

MINUTES OF THE MEETING AUGUST 26, 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. 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:

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

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (COUNCIL MEMBER HAWK ABSENT)

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

EXCUSING MEMBERS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President, I move we excuse Members Hawk from this evening's meeting.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to excuse Member Greg Hawk from this evening's meeting. Are there any remarks?... Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam. President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Member Greg Hawk is excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Council Member-at-Large, Crystal Smith. If you'll you please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on August 26, 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 Council Member-at-Large, Crystal Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Smith. We are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President I move to suspend Rule 22A to add second reading Ordinances #18 through #24 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A and add second readings of #18 through #24. Are any remarks? Hearing none, roll call vote please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The motion carries and Ordinances #18 through #24 are now a legal part of your agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: What we are going to do now before we begin Public Speaks, is grant the Mayor the floor to make a statement uh... in regard to the incident that I know most of you are her about. And he uh... has the floor. Please... as we respect your right to speak, please respect his right... to... to say something.

MAYOR SHERER: Thank you, Madam President. Eight months as a new Mayor and I know what I signed up for, but I didn't sign up for this. Many of you saw the video that's circulating over the weekend involving the Canton Police Officer kicking the suspect in custody. You've heard me say numerous times on more than one occasion that we can do better. And I'm tired of saying it. It is... it is about action. This behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated by any department in the city including the Canton PD. And this will... and this will (*applause*) and this... this will be handled. I want to... I want to also reiterate that I have total faith in Police Chief Gabbard and his ability to lead our Police Department. And it is very unfortunate that situations like this reflect on our entire department. And we... and situations like this will be handled. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much Mayor. Okay, we are now under Public Speaks. Many of you have been here but I want to review for maybe some that may not have been. Uh... when I call your name, please approach the podium, give us your name and residential address for the record. You can watch your time... you know on the large screen. Alright, our first speaker is Miss Kim Bell. Miss Bell.

KIM BELL: Kim Bell 1733 Morris Ave. Tonight... Mayor you spoke, now I'm speaking. I want your resignation. We all do. And I will ask those who are in position, maybe not in this room, to allow me to finish his term. Or... I would go house hunting for Ben Crump and Al Sharpton in the Canton area and go work for them. That old saying, "Never kick a man while he's down," this is just what this coward of a cop did. This administration has failed the black community and given us civil order from the very department we salute the flag to "Justice for all." Your first move, Mayor, should have been the police department. Right before Tom left, Zach was killed by a Canton Police whose father is the Canton Police Chief in the same department. Then in April, Frank Tyson was tortured by Canton Police officer Camden and Burch and a bar customer who use their body weight as... tortured him and used... their... their... bare hands and body weight to kill him. At the first town meeting, your administration came to the southeast side where it's mostly black community where Frank Tyson was murdered by Canton Police, to talk about sidewalk repairs and another park. No one is walking anymore, they're Ubering and Lifting. What do we need the sidewalks fixed for? (*Applause*) Stop doing the very minimum just to say... just so you can account for money you put in the neighborhood. Stop trying to play us. Last meeting, you all voted on giving new officers higher pay, well that price just went up like the dial. Now the starting salary will be what \$70,000? Gabbard is hiring... Gabbard and... the police chief

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needs help in hiring new officers. A black man in a uniform, he does not... he honors the badge unless he's weaker... a weak minded officer. He honors the badge. Do... I'm pretty sure a lot of you Chris, Nate...

MEMBER SMITH: Don't call out my name...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yea...

KIM BELL: ... Frank Love and... and... and... Officer Boudreaux, those officers wouldn't have did this. Kicked a man they would've simple went there and said, "What are you doing, what are you doing? Come one you're going to jail." They wouldn't kicked him, the wouldn't have shot him at the bar. I'm asking the protestors and the activist to please to stand down. Let them... give them an opportunity to give Chief Gabbard an opportunity, to give Andrea Perry an opportunity, and give Jason Reese an opportunity.

(Audience member yelling)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright... alright... alright. *(Buzzer)*

KIM BELL: Just give them an opportunity...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Hey... thank...

KIM BELL: ...everybody deserves and opportunity.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Bell... Thank you Miss Bell. We appreciate your comments. Our next speaker is... uh... ok I want to pronounce it correctly if you could give us your name and residential address please.

CHARLA JONES: Charla Jones, 2224 Gross Ave NE Canton....

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you.

CHARLA JONES: Okay. We already gave the Chief, the Safety Director an opportunity and the Mayor to fix what's going on in this City and they have failed us. Numerous times we hear the same speech over and over how you guys are sick of it, but we are the ones who's facing it. Family, friends, children that we have watched, babysit, watch, grow up with our children being beat by Canton City Police. And nothing is being done. We hear the same speech from all of y'all. It's a routine at this point. I don't believe you. There's no action in none of the cases that we have been here for... for the past three months. It's a continuance. I'm glad one of you guys are up and alert because the last meeting you was nodding off. Let's just be real, you guys don't care what's going on in this City because if you did, the Tyson family would have justice, the Waiters family would have justice, and that young man that was beat, kicked... dropped kicked in the video would have justice. It's time for this to stop. Or what do you expect us to do? Keep allowing y'all to beat our black young men? Or take action on our own. I don't have a dream, I don't live in a fantasy word... I live in reality. And reality is our black male children are terrified from the police. The Chief of police had the nerve to say " That their officers are stressed out," *(Laughed and then audience laughed)*. How do you think our kids feel? They in fear of their life when they see the police because the police put that fear in their heart. It's time for some to say enough is enough and stand on business.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Jones. Our next speaker is Ms. Veronica Early. Is she here? Oh there she. And please give us your name and residential address.

