

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING JUNE 3, 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, we would appreciate it. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call vote please, Madam Clerk.

*ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK WOOD:*

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)

TWELVE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

CLERK WOOD: Twelve present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Before we move to our invocation, uh... I would like to ask for a moment of silence for community leader and a friend... uh to the people of Canton, Betty Smith. Uh... if we could please have just a moment of silence for her passing. She passed away.

MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: Betty Smith?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's what I was told.

MEMBER HAWK: By who?

MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: Who said that?

JOLANDA JOHNSON: My grandma's name is Betty Jackson.

LAW DIRECTOR REESE: Oh Betty Jackson, I'm sorry.

MEMBER CHRIS SMITH: I was about to get ready to say, that's my sister-in-law and I know she ain't pass.

JOLANDA JOHNSON: Don't even say nothing now... don't say nothing now... don't even say nothing now.

CLERK WOOD: Just let it go... let it go... let it go.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Well, I'm sorry about that.

CLERK WOOD: It's ok.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I am sorry.

JOLANDA JOHNSON: Just continue on.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay... I will... my condolences. Our invocation tonight will be given by Ward 6 Council Member, Jonathan Cooks. And if you would all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance after.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on June 3, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council*

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*Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council, Jill M. Wood. The invocation was given by Ward 6 Council Member, Jonathan Cooks. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.*

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

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

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President... Madam President I move Rule 22A to be suspend to add second readings Ordinances #12 and 13 back to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER MARIOL: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add second readings Ordinances #12 and #13 to this evenings agenda. Are there any remarks? Hearing none remarks, roll call vote, 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 #12 and 13 are a legal part of your agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Public Speaks, and we have 12 speakers this evening. I will let you all know for those of you that haven't spoken before, I will call your name, you'll approach the podium, and speak into the microphone. You will give us your name and residential address. And you will have three minutes to speak, which you can follow on our monitors. Um... please be mindful so that everyone has a chance to speak to adhere to your three minutes. Our first speaker is Mr. Thomas West. Thomas... now darn it, I know he was here. Did he leave? Ok, well... it was nice to see Thomas, but he left. So, our next speaker is... and I'm going to try to do the best I can here, Janos Jalics?

JANOS JALICS: Janos Jalics, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ok, I'm not doing too well, but if...

JANOS JALICS: It's alright, I'm Hungarian, I get this a lot.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: If you could please give us your name and residential address sir, and speak into the microphone. Fill free to pick it up.

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JANOS JALICS: I'm Janos Jalics. I'm a resident of uh... 937 uh... I'm sorry I... I... I don't quite remember what I wrote down out there.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Well, do you know where you live?

JANOS JALICS: 937 uh... 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Is that right on there?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: No it says High St.

JANOS JALICS: Then sorry my mistake.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ok.

JANOS JALICS: Uh...hello everyone. Good evening. My name is Janos Jalics and I would consider myself a concerned citizen. I would like to say that today is my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday and I here to talk to you all about commemorations...celebrations you know that sort of thing. Now, when I had my 27<sup>th</sup> birthday I had a very wonderful lunch yesterday with my mother and my sister, Very thoughtful, I got a few gifts, had some cake. It was very nice and very wonderful. And I have to say I'm very touched by that sort of thing. And then today of course I got greetings from family and... I even got a happy birthday singing from my Godmother. Of course very thoughtful and very wonderful. I think... I think all people should have that sort of thing. And one thing I found rather peculiar rather recently is uh... the Canton Police Department has a very peculiar way of celebrating a very certain anniversary.. doesn't it. May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the day that George Floyd was unfort...unfortunately executed by a knee on his neck, over a course of about eight minutes. He had a... he had a knee on his neck and he said "I can't breathe." And apparently, Canton Police decided we would like to remember this day, four years after it happened, by uh... arresting a black woman in the streets for conducting a protest. And making sure all her people got out alive. And you know, got arrested. I find that rather strange honestly... rather strange. Why would Canton Police want to commemorate it in that sort of way. I don't think that's very thoughtful at all. Does anybody think that way? I... I find that rather shameful in fact. Especially in light of recent events over in Canton such as a dog mauling somebody for uh... criticizing a police officer on their own front loan. Or I don't know... uh... the death of Frank Tyson, which happened over the course of five and a half minutes. I've been speaking here for a good couple minutes now, over her at City Council, and... uh I find it rather fascinating that it took this many minutes for Office Schoenegge and Burch to actually tend to Frank Tyson and give him any sort of meaningful medical care. By which point it was already to dang, freaking late. I do believe my time is coming up so I'll just have to say this rather quickly, You should not commemorate... this sort of important event by arresting people protesting in the streets. You should be looking at who's in your freaking Police Departments. And saying uh... who's there. I mean like... I rather (*inaudible*) there's a KKK flyer down there too... unfortunately. **\*Buzzer\*** Okay guys, that's my time.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you sir. Our next speaker is Justin Nicely. Mr. Nicely... if you could approach and give us your residential address.

