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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: (*Bangs gavel extremely loud!*) Sorry about that. I haven't set up here in quite a few years, so the power kind of went to my head. Good evening and welcome to Canton City Council. With a quorum being present, roll call, Madam President.

*ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK WOOD:*

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

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD & MEMBER GIAVASIS ABSENT)

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

**EXCUSING MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we excuse Member Giavasis from this evening's meeting. (*Member Mariol neglected to excuse President Bates Aylward from the meeting*)

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to excuse Member Giavasis from this evening's meeting. Any questions, comments? ...Madam Clerk. (*President Pro Tem Morris neglected to excuse President Bates Aylward from the meeting*)

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Motion is passed and Member Giavasis is excused. (*President Pro Tem Morris neglected to excuse President Bates Aylward from the meeting*) Okay...tonight's invocation is to be given by myself; however, in fairness to our Muslim community, we have asked them to provide tonight's invocation for us, following the invocation, please join me in the pledge of allegiance.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on July 1, 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 Abdallah Masri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pro Tem Morris.*

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you very much for that, that was uh...really a treat. I appreciate that. Okay, we are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President I move we suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinances #31 and 32 back to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER MARIOL: Second.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A and add second readings Ordinances #31 thru 32. Any remarks? Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Okay, it's been moved and seconded, and Rule 22A in second readings, 31 and 32 are now a part of the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are under Public Hearings, we have none this evening.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are under Old Business, and we have none this evening.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Now we move on to Public Speaks, and tonight we have 13 speakers. I would like to remind everyone that you have 3 minutes. This 3 minutes is for you to speak your mind to City Council. Please direct your comments directly to the Chair. Council Members do not respond or...well, they will not respond due to Council rules, unless your complaint or your concern is in a various Ward, and then they are allowed to respond to you directly, once the Chair gives them permission. You have three minutes to speak, and I caution you, please stay on topic on which you put when you signed up. According to Council rules, you are to state your specific subject matter and please stay to it. Our first speak is Janos Jalics.

JANOS JALICS: Evening Council. I'm Janos Jalics and my address is 609 Cleveland Avenue SW. As of this Monday, July 1, 2024, it has been 3 ½ months since the death of Frank Tyson. Apparently, I still have to come down here and tell y'all to do something about it. Tyson was lynched at a bar on the...April 18, 2024 by Beau Schoenegge and Camden Burch. He laid there for about five and a half minutes and the police did not give him medical attention for a good chunk of those five and a half minutes. Let's just put into perspective...how long is five and a half minutes. My time limit at this Council is three minutes. So, I'm...can apparently shit on this body for three minutes, but two trained officers can't tend to a black man dealing with a recent car accident in that amount of time. In fact, if I tried to speak my mind for five minutes at this Council, you'd probably kick me out. I could probably also take a quick trip to the restroom in about that time. I can change passwords in five minutes, I can make a grocery list in five minutes, I can change a light bulb in five minutes, but apparently, trained officers can't treat a guy in five minutes. If that's the case, why bother having police. Why bother firing Officer Casto for siccing his dog on a bystander and ignore what offer Schoenegge and Burch did. Why bother getting yourselves elected in the first place. Why do you bother getting elected when all you do is sit here and do nothing? I've spoken at a few Council Meetings in Ohio in the past nine months. If you're all wondering why, well, I guess really, Council has lost its mind. I swear, tens of thousands of people have been dying in Congo, Sudan, Gaza, or Canton and all every public official can do is sit there and restrict your freedom of speech. If there is anything you can learn from speaking is that just about every Council in this state would rather silence their constituents than listen to them, and that is vile. It is so vile that all you can do, in the past three and a half months, let alone in the past nine months, since the beginning of the assault on Gaza, is just sit there and do nothing. I'm (*Inaudible*) like MC Abdul, and just like MC Abdul, all I see is silence. A wall of silence and blank faces and I can't stand any of you!

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Okay, sir, if you raise your voice like that one more time, I'm going to turn your mic off.

JANOS JALICS: I know that I've used my platform for justice. I know that no one in this Council can say the same. I'll just say, how long did he lay there. Five and a half minutes. How long is five and a half minutes. Way too damn long. Liberty and justice for all, and that includes Frank Tyson. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Our next speaker is Reverend Doctor Joyce Penni...Penfield?