VERONICA EARLY: Veronica Early 1627 Rowland Ave NE. Y'all playing in our face now. Y'all are truly playing in our face now. Y'all are letting all... and I ain't even talking to y'all cause y'all don't care. The Mayor knows he don't care. He give us the most (*inaudible*) speech (*inaudible*) talking about yeah, yeah, we care, we care for you. Man get out of here with that. I'm talking to y'all...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: No ma'am you have to address... us..

VERONICA EARLY: I'm talking to the public... I'm talking to the public.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's fine.

VERONICA EARLY: And then y'all understand... all this marching, all this demonstrating... it ain't doing nothing they count on us to do that. I told y'all we got to hit them in their pocketbooks. We shouldn't have been out there for the Hall of Fame, we should been out there stopping their money.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Next year!

VERONICA EARLY: But... but... but they said you know we have to get permission. Oh no... no... no you can't protest that. Isn't that a protest when you don't want something and they do something and they do it anyway? Is that not a protest? But no everybody was scared. We got too many handkerchiefs in our community that said "No be calm, don't do this, don't do that," while they keep killing us, beating us, destroying our community. I... you know what, we can defund the police because I take my chances out there with the drug head, with the robber, (*inaudible*) I'm scared to death with y'all. I'm scared to death of the police. And what we need to do is start writing anybody who's associated with the Hall of Fame, not in Canton, write in and let them know how this is the most racist place to live. How you and your children are not safe if they are brown, black, or poor. You... we are not safe. And we need hitting them in their pockets. Everybody needs to write. Put it on your social media pages. We need to let the NFL, let the Hall of Fame people know what's going on here in Canton. And let them know they may want to come here next year and they may open to them. What are y'all going to do? We are sick, we are sick, we are sick and tired of you guys just doing all this. We got a black female sitting up there, Law Director, we got a Safety Director whatever. She actually turns her back and I know she does because I've been down there to talk to her. She seeing things in her face and she acts like... oh... "Oh did that really happen. Girl what can I do?" Do more...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: As you know, address me...

VERONICA EARLY: So we need to start hitting them in their pockets... hitting them in their pockets. And the Hall of Fame is their queen. They love that thing. Let them know. You better do something or you will not have a Hall of Fame... because what are y'all going to do because the city is already tired. We're tired of y'all. What's going to happen when everybody here gets sick and tired of y'all? Then you're going to have a problem.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Ms. Early. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Miss Skylark Bruce. Miss Bruce.

SKYLARK BRUCE: My name is Skylark Brue and I live at 2216 Bolinger Ave NE. For over four years I brought a water bottle with me into these chambers. Suddenly today, that is a problem. I'm not sure why the

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officers at the door had determined 16 oz of water to be a hazard, but it's very strange. Not strange compared to everything else. Of... as they continue to behave in disgraceful ways toward ordinary people who pose a no threat to them. Two evenings ago I was horrified to recognize Mahoning Manor, a few blocks from my home, in a video sent to me. A young black man was on his knees with his hands raised... complying with the verbal orders giving to him by the officers nearest him. Another officer, Brandon ?? come... running up and lands a flying kick into the man chest... this knocks the man to the ground. I don't know what sort of Jackie Chan movie dojo Officer ?? mistook for the Police Academy, but around here you're not suppose to get that sort of treatment without some kind of justification, but Officer J.T. Hampton was also there which usually means someone's rights are getting violated. A second incident this weekend involved two officers beating the crap out of a young black man who showed no signs a struggle. The video I saw indicates this was at West Park by... the Veteran's Memorial catty-corner across 13th St... from... from Mercy Hospital. We're told "Do what the police tell you and you won't get hurt." We are told, "If you're not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to fear." (*Applause*) We believe actions not words. A running direct kick to the chest can kill someone. People don't carry giant signs saying I have a heart condition, maybe don't kick me in the chest. Many of us were so relieved to see this young man upright and still alive moments later in the video. May he recover well. Meanwhile this is all too familiar to the family of Frank Tyson. Two weeks after the preliminary autopsy report, they wait. Four and half months since their loved one was brutally snatched by the CPD. This is all too familiar to the Palestinians in this room and in Gaza. The tactics we are seeing in the streets of Canton by CPD, increasingly mirror the decades of oppression that Israel has (*inaudible*) out cruelly on Palestinians of all ages. This is the same community now being slaughtered by the tens of thousands. Which this Council can't get enough votes to verbally support. What is the reality today in Palestine can quickly become the reality of tomorrow in many other places. It could be my family or your family desperately seeking a safe zone with cold hearts everywhere you turn. It's not too late to make Canton safe from police violence. Justice for Frank Tyson, Black Lives Matter, and Free Palestine. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Miss Bruce. Our next speaker only wrote a first name of Asia. Asia... oh, if you could approach and also give us your last name and residential address thank you.

ASIA: Is the mic promotor on? Sorry. Sorry... can I play my recording?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Uh... no you have to speak...

ASIA: Ok...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ...and please you have to first state your full name and your residential address.

ASIA: Okay. My name is Asia Talbet (?) Uh... I live on Rowland Ave. I will be speaking on uh... wheelchair ramps.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay go ahead.

ASIA: I have to put my headphones in, hold on a second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Would you stop her time for a second. Thank you.