JUSTIN NICELY: My name is Justin Nicely, from the Canton Hall of Shame, 2928 Lincoln Way NW Massillon, Ohio 44647. Once again I've come before you to tell you, you have a problem with your city. With (*inaudible*), corruption, no oversight, and even less accountability. Once again I'm here as a voice on behalf of "We the People"... to demand accountability from deaf ears, blind eyes, and thick skulls. And... I'm trying my best not to snap on you people right now, that refuse to even to acknowledge that you guys even have a damn problem. Okay, once again I come before you outraged at the brute force tactics and blatant criminal actions committed from the exact same people that we are suppose to be able to depend on and help us. You're

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listening now...now you're listening, right? None of you are big on integrity and a lot of you are hypocrites with titles, double standards. And the majority want to remain (*inaudible*) so let me physically show you alright what the problem is. So, maybe you can, you know, wake your asses up. These are the faces of the lives lost at the hands of the City of Canton Police Department and Stark County Officials. I want you to burn the images into your minds and keep them there for a long ass time... okay? And half... (*inaudible*) try to come to the family members and spread your condolences. When I... I don't know long go to you and tell you that you had a problem. And you guys could have done something a long time before any lives were lost. Okay... these are peoples sons, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, fathers, nieces, uncles, nephews. Their families will never be able to speak and see them again. These are human beings, dammit. They had hopes, dreams, desires, goals, feelings and a soul. And every one of you, like on your ivory towers, sit there. How dare you... how dare you. (*Inaudible*) like you guys got even a sliver of empathy or compassion. How many more lives got to be lost? Do I got to add my picture there because I'm saying shit to y'all don't like right now? Which one of (*inaudible*) is going to come beat the hell out of me? And make sure to go ahead and orphan not one, but four children. What I want answers for as far as, why the hell y'all trafficked them because of negligence actions...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Excuse me. Mr. Ni... Mr. Nicely. You know you have to address me.

JUSTIN NICELY: I'm addressing everybody and you are not going to interrupt me. That is a call of order okay. You're not going to interrupt my time.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Uh... you're incorrect. I certainly can. I certainly can.

JUSTIN NICEY: That's you're whole problem! You want to sit there to listen to respond, rather than to listen to hear the words coming out of our mouths. Your title, your position, of authority means nothing and no dominion over me because ma'am I am no criminal and you are not going sit there and intimidate any (*inaudible*) people standing up here and say what you guys doing is wrong. Now you want to talk to me and beat me up, lets go. (*Inaudible*) the City of Canton is about because we're tired, we've had enough, and this ends now!

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright your time is up. Your time is up, you're done. Go sit down.

JUSTIN NICEY: You have a nice night!

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: You too go on. No he's done. **\*Buzzer\*** He's done. Go sit down. Our next speaker is Larry Chapman. Mr. Chapman if you would approach and please give us your name and residential address.

LARRY CHAPMAN: Yes, my name is Lawrence Chapman, 1422 25<sup>th</sup> St. NW. I was here back in April to ask Council for some help concerning an after nights... after hours night club that uh... was in the area I have a pretty high concentration of homes in. And was causing really a lot of issues, safety issues and... all kinds of issues. Uh... I talked to the Safety Director after the meeting... uh she promised me she would talk to some people and get back to me at 8:30 the next morning; and 8:30 the next more she called me told me who was calling throughout the day. I had a call from... uh the Safety Director, I had a call from uh... some detective special investigations, another detective, uh... Brenda Kimbrough... uh all assured me that everything was...uh already being taking care of and that they were working on it. So I'm basically here to thank everybody, because within the next following week, I would say the city was out there with... I don't know there must have been a dozen vehicles, the city vehicles and fire department and S.W.A.T. Department... uh... and they shut them down that day. Uh... so I would like to stand here and say it was because I was here and said

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something that this place got shut down, but in reality it's that they already had it all under control. It's that they already uh... had it under control but I really truly appreciate the follow up, the following day and afterwards on just what was going on... uh in the neighborhood. So, just thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Mr. Chapman. Our next speaker is Mr. Ahmed Cheema. Mr. Cheema? Oh, there he is.