JOYCE PENFIELD: Good evening Council and everyone else. My name is Joyce Penfield. I'm an Episcopal Clergy, um...and I'm a Roman Clergy, so I do services and...licensed to do services in Episcopal Churches and Lutheran. I'm a regular provider of services and preaching at St. Paul's, Canton, a few blocks away. And a few other different churches in the area. I'm also a co-lead of Mom's Demand Action, for Akron and Canton; Summit and Stark County. We work to prevent gun violence. And I recently started Peace Bridges Academy to be able to address non-violence in a variety of different ways. I'm...I'm here to speak in favor of the resolution calling for an immediately ceasefire in Gaza. You will find with you, a handout I left. It's a handout on self-education because it's what I developed out of my own learning. October 4<sup>th</sup>, I was totally zero level knowledge. Ignorant about the Middle Eastern part of the world and I began to educate myself while I was healing from a toe surgery, actually, for two weeks...two months. And I provided a little handout for you to perhaps find a way to get truth beyond what's being said in a mainstream...um...media. I'd like to speak, uh...in favor of immediate ceasefire. Currently...currently we have an ongoing humanitarian crisis that keeps getting bigger and bigger and is pretty unbelievable. Nine...Thirty-five thousand lives...more than thirty-five thousand lives lost. Half of those, children killed, seventy-seven thousand injured, 1.7 million displaced, seventeen thousand children unaccompanied, have no parent to accompany them anymore. Eight thousand detained in prison without any charge and lack of food and water in those prisons, as being fed to us through the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, of which I'm a part. Um...we have to find a different solution. We have to work together for a ceasefire. Why should we care here. We have a community that is part of Canton and also the surrounding areas, and that community is suffering on all sides. We also know that, and I'm hearing this from my Jewish friends all over, that there is no safety for war. War brings no safety. Conflict and arms bring no safety. Our government, in the United States, it funds sixty-nine to seventy percent of the weapons, the airplanes, the assault weapons that go to fuel this conflict, so we are involved. We are the stakeholders and we have a moral responsibility to speak out for life and for peace, for all, on all sides. There is a lot of trauma. There's trauma, anti-Semitism, suffered by those who bear the marks of Christian anti-Semitism in Europe for the last two centuries, three centuries. Their suffering now being caused by those on the ground who are trying to defend the land that they were there, originally. We don't need the suffering anymore, We need to work to remove the weapons and make a moral choice to work towards an equitable, non-racist way of dealing with each other throughout the land that's very multi (*Inaudible*)...(**Buzzer**). I ask you to vote for the resolution. Thank you. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you. Our next speaker is Mr. Eric Resnick.

ERIC RESNICK: Eric Resnick and it's 1828 Grace Ave. NE. Change this to Mr. President, Leader and Members. My overarching message to you this evening is that you have the power and you should act. Some months ago, I stood here lamenting that we dropped the ball in 2020 and again in 2022, when there were serious concerns about police conduct in this city. In 2020, promises were made. Specifically, we were promised reforms endorsed by the National Eight Can't Wait Project. But for whatever reason, City Council did not make it law and it never happened. Imagine how much better off we would be had those reforms happened. James Williams and Frank Tyson might still be with us; Kieven Conner would be better off. So, while I'm

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pleased that Nicholas Casto was fired, and I applaud the Urban League and NAACP for their thoughtful proposals, City Council should not consider this work finished. You have the authority to do things, like make the hold that killed Frank Tyson, illegal, and you should do it. And you shouldn't stop there, as these reforms are brought up, you have the ability to make those with merit, much more than just suggestions. And I wouldn't be surprised if Safety Director Perry was happy to see that. And I think the myth that City Council can't or shouldn't act on a Gaza ceasefire resolution has been adequately debunked too. With Youngstown's City Council passage of their resolution, Canton is now the only urban center in the State of Ohio that has failed to do this. The City Council sitting in front of me, is now the outlier and it is not flattering. The number of Gazans killed by the Zionist state is at least thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred seventy-seven. Most of them women and children. Imagine half the population of our fair city, being slaughtered like that. Your silence is deafening, your excuses about this are getting old. You have the power. You have the ability to act, and in these instances, you are running out of aliases. And let me just say this, because I've got a few seconds, how long we been coming here? How long we been asking? With regard to this resolution, we are one vote short of making it a fact. One vote. You got this many people coming out here every single meeting. I mean, really. What's the matter with you? (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Mr. Resnick. Next up is Abdullah Masri.

ABDULLAH MASRI: Assalamu'alaikum, again. Umm... Abdullah Masri, 3892 Mt. Pleasant St. NW. I work here are Aultman Hospital. I wasn't to start by saying that I am truly grateful for the opportunity to talk here and to do the invocation for the community and myself. This is, truthfully, grateful for that opportunity because, you know what, when we talk about human rights, it sounds like certain people don't have as much human rights. And I, unfortunately, often hear slurs like, "If you don't like it here, go back to Palestine" and "Go back to Gaza." And, even though I am Palestinian, I would love to go to Palestine. But it's...it's really funny that those same people who give those slurs, are the same people who make the claims there's nothing such as Palestinian people, Palestine. So, I kind of got confused so I went ahead and pinched myself in the mirror. It was real, it hurt, so I said, "You know what, damnit, I'll just go and volunteer as a doctor, doing what I do, in Gaza and humanitarian crisis." So I did so. I reached out to two or three of the humanitarian, like...organizations who actually go there on some medical missions. And I talked to my friends, and I volunteered officially to go there, but I was told, unfortunately, the Israel regime disapproves everyone with Palestinians rules to volunteer in Palestine. How absurd is this. Well, what's absurd is more than that. It's strange to prevent somebody from going to help their own people, but now they're acknowledging Palestinians, and now more importantly, their acknowledging roots. That's something that's really odd to me. Uh...so, they acknowledge Palestinian, they acknowledge roots, but what makes me more confused is when I saw the videos and the scanned documents of (*Inaudible*) documents, as Palestinian citizens before the state of Israel was announced. So, let alone all of this kind of mind boggling mystery, I really want to talk about something that happened while everybody was busy watching the Presidential Debate. They're trying to pass, or maybe already passed, uh...Congress resolution that kind of bans people from accepting the number of victims accepted from Gaza because they're allegedly from Hamas or terrorist organization and that really is so nasty. Not only dehumanize people, but dehumanize them in retrospect. The last time I was here, there was more time for this, but the last official victim name was announced November 11, and it had ten thousand...eleven thousand, eight hundred martyrs. And we're not even allowed to mention martyrs...(**Buzzer**). Please (*Inaudible*) ceasefire resolution. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, sir. Our next speaker is Mark...and I can't make out your last name, Mark.