ASIA: My name is Asia Marie Talbet . I am a special needs and autistic.

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(Audience member Justin Nicely, asked President Bates Alyward if she would allow Asia to use her recording device due to her disability. President Bates Aylward agreed. The microphone could not pick up all of what Justin said)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Just hold it up there by the microphone.

ASIA: *(Asia plays a message from her recording device) "My name is Asia Marie Talbert. I am special needs and autistic. I have a Caucasian mom named Connie, that's in a wheelchair. And she can't get around places without her wheelchair because she broke her hip whenever she was in nursing school. And she couldn't work in the nursing field because of her injuries. And so her wheelchair doesn't get around very easily. To the fact that not much wheelchair ramps are not around our cities crosswalks at lights, and at streets and at business. Please help me put wheelchair ramps in Canton, Ohio. Thank you very much."* Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you... thank you very much. *(Applause)*

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Her address is 1326... 1326 Rowland.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Daniel Gates I believe. Mr. Gates if you could give us your name and residential address please.

DANIEL GATES: My name is Daniel Gates and I am a resident of the United States of America Republic... okay.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And also Smith Ave... it's on the sheet.

DANIEL GATES: That's a mailing address and I don't live there. I live in the United States of Republic okay.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay.

DANIEL GATES: Thank you. I have been a victim of police violence as well. Just yesterday actually, but back first in 2019, they popped my spine... out of socket. That got swept under the rug. They never got no news coverage... okay. Nothings ever been done about it. I let it go. I shouldn't have because I could've hit your pockets... okay. Yesterday, am going to hit your pockets for what happened yesterday. Without your officers investigating anything, they pulled the gun on me for being an armed citizens. Which I am every day. Give me liberty or give me death. If you guys keep coming after people all across America, I'm not just saying Canton, then people are going to revolt. Which is our Constitutional Right under the second amendment under the Constitution. I'm tired of the brutality, I'm am tired of the violence, and I tired not having peace. We were guaranteed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am not pursing happiness, because every time I walk out the door... every time I walk out the door the police, they're coming for me. They're coming for my people. I'm tired of it. It needs to stop. We don't need no more meetings, we no more cameras, you need to train your officers on how to be an investigator, okay. Not being tactile. That's all they ever say is, "Oh my life. I have the right to go home to my family." Well what about me as an innocent civilian that you have mistaken my identity of? How about that because I almost died yesterday by your police officers. By your police officers who... all it took was a pair of red shorts. That's all... they had one detail. And they knew they didn't have their guy. I wear cowboy boots I'm not running nowhere. Like I said give me liberty or give me death and that is patriotic. I'm not making a threat that was a guarantee by the Constitution of the Unites States of the Republic. It's guarantee! We elect you, we bring you here. Do I need to step up? Do I? Do you really want a guy like me... leading

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Canton? I got dragged and I got crystals in my hair and I got tattoos. I am the common man. You put yourselves here...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Sir... sir...

DANIEL GATES: You should hold yourselves to a higher standard because you put yourselves in that higher standard! Volume is an exception... it not. I am allowed to be as loud as I want under the first amendment. I am upset! Your police officers pulled guns on me and told me to calm down when I did nothing. And it's been happening. So you want to say that you're going to do something, this has been going on since 2019. Look up 1085 2019... 1085. You'll see. (*Applause*) (*Buzzer*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you sir. Our next speaker is Justin Nicely. Mr. Nicely if you'll approach and give us your name, residential address once again.

JUSTIN NICELY: My name is Justin Nicely 2952 Lincoln Way. Resident of Canton hall of shame is a platform to the public. Been before you Council several times to tell you there's a problem, yet y'all don't listen. Just back to your days like nothing is (*inaudible*) in your delusion like this is the everyday reality that the majority of you represent and it's not. You all feel the sense of entitlement as you sit in your position in your elected roles of presumed authority all a while forgetting it's derived from the liberties of myself and we the people here that put you there. Now in an intellectual dialog of addressing what's wrong, things are going to be said that you may like to hear. And hence my gift to you prior preparation – H and obviously y'all ain't using it. So stop taking what's being said to you personally and get your attention. Now, I've been asking many times for you leaders to sit there and take it serious enough and have all your leaders come and sit at the table. Now, last time I was here your Madam Chair had the audacity to sit there and tell me to sit down and be quiet. Only proving my point on how well she really (*inaudible*) public servant. Now last I checked employees don't get to tell the bosses here what to do. Now, as your boss though I'm reasonable enough to accept an apology and legitimate efforts on y'all's behalf to sit there and make reasonable efforts on your cha... on your ends to sit there and make a decent change for betterment of our community. Now with al due respect, Madam Chair and to the rest of City Council, not only am I not going to sit down and be quiet, but I am going to stand toe to toe with and shout from rooftops against any of you trying to intimidate and expose those who abuse the rules. Now to clear the air once and for all, I'm going to go ahead a reintroduce myself for all of you so you know who I am and what you're in for when you know that when it comes to this war against myself and countless others. I'm a single father of four children, three that the system has kidnapped, trafficked, and abused. Gave back under the cover up and blackmail with no follow up. My youngest son right now, in the fight for my life just to sit there for the sake of being a father. As a single father in this state and especially Stark County, I've been met with systematic failure across the board. And when trying to get answers on why I've been threaten, assaulted against, conspired against, charged, harassed, slandered, and ignored. All my claims meticulously documented, so you'd think by now y'all would realize I'm not looking for money and lawsuits. So telling me to get a lawyer isn't going to get me to shut up and back off. Now, I'm in touch with state reps, press, We the People, members of Congress, Senates, single parent father advocacy groups.. all is... trying to put in to place with legislation that can drastically overhaul this broken ass system that you all are oblivious to being in such bad shape. Now most of the guys that are partly irresponsible for putting you in national spot light for being one of the most corrupt cities in our nation. With Canton hall of shame and the power of social media being our weapon... against you. And your complacency being shown to millions. Now, this is my ultimatum for you and until the Mayor, your Safety Director, your Chief of Police, your Prosecutor, your Law Director, your everybody of all your city administrators are willing to sit down have a dialog and address the issues and answer simple questions, I'm not going to back down. I'm not going to be quiet and I'm going to keep coming back and I want y'all to be prepared because this is just the beginning.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Nicely. Our next speaker is Mr. Melvin Tyson... Mr. Tyson. Thank you.