AMHED CHEEMA: Amhed Cheema 5155 Foxchase Ave. NW. Council members, community members... Shalom Alaikum peace be with you. Two things I want to talk about. One is the genocide in Gaza, second is the violence... perpetrated by police in Canton. There are words to describe the burnt of dismembered bodies of children in the so called safe zones and refugee camps across Gaza and Rafah. The cries of pain from a mother holding the remains of her dead infant that is burnt beyond recognition. These are merely latest episodes of horrific... horrific, systemic... war crime against the Palestinian people. After barbaric attacks on homes and neighborhoods across Gaza, the Israeli terrorist military is now taking on displaced Palestinians... taking cover under tents. (*Inaudible*). Some members of the Council are concerned about offending a portion of the Canton community that support these murders openly committing genocide. Is that... is that... is that it? Is that the reason you won't even bring up the Resolution up for a vote? I think there's been enough said between the speakers that... came here and then showed us and then told us what's happening with... with... police brutality. I'll just talk a few moments here and read a couple of things from the Canton Police Department Code of Ethics. As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safe guard lives and properties, protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression, and the peaceful against violence or disorder. And respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. What no compromise for crime and other relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courtesy and appropriately without fear or favor, malicious or ill will. Never implying unnecessary force or violence. And never accepting gratuities. The opposite is what I've seen with my own eyes... now and... something needs to be done.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Cheema. Our next speaker is Kimberly Bell. Miss Bell? Oh, there she is. If you'll please approach. And I believe everybody has a handout before them that was passed out by Miss Bell.

KIMBERLY BELL: Okay, Kimberly Bell, 1733 Morris Ave. Okay, here we is... here we are again. The mad max, full of testosterone, men in the Canton Police Department, that's all padded up, at it again. Okay, so when you build a home... you can't build a home without walls and without a roof. It's an automatic, right? So when you run a city... why is there a discussion about water and streets in this chamber. There should... that should not be a... uh... uh... that should be an automatic. And should not be an issue to discuss in this chamber. What should be discussed is the Police Department, killing and using violence from these officers every time you turn around on social media. On the news... this what we're hearing. Now I may not get through all the things that I gave you guys, in three minutes. Okay, we put you... we put you... we put you people in office and it's your responsibility to the voters and all the residents, even the underbellies, the black community... to assist us when we need that assistance from the Police Department. Now what? The K-9 officer used his dog as a weapon, it's putting a lot of pressure... it's putting a lot of you under the same umbrella as this Police Department. I didn't say all of you, I said some of you because there are some of you who are very angry with the behavior of this Police Department. And you know... you know even though Andrea Perry and Rachel Forchione are the... are the ones that hire these officers, they put their trust and... and... and... and... their uh... they put their trust in these officers that they're going to do the job, but they have proven them wrong. They are deceiving men that got hired. Al Sharpton and Ben Crump told y'all before this all came to the Al Sharpton and Ben Crump, that it

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was going to happen... and it's happen. So, we don't need you Chris, we don't need you Tom, we don't you uh... Hector, we got Al and Ben. And don't think I'm a racist because I'm saying all this, but I am a person of, it's about damn time. Like I said I won't get through all this, I got seven seconds, but you got it, you read it. Y'all watch my social media page... **\*Buzzer\*** to watch what I'm talking about and what I'm thinking. Shameful... how can Lamar Sharpe, get any kind of...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Our next speaker is Skyark Bruce. Miss Bruce? Oh there she is, okay.