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MARK BROULIS: Yes, I live at 708 Smith Ave. SW, and our concern is the so-called Coffee Shop on Strausser and Smith Ave. Uh...it's the only coffee shop I know...I've never seen no coffee cups! But I see a lot of drugs, I see a lot of people with beer, sitting there all day and all night. People call the police. I've got neighbors haggled by naked people coming out of the coffee shop. Naked people running up and down our alley. Our backyard smells like an outhouse. I've got people urinating, crapping there. Cars up and down all hours of the night. Uh...it's anything but a coffee house. They tease my neighbor's dogs. We've got to stand up for ourselves because it's all a bunch of bullshit, excuse my language. But, something needs to be done. I hear we're going to have a meeting with them sooner or later. I hope they do do something. We've all got young children, they see this all day long, all night long. Our dogs bark all day long and all night long because there's people that don't belong there. If they want to do something with these people, than do something. As far as I'm concerned, the place don't need to be there. And I'm sure my neighbors think the same way. Now, I don't mean to be disrespectful, but that's how it is. All day and all night, it never ends. Sunday there's people sitting out there drinking beer, yelling at the neighbors across the street. It just gets old. Fights, ambulance there all the time. Police are there most of the time. We're just going to start calling more like we've been told to, and hopefully everybody shows up and moves these people on. It just gets old. I appreciate it, thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Safety Director.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: To Mr. Mark, I'm sorry I didn't get your last name. The Mayor, myself and the Police Chief do have a meeting tomorrow with the owner of the coffee shop, tomorrow and we're going to address your concerns.

MARK BROULIS: Thank you.,

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY\; Thank you. *(Applause)*.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Safety Director. Our next speaker is Destiny Jackson.

DESTINY JACKSON: Uh...hi, I'm Destiny Jackson and I live at 2453 Woodchuck St. NE. I just received bodycam footage from the May 30<sup>th</sup> incident involving former Canine Officer, Nicholas Casto, which I requested May 31<sup>st</sup>. I'm still waiting on footage from several officer's bodycams, which were excluded for unknown reasons. But what I can tell you, from just skimming through the footage that I received, is that the police unnecessarily escalated the chaos of that night. Everyone saw the excessive force Casto used on Kieven Conver, he was fired over it. But what the public didn't see what Det. J.T. Hampton orchestrating a struggle by pulling Conver's legs out from under him and framing it as resistance to justify Casto's use of the canine. Additionally, excessive force was used on multiple bystanders and the drive from the extremely questionable traffic stop. And I say the stop was questionable for a few reasons: CRT used two undercover vehicles to pull over that car for failure to signal at a curb; Det. Hampton tried to open a locked car door without consent, and when he failed, Officer Jacob Rosen unlocked it for him. Hampton proceeded to open the door and conducted a visual flashlight search of the areas clearly not in plain view. The passenger mentioned several times that Det. Hampton had been trying to arrest him for a year, which explains how Hampton knew his name without an introduction. But I digress. From the bodycam footage, I counted numerous instances of excessive force, unnecessary escalation and arguably, civil rights violations. Officer Andrew Cook aggressively and unnecessarily shoved a bystander and Officers Rosen, Paris and Dryden, used excessive force on the drive,

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slamming his face into the cruiser door, kicking his legs and aggressively throwing him into the cruiser, which repeatedly yelling at him to shut the “F” up. The same phrase used as Frank Tyson lay dying on the floor of the Amvet Post 124, at the hands of Officer Camden Burch and Beau Schoenegge. Interestingly, Officer Paris and Dryden’s bodycams were among the missing footage that I’m still waiting to receive. If you didn’t listen to a thing I said tonight, I hope you listen to this. There is a clear pattern of aggression, escalation and violence in this police department. And somebody with the authority to address it, needs to address it. There are too many officers in this department who should not be police officers, as they stalk, harass and terrorize citizens who may dislike, or have personal vendettas against. Meanwhile, officers who try to do better and show the community an iota of compassion, are sidelined or reprimanded. And those who repeatedly violate citizen’s rights continue to be rewarded. Ask yourselves why that is. Justice for Frank Tyson, drop Sierra Mason’s charges and uproot the rotten fruit tree that is the Canton Police Department. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Ms. Jackson. Next speaker is Skylark Bruce.