MELVIN TYSON: My name is Melvin Tyson, 1459 Downing Court. The only thing I want to say, I'm ashamed of all of y'all. Very ashamed of each and every one of you, especially the Mayor. You know it... what it takes me to feel like this, I went to Ferguson, Missouri ten days ago for Mike Brown's 10th year anniversary... hands up. They showed me more love in Missouri than what y'all showed me in my own town. I'd be proud to call Canton my home... nah not at all. I'm not proud no more. And for you up there on that board, especially you black ones... I'm serious. It's going to be one of your family... member and you gone be on this side in a club I did not choose to be in. I didn't choose this club. Y'all put me here. And each and every one of y'all... I mean each and every one of y'all (*inaudible*) my family and apologize. Fake apology the Mayor gave... save that shit. You understand, save it! It's time for this... shit to stop. They're nothing but Klansmen in blue. That's what they are! The Klansmen are in blue! And Mayor...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Sir...

MELVIN TYSON: 8 months you choose this job. You ran for Mayor... I'm talking...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Well no you have to address the chair...

MELVIN TYSON: You ran for Mayor! It's time you do something about this...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ... those are the rules.

(Audience gets loud)

MELVIN TYSON: ...it's time for you to get on your officers! You can look at me all you want and then shake your head. You don't give a fuck.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Alright that's enough...

MELVIN TYSON: You don't! You don't care!

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ... You are not cussing or you will be removed!

MELVIN TYSON: ... You don't care, you don't care...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's enough there are kids here... no! No there are children here...

MELVIN TYSON: ... I am upset...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ... And I don't blame you...

MELVIN TYSON: ... I am upset! I am upset!

(Audience yelling and gavel falls)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: That's enough! I understand... and we... but... but we don't have...

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(Audience member interrupts, but inaudible)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ... we're not... we're not... no, I know.

MELVIN TYSON: Taking my time...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: All I'm saying is please don't curse, please. Go ahead.

(Audience yelling)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Let him talk!

(Audience yelling)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Let... *(gavel falls)* let him talk! Continue sir... continue.

MELVIN TYSON: It's sad, very sad. I'm looking at y'all up there right now shaking my head. You know what the country is watching you guys. They watching Canton, Ohio. Not the country, the whole world. Holler from Missouri to Ohio do you need us? Nah... God got us... God got us... God got us... God got us. Hope it don't happen to don't happen to neither one of you guys what we're going through. That's it.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Tyson. *(Applause)* Out next speaker is Mr. Eric Resnick.

ERIC RESNICK: Eric Resnick 1828 Grace Ave NE. Madam President, Leader, fellow members... you know I'm not going to talk about the ceasefire in Gaza tonight. Other than to say that the policing situation in city is starting to look like the occupy West Bank. You know... the... the... the crimes... the crimes of empire come home and this one is at home in a big way. And you're in action on one tells us a lot about your in action on this. You know I thought I'd come her tonight and... and... uh... endorse the idea that my neighbor, Ms. Brown... issued two weeks ago. Where she talked about the possibility of the Law Director and the former Law Director and other people coming together and issuing a statement about qualified immunity. And I still think that was a pretty good idea and I... and I'd still like to endorse that. And I think that... you all need to be reminded that... that the tone and the culture starts here. When I was an elected school board member, that was the first thing we learned in school board school, that the tone and he culture starts here. You all need to learn that lesson. You know I... I watched that video that happened Saturday night, actually right behind where I live. And I was appalled because we keep coming here complaining about the same things. It's the same basic problem. The police just roll up even before the cruisers doors closed, they got somebody going. And... and there's no verification is to what's going on, there's no de-escalation, there's no real concern for anybody's rights. These are the same things we been talking about for months...

(Audience member and Audience yells "years.")

ERIC RESNICK: ... years... well yea... yea... years! Yes and... and... and that's the problem. It's time to do something. You know and the common thread by the way is that... the victims are all black men...

(Audience member yells "Say it again.")

ERIC RESNICK: The victims are all black men. You know... I... I... don't suppose it's... it's a real popular think to ask what I'm about to ask right now, but I'm going to ask it because it needs to be asked. Is the chief lost control of this department?

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(Audience yells "yes.")

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank... thank you, Mr. Resnick. Our next speaker is Monique Conners. Ms. Conners. Please approach and give us your residential address.