SKYLARK BRUCE: My name is Skylark Bruce and I live at 2216 Balinger Ave NE. The recent small changes to how public speaks is run, is a good start. A few more seconds to speak isn't the same as being heard, but it's slightly better. Another change would... that would be a bigger benefit to citizens, would be to allow us to sign up on line ahead of time. Many other cities in the area allow this, and it works very well for them. As long as the person is present by the time their name is called, they can speak. I'm glad tho see that Council Member Mariol is here today. He was absent from the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and did not get to hear Eric Resnick point out Mariol's hypocrisy on the request for an Informal Resolution supporting a ceasefire in Gaza. Resnick reminded those of who were actually here, that Mariol was proud to line Canton street with Ukrainian flags two years ago. In a Repository story, on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Mariol is sited as being proud to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine, who Russia had just started attacking. Quoting Mariol... "We want to let these folks know as best we can that we're concerned about them, we're supportive of them, and certainly have them in our thoughts and prayers."... end quote. I would like for Mariol to explain the difference between a Ukrainian human and Palestinian human. Since apparently Palestinians don't even get his thoughts and prayers. Mariol, conveniently an international policy expert when it suites him, and completely ignorant when it doesn't. On Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> St NW, received an extra dose of police brutality. We were horrified to watch Canton City Police feed Cassie Culver to a police K-9. Arresting another man at the same time in a cloud of pepper spray and arresting teens at their failure to signal, that they were about to park in front of their own home. One has to wonder, what on earth is going on in our Police Department. Were they on edge from something else and took it out on these ordinary citizens who have the nerve to be concerned about what was happening to their neighbors. Why a K-9 handler and dog would even be called out for an ordinary traffic stop, is beyond me. This is the same department who murdered Frank Tyson in April and has yet to experience consequences. This is the same department who murdered James Williams in 2022 and has yet to experience consequences. This is the same department who murdered Ja'ron Nero in 2019 and has yet to experience consequences! And Zack Fornash, Shawn Pirolozzi, and Darrell Ross. CPD felt completely free to arrest Community Activist, Sierra Mason, on May 25<sup>th</sup>, as she and other community members present for Frank Tyson, actively complied with their request to move the protest out of the street and on to the sidewalk. So it's seems that we are arrested if we don't do what the cops want and we are also arrested if we do. Make it make sense. **\*Buzzer\*** get away with everything they do...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ...thank you, Miss Bruce your time is up. Our next speaker is Jennifer Myers. Miss Myers if you could please approach and give us your name and residential address and feel free to pick up the microphone.

JENNIFER MYERS: My name is Jennifer Myers, 2120 Market Ave. Uh... I've been a resident here in Canton since 2009 and ... I'm horrified. I just cannot believe what is going on in this city. I've been out protesting in the streets since 2020. And honestly, I wish we were back in 2020 and y'all was doing this because it would not be good... it would not be good. And now... we're watching things on social media of police tackling people... and maulings with dogs? Like... half of the story is not even out there. Where are the rest of the body cams? Where are they because we deserve to see them. When are you going to keep us safe... in these streets. I've lived in the worst neighborhoods and nothing has gotten better. It's getting worse and worse. And now I have to

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fear that you're targeting my daughter, Sierra Mason, for protesting and speaking up in it. These are the rights we're supposed to hold... in your democracies. It's... it's appalling. Where are our town meetings for what happened this weekend. Where are the town hall meetings for Frank Tyson, for Zachary Fornash, for James Williams... fixing these problems instead of building up the Hall of Fame. You can't build up a community until you build the foundation up. I've spent the last two summers trying to leave this town. And the only thing that keeps me here is my grandchild and my daughter. And now I have to fear for my daughter's life because some cop might come up and tackle her. Which I've seen before down in Columbus, by the way... cause y'all aren't the first ones who's arrested her... for using her voice. And because you don't like what she saying, she gets arrested? It's... it's ridiculousness. You need to fire more of your police officers, rebuild the system... how about we just abolish the system because clearly it's not working.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, ma'am. *\*Buzzer\** Our next speaker is Miss Angela Rembeit. I think I'm saying that correctly. If you could please approach and give us your name and residential address please ma'am.

