANCING AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS UNDER SECTION 5709.40, ET. SEQ., OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- O#14. (1ST RDG) A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL’S RECENT RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- O#15. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDEING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP AND INTER-FUND TRF FROM GENERAL OPERATING FUND AND HOFV PROJECT FUND)
Referred to Finance Committee

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- O#16. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NEEDED WITH THE BOARD OF STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE HARMONT AVE. – COLUMBUS RD. NE RESURFACING PROJECT, G.P. 1401; OR TO ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO SAID CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FINAL CLOSE OUT OF THIS PROJECT TO STARK COUNTY IN ORDER TO ACCOUNT FOR FINAL PROJECT QUANTITIES AND FINAL CHANGE ORDER; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO.61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FROM AMAZON TIF FUND)
Referred to Finance and Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- O#17. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#18. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO HIRE A CERTIFIED MASTER PLANS EXAMINER AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$95, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CONTRACT TO BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED UNLESS TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY AND RENEWED YEARLY AT AN INCREASE OF 3% OF THE HOURLY RATE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN – OTHER)
Referred to Personnel Committee

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 #19.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCE #19 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#19. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DEMOLITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DAP) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH AND COMPENSATE THE CANTON

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COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION TO ADMINISTER THE DAP;
AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANT FROM THE GENERAL
FUND, NON-INCOME TAX PORTIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$100,00.00; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND
DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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 #20.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK PRO TEM WENSEL TO READ ORDINANCES #20 THROUGH #23 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#20. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 78/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1131 DEFINITIONS SMALL BOX OF TITLE SEVEN AND CHAPTER 1148 SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF TITLE THIRTEEN OF THE CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY **PUB HRG: 4/15/24 @ 7:00 PM**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #20. 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.

#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 78/2024

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

O#21. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 79/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS OR TO ALTERNATIVELY ENTER INTO SAID CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW EXECUTE ONE OR MORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT; AND ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING BUILDING PROJECT – GP 1446; WAIVES THE INFORMAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS OF CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.09 FOR PURCHASES

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RELATED TO THIS PROJECT; AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #21.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been 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. 79/2024

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

O#22. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 80/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE 2024 SUMMER WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS AND TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE 2024 SUMMER CAMP/LEARNING PROGRAMS UTILIZING ARPA FUNDS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been 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. 80/2024

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

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O#23. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 81/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE (FMV) OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURCHASE/ACQUISITION FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES AND EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELDEN AVE. NE BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT, GP 1375 UTILIZING ANY PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE/ACQUISITION OF SAID PARCELS UTILIZING FMV; AND FOR THE CITY TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS AND TITLE TO FEE SIMPLE TAKE PARCELS AND TO MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROPERTY OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS; DECLARING THE INTENT TO APPROPRIATE THE PARCELS IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED FOR THE CITY TO ACCEPT TITLE TO SAID PARCEL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been 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. 81/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. The motion carries and Ordinance #23 is adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is April 22, 2024 and Committee Meetings will start at 6:15 PM. Community & Economic Development.

MEMBER HAWK: Madam President, Community & Economic Development will meet at 6:15 PM that evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Finance.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President, Finance will meet same time, same place.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Personnel.

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MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Personnel will meet at the same time and the same place, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Public Safety & Thoroughfares.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Public Safety and Thoroughfares same time, same place.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Babcock.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business that any of the Members would like to discuss?

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: As most of us know uh... our Clerk is not with us tonight because of the passing of her husband. I just wanted to ask for a moment of silence to keep Jill, her family... uh... in our minds. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, let's have a moment of silence for... the wonderful Joe Wood, who passed over this last weekend. Uh... let's have a moment of silence. **Moment of Silence** Thank you all and thank you Leader Mariol. Alright, are there any other (*inaudible*) of Miscellaneous Business that anyone would like to bring up? **Council Members speaking among themselves** Oh sure, I think we want to re-recognize "Be A Better Me" uh... for coming down here. Thank you, Officer... (*Applause*) ...we appreciate you and all your wonderful... beautiful fresh faces and... and your staff. Thank you so much and you I know sometimes we seem sort of boring up her, but believe it or not we got a lot of a lot of business down tonight and a lot of good things are going to happen from our boring stuff. So, thank you all very much for coming.

MEMBER HAWK: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER HAWK: I'd like to thank them too for their very enthusiastic Pledge of Allegiance. I heard it...and I appreciate it.

MEMBER COOKS: Madam President, also...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes... Member Cooks.

MEMBER COOKS: ...if I could also I had...had a nephew that was involved with the "Be A Better Me Foundation" years ago. It meant a lot to him and even though he's still struggling a little bit... I think the time that he spent with uh...Officer Sharpe... uh "Be A Better Me Foundation" is going to last him throughout his life. So thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Madam President.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Member Scaglione.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: I've known Mr. Sharpe for a long time. Just wanted to personally thank you all you're doing in the community and thank you for being a friend.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Yes, I would also like to say that... uh... is "Better Me," is in Ward 2. So I really want to thank you for what you're doing... *(Laughter)* ...for all...though out the whole city, but you're in Ward 2 and I just wanted to mention that.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: There's a lot of competition up here. Expect to see some of you kids running for City Council one of these days. Be up here in the hot seat. *(Applause)*

MEMBER SMITH: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER SMITH: I think they talking among themselves. I would like for them to have our pin... so you can remember this day that you came down. You'll have a memory to add with their... to their... your sweater. Yea... so... uh Madam... three clerks... do we have some pins? *(Laughter)*

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I tell you what, we'll adjourn and then we will look for some pins.

MEMBER SMITH: Yes, alright. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We'll see if we can get you something. I wish I had something better, but we'll... try and find that.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President one thing.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: One of the gentleman that spoke... uh from our Palestinian community tonight, uh... he mentioned something to me coming in tonight. He is also a substitute teacher...uh he would like to speak uh ... he wanted to speak about that also, but didn't have enough time probably. About the possibilities of bringing the uh... students in that he teaches to City Council members... to City Council meetings that are getting A's. If there's pins or something that we give to those students when they come in as a reward...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ... As long as we know a head of time, heck yea.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I speak?

MEMBER GIAVASIS: That would be up to the Council President.

MEMBER HAWK: No.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: No, not right now we can't. We'll... we'll certainly accommodate any kids that come as long as we know ahead of time we will get our pins and we will... they will recognize them. Uh... we appreciate any youth involvement that we can get, it's all good. Any other comments under Miscellaneous Business. Okay, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Madam Clerk, 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. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:44 PM

ATTEST:
ELIZABETH WENSEL
CLERK OF COUNCIL PRO TEM

APPROVED:
KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD
PRESIDENT