MONIQUE CONNERS: Hi, Monique Conners, 1702 Tuscarawas East Canton, Ohio 44707. I actually gave you guys uh... kind of an outline on what I wanted to speak on. I wanted to address the brutality and the misconduct of the Canton Police Department. The fundamental duties of a police officer, is to serve the community, safe guard lives and properties, protect the innocent, keep the peace. The Ohio... Law states that a police officer will never employ unnecessary force or violence. I looked this up today and we have this going on over and over. Forgive me, giving honor to God because I don't want to get upset. And to thee Tyson family, justice will... take place for you guys. But my think is... when I got two videos yesterday, a young man on his knees, hands up, dropped kicked and I'm looking at the video I'm... I'm... I'm looking at the young man, but I'm also looking at all those police officers that was out there. Not one of them said anything to him. Like "You shouldn't of did that," or "Why you do that," or "What's this for," or anything. And that tells me one thing, they're used to doing it, and used to covering it up. Thy know that they're people is going to cover it up. Whatever we do, we're not going to tell on each other. I mean this is going on and it... it... it... just got to stop. Now, I'm trying to be patient and understand and job... the job is tough. Any job in... in... the leadership got to be tough, but I agree... I think that the Chief of Police has totally lost control over... what is happening in the city. I don't see no changes. I... this goes way back to Shawn Morosey and Darrell Ross. This been going on and on and on. As a matter of fact it goes back to Emmitt Jones, when they... put him in the trunk and beat they boy real bad. And sooner or later somethings gots to take place. Canton's... uh violent crimes is at 362.8 higher than it's usually been. I mean what is going on? I mean and you can look these up... you can look it... actually look it up. The misconduct that's taking place in this city it is just unreal. We need a real City Review Board. And at the bottom I've listed the people we need on that board. We don't want to ride around in a police car. I remember myself and seventy passengers on the first Civil Review Board. You want to ride us around in a car. For what? You going to be out here misbehaving. We don't want you on your best behavior. We need to monitor that cases that come in. Not no he oh he gets twenty- two times before we can do anything. *(Buzzer)* We want to monitor the cases, we want regular everyday people to monitor these cases, the Chief of Police can be on it, the City Council or whoever but we need you to put something in place that we can decide. Not that oh here's a complaint throw it in the trash can...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Ms. Conners *(Buzzer)* I'm sorry you time is up. Thank you. *(Applause)* Our next speaker is Ahmed Cheema. Mr. Cheema. Go ahead Mr. Cheema.

AHMED CHEEMA: Ahmed Cheema 5155 Foxchase Ave NW Canton, Ohio. Respected Council, and citizens of Canton, As-salamu alaykum, peace be with you. Can we really trust what you say and what you do? Can we trust you with our... with the decisions that impact our city and our families? Can we trust... that our Canton Police will stop using IDF tactics on civilians. Just like the IDF has been using on Palestine's... for years. Madam President, Council Member Fisher has been struggling with the facts about the war in Gaza so I'll make an attempt to attempt some of his concerns tonight. Know the history and context of a situation is very important. Unfortunately the restriction in time won't allow me to comment about... all members of the Council, but trust me you're not being ignored. When Hamas killed civilians and took hostages on October 7th of last year, it was an act of violence. I value human life an basic human rights. The National Code of Justice Prosecutor Karim Kahn found reasonable rounds to believe that three Hamas leaders... their criminal responsibility for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed on territory of Israel and the state of Palestine in the Gaza strip from at least the 7th of October 2023. Council Member Fisher also questions why resolutions where not done after the US invasions of countries in the middle east following 911. He asked what

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about the Russian and Ukraine war, what about Sudan, etc... etc... etc. I'll answer these questions with questions for you to ponder on. What about our politicians signing autographs on bombs used for genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. What about our tax dollars going to the Israel to continue a genocide forced famine displacement and destruction of... of people and culture. What about a foreign war mongering criminal like Nitin Yahoo addressing out US Congress in sighting hate and spitting more lies. I can go on for a few hours on just this, but hopefully... you... you get some information. Majority Leader Mariol appears to present a neutral and impartial position regarding the Gaza ceasefire resolution, when in public... he's made every effort behind the scenes. Just a few examples, February 26, 2024 8:05 PM, "*Smuckler: I'm not happy right now. I'm willing to take this head on. You bettering Councilman Sacco the largest Jewish population lives in this Ward. Mariol: I'm working to prevent this.*" August 25, 2024 11:17 AM, Member Crystal Smith wants to put her name on the Ceasefire Resolution and support. 25th August, same day 12:04 PM, she's wondering... "*I don't know what I'm doing,*" and at the same day 1:01 PM, (*buzzer*) Mariol reporting back to Smuckler, "*She's off.*"

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Cheema. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Mr. David Kerestes. Mr. Kerestes... yes if you'll please approach.