ANGELA REMBEIT: Good evening. My name is Angela Rembeit and I reside at 808 28<sup>th</sup> St NE in Canton, Ohio. Regarding the arrest of Sierra Mason, I was present that evening. It was calm the entire time. When officers arrived stating that we needed to move, Sierra asked the arresting officer to give her two minutes, one hundred and twenty seconds, to have everyone moved. Upon everyone disbursing, she was put into handcuffs and taken to jail. Sierra was arrested, charged with a misdemeanor 4. She attended court on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> to be told her pretrial date... would be tomorrow June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 o'clock. From my understanding, this charge normally results in no arrest, no jail time, and no trial. In my humble, yet righteous opinion, I believe this is retaliation, police harassment, and intimidation for her First Amendment Rights. I just can't believe I'm up here having to explain what happened to her and I ask you all to please drop these charges for here. She did not deserve it, she asked, please give me two minutes, one hundred and twenty seconds, and I will get these people moved. And low and behold, we moved when she asked us to move. I request again that charges against Sierra be dropped immediately, court cost reduced to zero dollars for any unlawful arrest and reasonable consequences for the arresting officer. In regards to Frank Tyson, if the current personnel policy states that an officer can't be terminated pending the conclusion of an eternal investigation, I also request that that policy be changed. The current police officer failed to disclose their termination from Target for theft on their employment application and was able to remain employed. In most situations I've seen individuals get walked off. That same officer was recommended by the Police Academy for the position, with reservations of his inability of taking accountability. Frank Tyson died in the same police officers custody. I know, we know that a person laying down handcuffed, faced down can only survive for approximately two to three minutes. Frank Tyson laid there face down, handcuffed for five and a half minutes. And I will ask you all, how long, how long he laid there?

AUDIENCE: Five and a half minutes.

ANGELA REMBEIT: Again, how long did he lay there?

AUDIENCE: Five and a half minutes.

ANGELA REMBEIT: Justice for Frank Tyson.

AUDIENCE: Justice for Frank Tyson.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, ma'am. Our next speaker is Sierra Mason and Miss Mason if you would approach and give us your residential address, please.

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SIERRA MASON: Sierra Mason, 2110 Market Ave N. First I wanted to address the disturbing case of the K-9 officer using his dog as a weapon to practically feed a citizen to the animal. It was disgusting. That officer feed a citizen to his dog for making a couple of smart remarks, hurting his pride, hurting his feelings. No citizen should ever be subjected to such treatment. Secondly, I want to address the unlawful arrest of not only myself but other individuals who were actively compliant to officers and peacefully exercising their rights. When citizens are targeted and detained without just cause, it undermines the fabric of our society and trudges with the trust with law enforcement. We must dem... demand that each... you got to go... you got to go girl... you got to go... go sit with (*inaudible*)... go sit with (*inaudible*). Sorry, y'all... children... we must demand... uh... I'm going to skip that, sorry y'all, I lost my... it in my speech y'all...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's fine...

SIERRA MASON:...lastly the heartbreaking... uh... of murder of Frank Tyson... at the hands of Police Officers. Who callously placed a knee on his neck allowing him... and then allowed him to lay lifeless there for over five and a half minutes. It is a stark reminder of the brutality and impunity that exist within our police force and our community. This tragic loss, shows the urgent need for accountability, trans... transparency, reform, and if you want me to be honest, frankly, abolish...abolishment of our police department. We need so much reform and so much training and frankly each and every one of your officers needs em... needs a training in empathy. There's a problem here in Canton. A problem that can't be ignored or brushed aside. Our Police Department is terrorizing communities, brutalizing citizens, and the retreating to the safety of paid leave. The cycle of violence and impunity must be broken, must be served for all tho... for all those who have been wronged by... those who was meant to protect them. We cannot stand idle while injustice runs rampant through trea... through our streets. We demand accountab... accountability, we demand reform, we... and we demand justice for every single one of our citizens who has been terrorized by our Police Department. The time for change is now. The time to speak out and the time for action is now. Let us stand together and we will stand together, united to make sure that our communities are a safe place with equality and justice for us. We deserve peace. And I also want to point out how each and every one of us... *\*buzzer\** to talk about and we're all talking about each other's issues... we are uniting... Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Mason. Our next speaker is Miss Charla Green. Miss Green... again if you can approach and give us your residential address.