SKYLARK BRUCE: My name is Skylark Bruce and I live at 2216 Bollinger Ave. NE. It’s not often that a Canton Police news item has me saying, “Yes, that’s a good call.” Firing Officer Nicholas Casto is a good start. He should also be charged. He should likely be prohibited from owning or handling a dog, ever again, for work and any other reason. He has proven he cannot be trusted. But the thing is, firing Casto and doing nothing else, makes him the fall guy for a pattern of brutality and untrustworthy behavior within CPD. That’s the point of a scapegoat. A lot of other people are also guilty. We can start with Officer J.T. Hampton, who was present on May 30<sup>th</sup> and concocted a “resisting arrest scenario” by pulling Conner’s legs out from under him. He was struggling against the other officers, but Hampton made it look like it. A few seconds later, Casto came over with the canine to maul him. It’s not the first time CPD has used dogs for over the top brutality. In 2018, Robert Wagner declined to give the police information about himself or legal status to drive. Rather than arresting and charging him, in a reasonable manner, officers sent in a canine to attack him. Wagner’s injuries required multiple surgeries to treat. If Casto doesn’t accurately reflect CPD, as Mayor William Sherer recently said, why is it that J.T. Hampton does? Why do Beau Schoenegge and Camden Burch, who decided to end Frank Tyson’s life, rather than take seriously, his request to deal with the Stark County Sheriff’s Department? Why does Garrett Marino, who gunned down Zack Fornash in December, rather than asking him what was wrong? Why does Robert Huber, who never bothered to tell James Williams to put the gun down, while celebrating New Year’s Eve? Casto’s actions are worthy of firing and charges, but the rest of these officers keep their jobs and even get promoted. The reason it’s so hard to tell them apart is that functionally, it is all the same. We provide cover for them when we do nothing to call out the injustice and unwarranted violence. This is why it also matters that the Canton City Council refuses to address the ongoing genocidal horrors we see daily in Gaza, carried out by the State of Israel, with U.S. tax dollars. When we do nothing and say nothing, we are complicit. Canton could join the many cities across the US, and the world, and across Ohio that have said, “This is bad, we are not okay with this.” But it sure looks like you are okay with this. That tracks, considering what counts as normal atrocities, by Canton Police. Justice for Frank Tyson and free Palestine. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Miss Bruce. Next speaker is Miss Kim Bell.

KIM BELL: Kim Bell, 1733 Morris Ave. First, I...I...I want to say...I’m not going to talk about Frank Tyson because we’re still waiting on BCI and I spoke with Mr. Tyson and he said, “At this point, everything that needs to be said, has been said. Everything that needs to be done, has been done.” So...but I did mark my calendar at home, I forget the date, I’ve been busy today, but uh...I did mark my calendar where it was ninety-six days and we hadn’t heard anything about James Williams, so, we’re going to wait another ninety-six or is BCI going to do the same pattern? Is BCI using the same pattern, waiting ninety-six days before they give us an answer about this? So, again, I’m going to respect Mr. Tyson and follow what he asked. He said that everything’s

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been said that needs to be said. And...and...and thank you for firing the officer with the canine dog. And you know, I sit here, and I don't want to...sometimes I sound like an oxymoron and sometimes the oxymoron is right in the end, but I put you all under the same umbrella the last time I was here. I haven't been here in two meetings. I put you all under the same umbrella as the police department and these officers because you haven't done anything, but I realize all the training in the world is not going to stop an officer from doing what he wants to do. We cannot predict human behavior. And so, I...I can't blame...blame the Chief, because he...he's not to blame. He could...he was probably at home or on vacation. How did he know this was going to happen? You can't predict human behavior. If you're a bad person and a bad officer, you're just going to do what you want to do. And that's why I'm seeing here. But I sent you all texts earlier about the thing I was doing for um...the giveaway, and uh...uh...I'm late because...I didn't go home and change or do anything because I was busy with the giveaway, but um...I sent you all a text about the giveaway that I'm having tomorrow too. If you would like to donate, I've spoke with Mr. John Mariol, and I've spoke with a few others of you guys. So just contact me and we'll go from there. It'll be every Monday and Tuesday, for the month of July. I don't know about July 29<sup>th</sup>, that's my birthday so, I may not be here and I may not do that. I don't know yet. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Miss Bell. (*Applause*). Our next speaker is Brother...and I'm gonna...hope I get this one right. Yaqubba? Yaqub? Alright, you're up.

BROTHER YAQUB: Assalamu'alaikum. Brother Yaqub, 515 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Canton Ohio, 447...44703. Uh, I want to speak on something that's probably not popular. Peace, in Canton, Ohio. And how, and I feel, we can achieve, maybe peace, among all of us. And non-violence. There is no reason for us to be violent towards one another. Or to be angry or hateful towards one another, for it achieves nothing. All it achieves is more violence and more anger and hate. In Islam, there is a message of peace and it's considered the eternal constitution of what we strive for in our community. It's a community of love and peace, yes, and it's a faith based community. Whether it be Islam or Christian or Jewish. This is God's commandment, that we love one another. We call him a prophet. It was the prophet Jesus, and he did say the first great commandment was to love God with all your heart and also that we should love one another and we should cherish one another as brothers and sisters in this community. If we can achieve this, in this land, in this world, we achieve a miracle in today's world. Our community, and I say this, and I'm sure the other brothers in our community, the whole Muslim community wants this, that we want to work together with you, we want to be in peace with you and we want to be your friend. We can do this together and we'll never accomplish anything by attacking one another. I say that, let us try for this extreme hard goal is to live in harmony and peace with one another. Let us try for this. Let us seek this. I say to you that I care about you and I truly am beginning to know you all and you're good people. And we want to be friends in our community. And this will also...this spirit will go among our police officers where they'll think, not once, but not twice, but thrice, before they harm another human being. This is how we stop it. When someone has the inner constitutional will to make a choice to not to be harmful or hurt another being, no matter with your hand...(buzzer). Thank you very much. Shalom. (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, very much. Our next speaker is Mr. David Kerestes.

DAVID KERESTES: Good evening. David Kerestes, 626 Walnut NE, Canton, Ohio. I'm here tonight, and uh...I was looking into some stuff and this is a picture of the pigout and the layout here, of the pigout, back in 1988. This is the building that burned in 1988, okay. When I went to the Auditor's Office today, this building, after the fire, is not worth \$627,000. So, I'm wondering, did they embezzle that money from the insurance company or was that the cocaine money sold out of the open bit they laundered into the building after it burned.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Excuse me, sir. You signed up to speak on common sense. Where are we going with this?