DAVID KERESTES: David Kerestes 626 Walnut Ave NE. I'm here to uh... let you know I spoke with Senator Brown and talking to Washington. And people don't understand that the FBI, they most have to be real incompetent to allow you people to sell drugs and violate the Federal Law. That's what they do. I'm wondering how that Refuge of Hope down there is filled up with drug addicts... and alcoholics. When you can't be in a ministry on drugs of any kind or any kind of drugs. The beds are full. Is it because they're veterans of the country. Is it because they are military veterans and that's our military growing up in a suit? And they're protecting their military... trash. Is that why? Because I'm still wondering why terminating eight drug dealers who are Vietnam Veterans at McDonalds who rob me of my wallet and I find myself kicked out... threatened by the prosecutor's office to not investigate nor see who took my wallet. This just reminded me of... your dog Bear, Canton Police Department when I watched his face bounce off the cage in the cruiser. When Lieutenant Swank was a patrolman. Having sex with my wife, using his badge to harass me. Then I roll into Jim Ridale, you kicked him off the Police force. He threatened me for over two years. I went to your Internal Affairs Bosley. He beat my daughter black and blue and you covered it up in the court. I think judge Hoffman told Patty Millsaplinger who stated, "*You tell the truth around here, you won't work no more.*" What did she state, "*It wasn't Mr. Kerestes, he's a good father. It was that cop that beat his daughter.*" I'm being charged with abuse in a court system. What a bunch of rhetoric. What an army force of rhetoric. You are nothing but cowards. My dad was from Light Force that's the commando before Delta Force and the drug dealers took over the military trade. Okay, he tried to keep drugs out of your military. You for meth pipe, you got heroin attacks, it's a (*inaudible*) what's in the military today and the Federal Government is covering it up. And that's why we need to get ahold of Sherrod Brown at the White People. And you people need to join me blaming the FBI and the DEA for incompetence because they threaten me and threw me jail for turning in veterans of this country for forty keys of meth in Massillon. I want to thank the Mayor for eight months... I want tit for tat. I don't see meth heads on Second Street, I don't see them on Ninth Street, I don't see them congregating anywhere anymore since he's got here. I see Rex Ave and the ghetto (*buzzer*) getting cleaned up. Haven't seen anything done before.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Kerestes. Our next speaker and I'm trying to read this is Nancy Bloom. Am I correct? Nance Bloom. Okay no one by that name, okay we'll move on to our next speaker. Williemeana Jackson. Ms. Jackson... yea.

WILLIEMEANA JACKSON: My name is Williemeana, (*spells name out*) Jackson. I stay at 1105 Bakers Street SE. You ready.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes go ahead.

WILLIEMEANA JACKSON: Uh... we are here tonight because we are tired of being sick and tired of being sick and tired. We put out faith in y'all and trust y'all and try to work with y'all to get some of this stuff done. We've asked for the Eight Can't Wait, de-escalation (*inaudible*) for this. This still hasn't happen. We keep seeing other incidences keep coming up... happening. This is why people keep getting angry. We can't keep holding the frontline and having them trying to be peaceful about this. We trying to talk to y'all and have conversations. Nobody wants to talk to us. We coming to y'all civil as we what we would want y'all to do. As our Mayor as our Safety Director we've tried to talk to y'all and have some of these conversations, y'all won't talk to us. So how you think we feel? It's been one hundred and twenty days since Frank Tyson has passed. It came out that he was strangulated. Yet these still two officers still have they're job and one of them go arrested from stealing at Target. So which one of these y'all kids... because y'all protecting these boys that don't need to have these jobs. I get it, it's stressful... I understand that, but let me tell you this too we got people that's killing our own people and we telling y'all who doing it and these crimes aren't getting solved either. So how you think we feel. This is crazy if... I'm trying to be a law abiding citizen while my brother or my sister get killed, I go tell you who's killing them... y'all don't say nothing. My friend is on the Stark Court Dockets, her name is (*inaudible*) Riddicker. She died August 18, 2017, Jeff (*inaudible*) killed her. That was a domestic violence man. This girl wasn't even from Canton and we've told different officers. We told uh... what was the black officer's... not the black officer... uh Pastor Moss when he had the Stark Crimes. We've told Pastor Moss who killed this girl. She wasn't from Canton man. It was just her and her boyfriend in the house. We told, this man walking free. So how do you think we feel when we try and tell y'all when this stuff is going on and y'all don't do nothing about it. We know who's doing it, we trying to tell y'all, y'all still don't do anything. And then when I'm having an interaction with the police they don't care who it was. Let me tell you I just had an anxiety attack man, I just saw Robert Hubert. I walked out of here I saw Robert Hubert, Robert Hubert is the man who killed James Williams. He's a detective. He was just in the hallway man, so how do you think I feel? I can go to Walmart and see this man in Walmart in my community, but he scared to be interacting with us. Either they scared or they're stressed out. Now we just gave them seven thousand dollars last year for mental health, right. Check the dockets how much you give these people for mental health. I'm not trying to dog them or say anything because it's dangerous out here, but we taking precautions and y'all ain't trying to do nothing about it. What's going to happen them man? What's going to happen? Next time we're in election year, people getting smart to who y'all are. And we don't won't we... y'all not gone have y'all seats. So, every time we keep getting uncomfortable, we gone keep calling these news channels, we gone keep flooding this spot. I don't want no problems, I don't go to no babysitter, no bail money, but I got a right to speak up. And if we got to come... coming down here shedding City Council down in these little humbugs that what we gone do because every other week (*inaudible*) there's another video that's keeps coming out. The more these videos keep coming out the more we gone keep coming out, okay? (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Ms. Conners. Our next speaker is Eugene Blakely. Mr. Blakely... yes.

EUGENE BLAKELY: Hi, I live at 120 36th St NE. Canton, Ohio 44714. Uh... I... I'm just fed up with Canton Police Department. I have been up in the Internal Affairs Offices, I don't know many times. With my speech and they need to uh... back off, because I have a disability. And they need to uh... back off people with disabilities like that. And I'm tired of it. Every time I get... get time to do something in this got this city, I get push back. And I have no problem with Jackson Police Department or Brewster Police Department. I went up for to work and event already uh... Hall of Fame, they would not let me through. The cop got his telephone out and start playing on his telephone. Wouldn't back me up. And I'm tired of it! It's bull crap! I'm sick of it. You guys need to train your officers better because I'm sit of it! Every year for seven years I have gotten through

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with Jackson Police Department and Brewster Police Department this year. They would not let me through to work my job. I work for a birthday station. They would not let me through. Done!