CHARLA GREEN: My name is Charla Green, 2224 Gross Ave NE. I have no relation to Frank Tyson, but I am human. I watched that video over and over. First words "Somebody's trying to kill me." Last words, "I can't breathe." What if it was your son, what if it was your brother (*Inaudible*). It hurts to know how... it's ok apology doesn't fix it... at all. It's ok... for y'all... we're tired. I'm tired of seeing it. I just got back today from South Carolina. We're in South Carolina, we see a video... it reach South Carolina, of a man with his hands behind his back, while a dog is gnawing on him. What are you doing about the situation? What are you doing about the situation because we put y'all in office, like it or not, it was my (*inaudible*). The sad part is I have to pay tax for...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Ma'am...

CHARLA GREEN: I'm not saying you...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yeah ma'am... please address...just address me. I... I don't...

CHARLA GREEN: I'm talking...



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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: I understand. I have rules ... just address me. I... I don't...

CHARLA GREEN: Okay... I'm going to say the police.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

CHARLA GREEN: I pay taxes... their salary... and I'm mistreated or the people are mistreated. I called the police... I called Landa... I called the police because you know I just started a business, you know, we needed police assistance. A client was trying to say she was going to commit suicide. Officer Brown... uh... no, let me take that back, Foster... Officer Foster, needs training. I'm telling you now. He treated me like I was uh... uh... a criminal. And this is a business. I... I... I'm looking at all y'all and I'm disgusted because what are y'all doing? Where's the justice? A man was killed! First words, "Someone's trying to kill me." Yes, he hit a telephone pole wouldn't you if someone was trying to kill you? They ignored every word that man said. And the words that was said in that video, "I wanted to be in a bar fight... Always wanted to be in a bar fight, but I didn't know it was going to be this intense...man." Whose getting charged for murder because if it was your brother, I'd be here standing right here; if it was your brother...if it was your brother I would be standing right here because I was disgusted and I was hurt and I don't know Frank Tyson.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you ma'am. And our final speaker tonight is Mr. David Kerestes. Mr. Kerestes, I saw him out there... there he is. Thank you.

DAVID KERESTES: Good evening. 626 Walnut NE, David Kerestes. Here in my hand I hold a Stark County Building Department letter from Angela (*inaudible*) to Beth Sherring uh... this is in regards to no permits and a electrical box. Uh... then what I got here is a outlet burn it, which was my outlet. They hooked up heater to uh... two hundred and fifty square foot heater to a three hundred square foot home trying to burn me out of there, I believe. When I got into turning it in to Matt Sherring or trying to tell someone about Matt Sherring selling marijuana out of the barbershop, related to Beth Sherring and Sherring Realty. Uh... I was evicted by Massillon. Uh... I filed an appeal, prosay... uh and they claim they did nothing wrong when they violated federal laws. Covid an active event at that time. Mr. Revening evicted me with laundry mat owner that made evictions he let stand. And didn't evict them, just me for trying to turn in Matt Sherring. And why am I telling you about Massillon, because this documentation here is ninety four and start serving with your building inspector, where I got my building permit back in the day. My (*inaudible*) He got fired for excepting bribes. He looked into who was bribing him or have. They're called Veterans they're called state and federal officials. So as I move on to Mr. Elum and his Navy and the family and the Veterans, this is 4059 Lincoln Way 1988 Open Pit burnt twice. Joey Barberry if you look at that building today it's a doctor's office with a carport, they're laundering their drug money. Perry Heights Fire, 1977 Energy Efficient Act should have had insulation when they got the air conditioning, but you don't see any fire that must be how it burnt quick. Uh... fire report said that the only they saw was when pulled up was Chief Palesky running away from the fire. Wow... he's supposed to be directing traffic. The same Chief that said there was no incendiary device when Jeff (*inaudible*) then year Army Veteran pointed one out. Okay, uh... I don't have much more time but uh... my father was out of the Department of Defense and I will be talking to... talking to the Army Criminal Investigation Division in (*inaudible*) Virginia about your racketeering, your murder, your tax evasion, your human trafficking, and your (*inaudible*). Have a good day. **\*Buzzer\***

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, sir. And thank you to all of our speakers.