DAVID KERESTES: Well, this is...this is common sense because there's no insulation in this building. There's no insulation in the library fire, there's no insulation in the fire at my father's house, and quite frankly, that's obscured. And so as I move further into common sense, common sense tells me that quite frankly, you people are not as guilty as everyone thinks. Because what I'm looking here at is a police report of a man who died and we're looking at this man and he died. And four days later, what they're claiming is...that is four days of being dead. His throat's cut. His jaw's broken. This was a murder investigation at 3500 Lincoln Way East, with Matt Schuring, when I was watching him sell state drugs. This right here is the Massillon Court, when I'm trying to pro se, humbly, and explain how I'm watching drugs by sold by Kurt Schuring's son and relative. And I go through and uh...sit here and I look at them trying to accuse me of a felony crime for a \$5 tool they didn't know what it was called. Uh...that makes your justice system pretty obscured, and why would this have anything to do with you? Because Star Zirby (?) is the guy that signed the occupancy permit for the fire that Joey Barbari had. His third fire, and if the FBI says most people have zero or one, how does he have three and profit over a half a million dollars, these people, on one building? So, quite frankly there's a whole lot going on around here. And then 4030, across the street, had three fires. The fire report says that the value was \$987,000. And I looked at the tax assessment and it's \$527. The building is now attached to El Campesino and there's a lot of obscurity around here...(buzzer)... I can't figure it out. Thank you. (Applause).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you is Miss Tina Rhodes.

TINA RHODES: Tina Rhodes, 2227 Strasser Pl. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706. Oh, I'm here, talking about Coffee House again. I am glad that somebody is going to be talking to Steve about it. Um...On May 25<sup>th</sup>, there was a naked woman, which you can see (*holding picture up*), standing in our (*Inaudible*), in the outside doorway. She's just standing there, naked, standing there arguing with people, naked as a jaybird. And on the 28<sup>th</sup>...May 28<sup>th</sup>, there was an assault and the police had to be called, and someone from Total Living Center went over there for some business, I'm not sure what...and they went in and saw a woman with her tool kit open, ready to shoot up. Um...there's been a man, I've seen many men and women out with their crack pipes, smoking their crack, or whatever they put in it. (*Laughs*). Meth, maybe. Um...on June 3<sup>rd</sup> I had to call the police because me and my husband were having a little argument on the front porch and a woman from their interceded, to tell me to shut up, I'm not allowed...don't argue with my husband. I told her to mind her own business. She said, "We're not allowed...we're not allowed to yell, neither are you." I told her again, "Mind her own business." Then my husband came out on the porch and he wasn't doing anything, just standing there and the man with her, I guess they were together, he started yelling nasty things at my husband and threatening his life. You know, "I'm gonna kick your ass", "I'm gonna stab you" and nasty things like that. And, I had to call the police, of course it just got out of hand. And my neighbor had to call the police. She had to have people removed from the coffee house that were living next to her and my, like between our garages. And the police had to put up caution...er...not caution tape, I think police tape. Um...we shouldn't have to deal with that kind of thing on our own property. I've also had things stolen off my property by these people. And it's just getting out of hand. And like...like Mark said, they pee. There's a woman who peed right in the road on Smith. One woman in the back of the coffee house, one day, I caught peeing. Had to yell at her to pull up her pants. My grandchildren were standing there. By the way, my grandchildren, they are five and six, and they saw that naked woman because we were just...they were out there playing, we didn't see her right away, by the time I seen her, it was too late. You know I had...I made them go in the house. Um...I don't know. The place...the place is just a nuisance, it just needs closed down. It's just a nuisance to everybody in the neighborhood and the drugs are just out of hand. They use them outside, they're using them inside and I'm beginning to think that it's a drug house because that's the only thing I think it could be. (*Buzzer*). (*Applause*).



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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you. Our next speaker is Christina? Or Christian?

CHRISTIAN BOVE: Christian.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: I'm sorry. And can't make out your last name, sir.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: (*Yelled various pronunciations of the speakers name*).

CHRISTIAN BOVE: Uh...is this on? Hi, name is Christian Jeremiah Bove, B-O-V-E. I live at 945 Bellflower Ave. SW, currently. Uh, tonight I'd just like to plant a few ideas in your minds. Um...since I can't ask for advice technically, I'd like to mention these things in passing and hopefully connect with someone who understands more than me, to clarify what to do with these ideas. The first idea I have is a safe space to fight in prison. I'm not sure what to do with that. Uh, my second idea is, and this is a little bit much, but...battle royal capital punishment as an option for inmates on death row; uh...my third idea is legalize street racing and make this a monthly thing as part of a routine community festival celebration. Wall off a part of the city and get the cops involved. Maybe do like a cops and robbers, civilly. It's dangerous. Waivers would need to be produced. Um...I'd also like to mention there should be more restrictions on guns and they should be restricted only to the police and the military and possibly the American Scouting Association, I'm not sure what they're called right now. Um...and lastly, uh...referencing the lady prior to me, public safety spaces to use drugs for addicts and provide medical care and security for those suffering in the city. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you very much. Our last speaker is Sierra Mason.

SIERRA MASON: Sierra Mason, 2110 Market Ave. N. I'm here to talk about Frank Tyson, the man who was murdered at the hands of Canton City Police. Just like James Williams, just like Jeron Nero, just like Zach Fornash...and who am I forgetting....

AUDIENCE MEMBRE: Darryl Ross...