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Blakely. (*Applause*) And thank... yea... and thank to all our speakers.

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 AUGUST 29, 2024.

1. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB OF \$70,075.52 TO LIBERTY FORD; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. - FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE
2. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 27858 & 27859, PARCELS 200085 & 200084, WARD 7 (JOHN R. ROZKO, JR., 421 23RD ST NW). - PLANNING COMMISSION
3. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 23461, 23462, 23463, 23489, 23490, 23491, & 23492 & VACATE A PORTION OF MUNLEY PL NE, PARCELS 241126, 221534, 214547, 214546, & 202011, WARD 9. (ROOSEVELT AVE NE FR 23RD ST NE TO 24TH ST. NE). - PLANNING COMMISSION
4. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 1339, 1340, 1341, & 1342, PARCELS 247869 & 247875, WARD 2 (STARK COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY, 811 CLEVELAND AVE NW). - PLANNING COMMISSION
5. AMEND CH. 1131 DEFINITIONS & CH. 1147 PERMITTED USES BUSINESS & INDUST ZONING DISTRICTS. - PLANNING COMMISSION
6. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR. TO ACCEPT USPCA REUNITE K9 GRANT & ENTER CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF ITEM; AMEND O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO 1001 102001 - POLICE ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
7. AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FR 2024 OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORT PROGRAM; AMEND APPROP O#61/2024; EMERGENCY. (SUPP APPROP TO 1001 103024 2024 ARPA BONUS - PERSONNEL). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
8. AUTH COUNCIL CLERK TO CERTIFY LIST OF UNPAID & DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION TO STARK CO. AUDITOR; EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
9. REQ TO AMEND CH. 919, SIDEWALK AND CURB REPLACEMENT PROGRAM. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances, and Formal Resolutions for their first reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #10.

(Audience begins to chant)

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #10 THROUGH #17 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

- O#10. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 160/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT A OF ORDINANCE NO. 9/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (FIREFIGHTERS, CADETS)
Referred to Judiciary and Personnel Committees
- O#11. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO: TRANSITION FROM CITYFORCE TO IWORQ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT WITH IWORQ FOR A RENEWABLE THREE-YEAR SOFTWARE CONTRACT SUBSCRIPTION FEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,080 FOR THE FIRST YEAR WITH A PRO-RATED MONETARY ATTACHEMENT OF THE TIME USED IN 2024 FOR THE NEW SOFTWARE; AUTHORIZE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO PAY THE 3-YEAR TERM UPFRONT TO SECURE DISCOUNTED ANNUAL PRICING AND TO HAVE THIS CONTRACT BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEWABLE UNLESS TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY AND BE RENEWABLE AT AN INCREASE OF NO MORE THAN 5% PER YEAR; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#12. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE 30TH ST. NE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14 WITHIN THE ESTABLISHED DOLLAR AMOUNT THRESHOLD; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$700,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5201 WATER WORKS OPERATING FUND TO 5201 207093 30TH STREET NE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - OTHER)
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#13. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 161/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$200,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001

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GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT – TRANSFER OUT; \$275,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 6401 MOTOR VEHICLE DEPT. FUND TO 6041 1003001 FIRE ADMIN – OTHER \$75,000.00 6041 208010 SERVICE AND REPAIR – OTHER; INTER-FUND TRANSFER \$200,000.00 1001 200501 TRANSFER OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 6401 103001 TRANSFER IN TO OTHER FUND - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

O#14. (1ST RDG)

ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 162/2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$75,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 200501 GENERAL GOV'T SUPPORT – TRANSFER OUT; \$60,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2415 GUARDRAIL/ATTENUATOR FUND TO 2415 753001 LAW ADMIN - OTHER \$15,000.00 2415 202210 PUBLIC WORKS - OTHER; INTER-FUND TRANSFER \$75,000.00 1001 200501 TRANSFER OUT TO OTHER FUND TO 2415 753001 TRANSFER IN TO OTHER FUND - OTHER)

Referred to Finance Committee

O#15. (1ST RDG)

ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 163/2024 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE 10TH STREET NE RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECT, GP 1387 AND THE 8TH STREET NE RAILROAD CROSSING PROJECT (PROJECTS); ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE ABOVE PROJECTS USING ANY PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; EXECUTE ONE OR MORE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT SERVICES FOR THE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL PURSUANT TO CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE 105.14; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT OF ANY AND ALL REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE, OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO: ESTABLISH THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL PARCELS, FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES AND EASEMENTS; TO NEGOTIATE OR DONATE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITY EASEMENTS AND/OR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECTS AND TO MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROPERTY OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, SHOULD THEY OCCUR; DECLARING COUNCIL'S INTENT TO APPROPRIATE PARCELS FOR THE

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PROJECT IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED WITH PARCEL OWNERS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance and Environmental and Public Utilities Committees

O#16. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 164/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,075.52 TO LIBERTY FORD FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

O#17. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 165/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT \$260,999 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2024 OHIO AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$260,999.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 103024 2024 ARPA BONUS - PERSONNEL)
Referred to Finance Committee

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. At this time the Chair would declare an in-house resources... resources... oh my gosh... recess for Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17 to considered by Finance and Environmental & Public Utilities Committees. Does that cover #10 as well, Madam Clerk?