KIMBERLY BELL: (*Inaudible*)

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Bell.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Informal Resolutions and we have none for this evening.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

***NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY, IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED JUNE 3, 2024.***

1. REQ TO ADOPT ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; EMERGENCY - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
2. REQ D1, D2, D3, D6 PERMIT TRF FR 3773 CLEVELAND INC TO PRAAY LLC DBA EURO GYRO @ 3717 CLEVELAND AVE NW (WARD 7). - LIQUIOR CONTROL DIV
3. REO C1 C2 D6 LIQUOR PERMIT TRF FR KARUM GAS LLC TO 10K FOOD MART LLC DBA 10K FOOD MART @ 1200 N MARKET AVE (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
4. REQ ADDITION OF LABORER 2 POSITIONS WITHIN BUILDING/CODE DEPARTMENT - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
5. REQ OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO CRACK SEAL US62 WITHIN CITY LIMITS; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
6. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 4/30/24. - 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 #7.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #7 THROUGH #11 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

- O#7. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL GRANT AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE INTERIOR RENOVATION AND PUBLIC REALM PROGRAMS; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY(\$25,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER; \$25,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT ADMIN - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

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- O#8. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY CONSTRUCTS NECESSARY WITH BUTCHER AND SON TO RESPOND TO THE 602 12<sup>TH</sup> ST. NE DEMOLITION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#9. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 WITH J.D. WILLIAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO., INC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$123,371.68; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS REALTED TO SAID CHANGE ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#10. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 WITH S.E.T., INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEED \$136,688.30 FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ST. SE INTERSECTION AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, GP 1144; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO SAID CHANGE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#11. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPROPRIATE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE, CHAPTER 719, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING A PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR THE EAST SIDE PARKS TRAIL, GP 1131 PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

CLERK WOODS: Madam President.

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 #12.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #12 AND #13 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

- O#12. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CANTON LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM TO MARY L. ARGABRIGHT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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O#13. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO CONVEY CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CANTON LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST CENTRAL OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

CLERK WOODS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

**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 #14.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #14 FOR ITS THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#14. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 115/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$6,999.16 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 4505 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE BOND FUND TO 4505 202064 SVS CTR UPGRADE & RECON – OTHER; \$4,170,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1490 HOFV FUND TO 1490 861101 TOURISM DEV DISTRICT – OTHER \$1,230,000.00 TO 1490 861102 PACE FINACING – OTHER \$1,940,000.00; \$3,300,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 203001 CIVIC CENTER ADMIN – OTHER; \$23,914.53 APPROP TRF FR 1001 103024 2024 ARPA AMBULANCE BONUS - PERSONNEL TO 1001 103024 2024 ARPA AMBULANCE BONUS – OTHER)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #14.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER MARIOL: I'd like to uh... move we amend... Ordinance #14 per the copy in front of everybody.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to amend Ordinance #14 per the copy before each of you, which was explained earlier in committee. Are there any further remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Any opposed.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it. The motion carries. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #14, as amended.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

**AMENDMENT**

*Pursuant to Rule 36, I move to amend Agenda Item No. 14 by the substitution of the attached amended ordinance for the original pending ordinance.*

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been... sorry... It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #14 as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as amended? ...Hearing none, 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. The motion carries and Ordinance #14 has... as amended has been adopted.

**#14 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AS ORDINANCE NO. 115/2024**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is June 17, 2024, remember we are on summer schedule it's every other week, uh... the meeting... Committee Meeting will start at 6:30PM. Uh... Finance Committee.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President, Finance will meet at that time.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And Public Safety and Thoroughfares Committee.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Madam President, Public Safety and Thoroughfares will meet same time, same place.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Excellent.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay... we are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business that any of the members would like to bring before the body?

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Yes...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright Member Kimbrough.

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MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Yes... I want to remind everybody that, we won't be here every week, but uh the 15<sup>th</sup> is going to Fishing Rodeo at Cook's Lagoon. And they will be having a the fish rodeo in the morning for the kids. That's all... that's going to be free uh... fishing poles and bait and all they have to do is throw their... poles in the water. So I wanted to make that and I also wanted to make the announcement that Gospel Meets Symphony is going to be at Umsted Hall at 7 PM and that's also going to be on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much Member Kimbrough. Are there any other pieces of Miscellaneous Business that anyone would like to bring before the body? Okay ... hearing none, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: 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. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 7:57 PM

ATTEST:  
JILL M. WOOD  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED:  
KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD  
PRESIDENT