SIERRA MASON:...and Darryl Ross. Unfortunately, we have to be here week after week, just like Palestine pointed out today, week after week after week, talking about the same issue. (*Sighs*), not only are we fighting for Frank Tyson, but we're also fighting charges on our lead protester, who happens to be me. For upholding my First Amendment right. For upholding my First Amendment right. Once again, I am battling the city, not only legally, but with this community. We have groups who didn't know about Frank Tyson for the first couple of weeks that we were in here, that are now taking up two and a half, three minutes of their speech, to bring light to Frank Tyson because of how messed up it is. But for some reason, because we had somebody stick...because we had another officer sic a dog on another citizen here, we're not talking about it anymore. We're not bringing light to Frank Tyson's name anymore. He's been brushed under the rug...under the rug of this dog and we think that rug has been settle down because we arrested one officer. J.T. Hampton is a problem. And like I said, two weeks ago, he's an even bigger problem because he looks like us. And so he's building trust in this community and then literally stabbing us in the back harder than the white cops on your force who are already racist. It's a problem that we have a CRT team who is literally out here to stalk our citizens. It apparently is under protocol, or whatever, for that to...for them to monitor Facebook profiles and utilize legal photos to pursue and stalk citizens and not (*Inaudible*) getting to these traffic stops because it's happening more than once. We've got J.T. Hampton stalking kids, we got J.T. Hampton stalking citizens, eighteen year olds. Why is he so obsessed with teenagers? Why is he so obsessed with bringing down young people who are trying to make a life for themselves? Because he knows he can charge and try all of those

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teenagers as adults. That goes on their adult record. J.T. Hampton's a problem and it's written all over his disciplinary records. (*Buzzer*). (*Applause*).

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Okay, thank you Miss Mason. And that concludes our Public Speaks section of the Council Meeting. And I would like to highlight on something that one of the speakers had said...that we can't control human nature. I can assure you that this administration and this council will hear all your concerns and our administration is working diligently to resolve any issues within our police department to make it more community friendly. So, with that being said, we will move on to Information Resolutions.

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Madam Clerk, beginning with Informal Resolution #1.

*(Sierra Mason and others yell comments from the audience prior to leaving the Council Meeting).*

1. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: CONFIRM REAPPOINTMENT JESS BENNETT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE COMMENCING 7/1/24 – 12/21/28. - ADOPTED

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #1. Any comments? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: The ayes have it, Informal Resolution has passed. Clerk, Informal Resolution #1A.

- 1A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: DESIGNATION OF COUNCIL STAFF POSITION, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT V TO NON-EXEMPT STATUS. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #1A. Any comments? All those in favor...aye... Those opposed.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: The ayes have it, Informal Resolution #1A has been adopted.

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: 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 JULY 1, 2024.***

2. REQ FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF CANTON NIP 3 PROGRAM.- FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
3. REQ PASSAGE OF ORD UNDER CHAPTER 1351, PERMITTING ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF SERVS. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
4. AMEND CHAPTER 151, EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS OF PART ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
5. APPROVE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES ADOPTED FR 8/8/23 TO 6/17/24 TO BE INCORPORATED INTO CANTON COD ORD; AUTH TO DISTRIBUTION COPIES OF 2023-2024 CITY CODE SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FREE OF CHARGE, AFFIX PRICE OF \$7.50 FOR THE SALE OF SAME.- LAW DIRECTOR REESE
6. AMEND PART FIFTEEN, FIRE PREVENTION CODE. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
7. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB OF \$1530.00 TO BLACK, MCCUSKEY, SOUERS, & ARBAUGH FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
8. REQ NEW D1, D2 PERMIT FOR CULINARY CREATIONS LLC @ 3102 TUSCARAWAS ST W, (WARD 3). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
9. REQ D5, D6 STOCK PERMIT FOR BLUE CANTON LLC @ 2234 W TUSCARAWAS ST & PATIO, (WARD 3). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
10. REQ CHANGE TO 24 FULL-TIME TELECOMMUNICATORS AND ELIMINATE CLASSIFICATION FOR PART-TIME TELECOMMUNICATORS. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
11. AUTH DELINQUENT BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
12. REQ FOR ENGINEERING DEPT. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING AND TIMING UPDATE. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
13. REQ FOR WTR DEPT. MANAGEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING CLASSIFICATIONS PLAN. (ADDT'L CHIEF CHEMIST FOR SUCCESSION PLANNING)- SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
14. REQ LEG FOR 2021 HOME ARP PROGRAMS. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
15. REQ FOR CITYWIDE FIBER NETWORK PROJECT UPDATE (CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, COUNTY AGREEMENT AMEND NO. 1, RAILROAD LICENSE FEES, GIS, AND SUPP APPROP). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

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15A. REQ O#211/2024 REAUTH (CIVIC CENTER ARPA PROJECT); EMERGENCY - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: And we are now under Ordinances for the First Reading. Madam Clerk, #16.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #16 THROUGH #29 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

- O#16. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 282/2022 AND 283/2022; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMEND THE EXISTING TIF COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CANTON COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT,, LLC; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.  
Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee
- O#17. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1131, DEFINITIONS; CHAPTER 1198, CONDITIONAL USES OF PART ELEVEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE  
Referred to Judiciary Committee
- O18. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINACE NO. 55/77, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE CITY OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.  
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- O#19. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF OUTLOT 701 AND PART OF OUTLOT 703; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.  
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- O#20. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF OUTLOT 510 AND PART OF OUTLOT 642; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.  
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- O#21. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF PART OF OUTLOT 374 AND PART OF OUTLOT 375; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.  
Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee
- O#22. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 17536 THRU 17548, LOTS 18139 THRU 18146, PART OF LOT 18138 AND PART OF LOT