CLERK WOOD: Uh... yes...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: No... and Judiciary...

CLERK WOOD: Judiciary...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: ...Committee... and Judiciary Committee to meet in regard to these Ordinances. You are now in recess.

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 8:14 PM FOR THE FINANCE, JUDICIARY, PERSONNEL AND ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#10 and O#13 – O#17; RECONVENED AT 8:33 PM)

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Council is now reconvening after the recess, uh... Leader Mariol I will remind you we did add Ordinance #10. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to add Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17 back on this evening's agenda.

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17 are now a legal part of your agenda. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules on Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances #10 and #13 through #17. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please Madam Clerk.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. You've heard the three readings. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #10.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #10. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER MARIOL: Member Sacco thanked the Safety Director, but I'd like to take a moment to thank him for getting the ball rolling on this. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Are there any further remarks under Ordinance #10? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#10 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 160/2024

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Excuse me (*clears throat*) Alright I'm good... I just. The motion carries and Ordinance #10 has been adopted. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #13.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #13. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#13 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 161/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #13 has been adopted. Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#14 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 162/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #14 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #15.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #15. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 163/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #15 has been adopted. Leader.

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MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #16.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 164/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #16 has been adopted. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #17.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #17. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 165/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #17 has been adopted.

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 #18.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #18 THROUGH #24 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#18. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE AUCTIONED OR SOLD PRIVATELY IN ORDER TO DEMOLISH ANY STRUCTURES PRESENT, TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTIES OR DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT THE PROPERTIES AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE FOREGOING; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

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(\$150,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMP. FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT - OTHER)

- O#19. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH NUTTER CONSULTING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$132,530 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. (\$132,530.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2175 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMP. FUND TO 2175 200501 GENERAL GOVERNMENT - OTHER)
- O#20. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 105, CONTRACTS OF PART ONE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
- O#21. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$80,000 IN FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES, STATE OF OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO ADDITIONAL SURVEILLANCE TRAILERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY. (\$80,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102006 OHIO VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT - OTHER)
- O#22. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. AND TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND ENTER INTO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE I-77 SANITARY SEWER REHAB, GP 1455 PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$49,860.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5410 SEWER OPERATING FUND TO 5410 202061 I-77 SANITARY SEWER REHAB GP 1455 - OTHER)
- O#23. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE NORTHEAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT DRIVEWAY REALIGNMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR

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TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS THAT ARE OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO NE WTP DRIVEWAY REALIGNMENT PROJECT – OTHER; APPROP TRF TO NE WTP DRIVEWAY REALIGNMENT – OTHER)

O#24. (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 166/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$110,429.45 WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OF THE 9TH ST. SW BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, G.P. 1298, PID 112849; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE ABOVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION DIRECTING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Statutory rules on Ordinance #24.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory rules on Ordinance #24. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #24. You heard the three readings. Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #24 has been adopted.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third Final Reading and Vote. Leader Mariol.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #25 THRU #30 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#25. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 167/2024** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CANTON SERVICE CENTER – 30TH ST. NE – 2024 ANNEXATION AREA, THE APPROXIMATE DATE SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, PROCEDURE TO RECONCILE INCOMPATIBLE ZONING USES UPON ITS BEING ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 167/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The Ordinance... uh #25 is adopted. Ordinance #26, please.

O#26. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 168/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$22,318.86 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2792 701101 RECOVERY COURT ATP FUND - OTHER TO 2792 701101611.20 SALARY/WAGES – PERSONNEL, 2792 701101 621.51 OPERS – PERSONNEL, 2792 701101 621.63 WORKERS' COMP – PERSONNEL. 2792 701101 621.65 MEDICARE – PERSONNEL, 2792 701101 COMP ABSENCE - PERSONNEL)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 168/2024

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

O#27. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 169/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DELCARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$7,391.64 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2792 RECOVERY COURT ATP FUND TO 2792 701101 RECOVERY COURT ATP – OTHER)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: ELEVEN yeas, Madam President.

#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 169/2024

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

O#28. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 170/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO SIGN A PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FOR PARCEL NOS. 5200863 AND 11011986; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

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

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MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #28. Are there any remarks?...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#28 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 170/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #28 is adopted. Ordinance #29, please. Oh... sorry. Yeah that's right.

O#29. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 171/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD, AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE WRF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5413 SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND TO 5413 206053 WRF ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – OTHER)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #29.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #29. Are there any remarks?...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#29 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 171/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #29 is adopted. Ordinance #30, please.

O#30. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 172/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$4,000 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR WALMART'S 2024 SPARK GOOD LOCAL GRANTS FOR THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024 AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL 1101 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1101 112001 POLICE ADMIN - OTHER)

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #30.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #30. Are there any remarks?...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: ELEVEN yeas, Madam President.

#30 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 172/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #30 is adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is September 9, 2024. And Committee Meetings will begin at 6:45.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President. Finance will meet September 9th 6:45.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Judiciary.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Madam President, Judiciary will meet at the same time, same place.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And Personnel.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Uh... Madam President... uh Personnel will meet same time, same place.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business that anyone wishes to bring before the body? Hearing none, Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. Madam Clerk, roll call, please,

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. This meeting is adjourned. (*Gavel falls*)

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ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:49 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

KRISTEN BATES ALYWARD
PRESIDENT