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18147 AND LOTS 30065 THRU 30067; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

O#23. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 29494, 29495, AND ND 29496; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

O#24. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 22052 AND 22053; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

O#25. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF 3589 AND PART OF LOT 3590; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

O#26. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT \$42,125 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2024 OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, STATE OF OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024 AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$42,125.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102006 OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

O#27. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 121/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO MULTIPLE CONTRACTS FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ST. NW AND COURT AVE. NW UTILITIES – G.P. 1473 AND STREESCAPE PROJECTS – G.P. 1445 (PALACE THEATRE) AND TO EXECUTE ONE OR MORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND OVERSIGHT SERVICES FOR THESE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14 WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLDS; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee

O#28. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 122/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF STARK COUNTY AUDITOR PARCEL NUMBER 10006390 IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000 AND TO

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ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE SAID PURCHASE; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR SAID PURCHASE; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY(\$600,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENT FUND TO 2175 203001 CIVIC CENTER ADMINISTRATION - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

O#29. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 123/2024** AN ORDINANCE REAUTHORIZING ORDINANCE NO. 221/2023; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

Referred to Public Property Capital Improvement and Finance Committees

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: At this time the chair will declare an in-house recess for Public Safety & Thoroughfares, Finance, and Public Property & Capital Improvement Committees to meet. We are now recessed.

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT --- PM FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES, FINANCE, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES TO MEET IN REGARDS TO O#27 THROUGH O#29; RECONVENED AT --- PM)***

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Okay. Council is now back in session. Leader Mariol.

LEADER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances #27 through 29 back to this evening agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It has been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances #27, 28, and 29 back on this evenings agenda. Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory Rule on Ordinances #27 through 29.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Okay, it's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances #27, 28 and 29. Any comments? Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance 27, 28, and 29 are now a part of your agenda. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #27

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #27. Any comments?...Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #27 has been adopted...

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 121/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Oh, sorry. I got a date with a cheeseburger! (*Laughter*). Leader Mariol.

LEADER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #28.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to Ordinance #28. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #28....

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 122/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Oh, I get (*Inaudible*)...to you again. Ordinance #28 has been adopted. Leader Mariol.

LEADER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #29.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #29. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#29 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 123/2024**

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PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #29 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Madam Clerk.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #30 AND #31 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#30. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF CANTON'S ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

O#31. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO CRACK SEALING ON US-62 WITHIN THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

CLERK WOOD: Mr. President.

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

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are now under Ordinances for their Third and Final Reading

***NOTE: PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE #32 FOR ITS THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#32. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 124/2024** 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)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #32.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #32. Are there any questions or concerns? ...Hearing none, Madam Clerk.



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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#32 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 124/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #32 has been adopted. Ordinance #33 please.

O#33. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 125/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY CONTRACTS NECESSARY WITH J.D. WILLIAMSON CONSTRUCTION CO., IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$123,371.68; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO SAID CHANGE ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #33.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #33. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none...

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#33 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 125/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #33 has been adopted. Ordinance #34.

O#34. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 126/2024** 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 TO EXCEED \$136,668.30 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 ORDER; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #34.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #34. Are there any remarks on this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, Clerk.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#34 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 126/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #34 has been adopted. Ordinance #35...oh...Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #35.

CLERK WOOD: I haven't read the Ordinance.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Oh yeah, read...I'm sorry...

O#35. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 127/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OR THEIR 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

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #35.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #35. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

**#35 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 127/2024**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Ordinance #33 has been adopted.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER HAWK: What's the time... (*Inaudible*).

CLERK WOOD: C&amp;ED...

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Member Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Public Safety & Thoroughfares will meet on...what? July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30?

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CLERK WOOD: 6:15.

MEMBER BABCOCK: 6:15.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: (*Inaudible*).

CLERK WOOD: C&ED.

MEMBER HAWK: Community & Economic Development will meet, same time, same place.

CLERK WOOD: Thank you.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: The Fin....

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Finance Committee is going to meet, the same time, same place.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: And...

CLERK WOOD: That's it.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: We are now under Miscellaneous Business.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: I uh...just want to say that this has been a wonderful week and I think the...that the Centennial Plaza has been a blessing and I want to get kudos out to Enrichment for their grand opening and those things that happened there, and also the party at the plaza, which was wonderful, and the performance of the Blue Coats back in town.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Good deal.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: In Ward 2!

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: But, your boss wanted to go first.

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: That's fine. Mayor.

MAYOR SHERER: (*Laughs*). Thank you, Council President. Member Smith, I can assure you that the neigh...we're not losing focus on our neighborhoods by no means. Even though, you know, we're

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approv...asking Council to approve a few things and actually, I would probably say that we're putting our foot on the gas more than ever with the neighborhoods. That's the first thing. The second thing is Member Fisher, I know this is kind of short notice, but I lined up a meeting with Steve Robinson from the Coffee Shop at 11:00 tomorrow and you're more than welcome to come down, if you want. If you can. I know that it's short notice. That'll be up on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor. And we got fireworks this Wednesday at the McKinley Monument. I want to thank all the volunteers were able to put everything together. Hopefully the weather's going to cooperate, such we're going to be doing it the day before the 4<sup>th</sup> and the entertainment will be provided by Enrichment and Jimmy and the Soul Blazers will be playing, so I think the weather should hopefully cooperate. But I just want to wish everybody a great holiday weekend and a safe weekend, for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Thank you, Mayor. Service Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: Mr. President, I just wanted to build on what the Mayor said about the neighborhood projects so some folks can kind of know where we are at on a couple of items. So as...as Mayor Sherer mentioned uh... the first two I guess areas we've been looking at are the Southeast area around Sherrick Rd. and then kind of the Vassar Park, 15<sup>th</sup> St. So just...just so everyone knows what we're looking at. So, the 11<sup>th</sup> St. project that... that is... that is ongoing right now uh... on component of that came up during the (*inaudible*) Grant process is how can we build off that project to better connect to the Southeast Community and the Southeast Community Center and the surrounding areas. So, with that particular project, we're limited to what we can do within the ODOT approved areas. Uh... one of the things specifically though just so folks know is we're looking to build kind of a large scale multiuse streetscape uh... pedestrian bike, that kind of stuff... path down 11<sup>th</sup> St.... uh... down Cherry St. from 11<sup>th</sup> to Sherrick Rd. Uh... then the hope was that we could get that maybe even start it this year through a Change Order in the contract, but because it's adjacent to US Route 30 there's a process that we have to go through with ODOT uh... because of the rams. It's shouldn't hold anything up big picture, it's just why you don't see it now. It's just on building. Then... then the next thing with that particular area and this is some stuff I actually have when I was at the Southeast Community Center with Member Smith and some other folks a few weeks ago. We talked about kind of dressing up the front area there, then connect Sherrick and Gonder to 11<sup>th</sup> and Cherry. Like anything else that's going require work, that type of stuff. So I have a meeting with the Engineers on Wednesday to try and get that moving forward so I can get some costs. And then ultimately once we have some cost, work with the Ward Councilperson to see okay, here's what we like, here's what we don't like. Uh... then the same process will take place obviously for 15<sup>th</sup> St. Vassar Park. We're just not quite that... far... along there because of the focus has been on the Southeast doing the (*inaudible*) Grant. So, just trying to get everybody moving with Engineering and Planning and actually get information put together. Uh... the other thing I would add kind of along those same lines is, it's important we work with Council, but we also want to... work with public. So, I know Communications Director Christian Turner is in the process of setting Town Hall meetings were we can take some of these plans to the public and get feedback from them. So, although it's not necessarily happening immediately, it's because we're hoping to do it right and include a whole bunch of folks. So, like any other major project there is a you know some time and planning that goes into this. So, just in terms of the behind the scenes nuts and bolts I wanted everyone to know that it is the focus it is the on going you know charge and that is what people are working on. Well aware of what it looks like what some of these other you know more immediate things happen... that just happen because they do. The other thing I would just add and it's completely unrelated to that. Want to congratulate or Director of Economic Development, Chris Hardesty. Last week he was honored officially as a 20 Under 40 recipient. So, congratulations Chris, much deserved. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Member Smith.

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MEMBER SMITH: Yes... uh... I thank you so very much Mayor for uh... speaking about the neighborhood and also you to John Highman. And uh... when I talked to uh... Majority Leader uh... Mariol, I was not happy or pleased about the money that we were getting ready to spend at those three major things that you talked about. And I just be uh... how long it takes things to do in the neighborhood. Uh... back to Centennial Plaza, I appreciate all of that go on downtown, but it just seems like it takes so long and so many years to get things done in the neighborhoods for our residents that have worked so many years. And they do not see their labor, y'all getting done, you know. I just wish we could speed up more things happening in our neighborhoods because these are the people who vote us in the office and I just... would appreciate that if we could move forward uh... a little quicker about things. And I hate to bring this up, but things such as the a shelter, that it has taken us what over three or four years to even get started on that. And I... I just feel like it takes so long to get things done for our residents and in our neighborhoods. And I just wish we could speed things up a little bit, because our residents feel like you drag your feet on certain things when it comes to the residents and to the neighborhoods, but when we talk about the Palace Theater, Civic Center, and things like that getting taken care of it just seems like overnight things like this just happen. And you just progressively do these things. So, I just wish that we could find a way to speed a little process up when it comes to these neighborhoods. And not that I'm not appreciative and not that they're not either, but I'd just like to see progress done... a little speeder in these neighborhoods. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Member Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Yes, Mr. President. I just wanted to say that... uh... my wife and I and our son and daughter went to one of the movies... in Centennial Plaza uh... there were a lot of families there. It was very enjoyable, it was a great free event that I know everyone in there enjoyed and I know we enjoyed. So I think those are great and uh... hope to see many more of those in the future.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Awesome, anyone else? Alright well... uh Member Smith I agree with you about thousand percent. Seems like the projects in our Wards and our neighborhoods historically have drug and drug and drug. I would like to thank my colleagues and our Leader for putting me up here this evening. I enjoyed it immensely. We have some very angry people in the audience sometimes, one man was yelling and... not nice, but we get paid this big bucks to get treated tough and treated badly sometimes. I truly mean this, I think everybody up her does a great job. And sometimes we sit up here and we take a beating from people and it's not justified. So, thank you for the opportunity and Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. Roll call vote please, Mr. Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS: Meeting is adjourned. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:25 PM

ATTEST:  
JILL M. WOOD

APPROVED:  
PRESIDENT PRO TEM MORRIS

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