

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Canton City Council. If everyone would please turn their cell phones to vibrate. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Madam Clerk.

ROLL CALL TAKEN BY CLERK WOOD:

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

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT (MEMBER SCAGLIONE ABSENT)

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

EXCUSING MEMBERS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we excuse Member Scaglione from this meeting.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to excuse Member Scaglione 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 Scaglione is excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Ward 6 Council Member, Johnathan Cooks. If you would please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on October 21, 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 Johnathan Cooks. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Bates Aylward.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

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

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Rule 22A... to add second readings Ordinances #30 through #36 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to add... #30 through #36 to this evening's Agenda. Are there any remarks?... Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinances #30 through #36 are a legal part of your agenda. In addition, Pursuant to Rule 12B we will be moving Public Speaks to right before Miscellaneous Business.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

OLD BUSINESS

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

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

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

1. MAJORITY LEADER MARIOL: AUTH PURCH OF HEAVY VEHICLE LIFT SYSTEMS FOR FIRE DEPT. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Leader Mariol.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Informal Resolution #1 has been adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

NOTE: ALL COMMUNICATIONS, WHICH FOLLOW, LISTED BY AGENDA TITLE, ARE ON FILE IN THEIR ENTIRETY, IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS FILE DATED OCTOBER 21, 2024.

2. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR AUGUST, 2024. - CHIEF BENNETT
3. RPT OF DEPOSITS AND PAY-INS TO AMBULANCE LOCK BOX FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024. - CHIEF BENNETT

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4. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR. TO ENTER A JOB CREATION TAX INCENTIVE AGMT WITH PINNACLE CARE PROVIDERS FOR CITY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS;EMERGENCY (DOWNTOWN CANTON, 236 3RD ST SW). - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR HARDESTY
5. AMEND O#61/2024; EMERGENCY (TO 2324 NALOXONE ACCESS GRANT FUND: TO - OTHER DIRECT COST EXTEND INTEGRATED HARM REDUCTION GRANT TO 12/31/24). - HEALTH COMMISSIONER ARCHER
6. LTR INFORMING COUNCIL OF RELOCATION OF THE BLOODBORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRG (SWAP - 832 MICKINLEY AVE NW). - HEALTH COMMISSIONER ARCHER
7. AUTH AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB OF \$1,474.25 TO PREMIER COURT REPORTING. - LAW DIRECTOR REESE
8. REQ C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT TRF FROM TAMARKIN CO TO GETGO OPERATING LLC @ 104 RAFF RD SW. (WARD 3). – LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
9. REQ C1, C2 LIQUOR PERMIT TRF FROM SMS CANTON INC TO LAKE MINI MART INC @ 1939 MAHONING RD NE (WARD 2). - LIQUOR CONTROL DIV
10. APPROVE WARD ASSIGNMENT AND ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE CANTON SERVICE CENTER - 30TH ST NE - 2024 ANNEXATION (ZONING CLASS I-1, WARD 6) - PLANNING COMMISSION
11. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 3587 & 3588, PARCELS 202942 & 236338 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 2000 TUSCARAWAS ST E, WARD 4). - PLANNING COMMISSION
12. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 27095 & 27096, PARCELS 211854 & 211855 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 334 GOBEL AVE NE, WARD 4). - PLANNING COMMISSION
13. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 22526 & 22527, PARCELS 225767 & 225766 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 2157 6TH ST NE, WARD 4). - PLANNING COMMISSION
14. REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 22775, 22776, 22777, 22778, 35216, & 35217, PARCELS 242023, 221230, & 221231 (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, 2500 BLOCK OF 7TH ST NE, WARD 4). - PLANNING COMMISSION
15. REQ REPLAT OF PART OF OUTLOT 915 & ALL OF LOT 40096, PARCELS 400023 & 400007 (IRONROCK CAPITAL INC, 1201 MILLERTON ST SE, WARD 4). - PLANNING COMMISSION
16. REQ REPLAT OF PART OF OUTLOT 590, PARCEL 245767 (JAMES SCHMIDT & CHERYL STEELE, 2951 BALDWIN AVE NE, WARD 6). - PLANNING COMMISSION

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17. REQ TO ACCEPT FY24 COPS HIRING PROGRAM AWARD NUMBER 15JCOPS-24-GG-03504-UHPX; RENAME FUND 2789 2012 COPS HIRING FUND PRG GRANT FUND TO 2789 2024 COPS HIRING PRG GRANT FUND; AMEND APPROP O#61/2023; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO 2789 102001 POLICE - ADMIN - OTHER). - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
18. REQ AUTH FOR AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB TO ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS IN AMT OF \$78,622.90 FOR REPAIR OF CITY AMBULANCE. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
19. REQ MAYOR OR SAF. DIR TO ENTER CONTRACT WITH BUTCHER AND SONS FOR DEMOLITION OF 303 ELGIN AVE NW (WARD 1); EMERGENCY. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
20. REQ TO ENTER CONTRACT WITH REDMONDS PARTS AND SUPPLY, INV FOR PURCH OF HEAVY LIFT VEHICLE FOR FIRE DEPT. - SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY
21. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR. TO ENTER A CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE LTD FOR SERVICES RELATED TO 2025 LARGE DIAMETER SEWER CLEANING & INSPECTION PROJECT; EMERGENCY. - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
22. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR. TO ENTER CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF THE 15TH ST NW AREA STREETScape AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJ, GP 1438;EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO 15TH ST NW AREA STREETScape AND NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, GP 1438). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
23. AUTH MAYOR OR SERV DIR. TO ENTER PROFESSIONAL SERV CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN OF THE 15TH ST SE IMPROVEMENTS PROJ, GP 1144 CHANGE ORDERS; EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP TO SHERRICK ROAD AREA NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, GP 1465). - SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN
24. COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 9/30/24. - TREASURER PEREZ
25. RPTS OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 9/30/24. - TREASURER PEREZ
26. RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 9/30/24. - TREASURER PEREZ

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances, and For... and Formal Resolutions for their first reading. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #27.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #27 THROUGH #29 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

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- O#27. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10/2024, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT AS THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Personnel Committee
- O#28. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$13,937.99 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE 2024 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 30 BULLET PROOF VESTS FOR THE MEMEBERS OF THE CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO RENAME FUND 2790 2017 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT TO 2024 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2790 2024 PATRICK LEAHY BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT FUND TO 2790 102001 2024 PATRICK LEAHY BULLET PROOF VEST GRANT - OTHER)
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#29. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT DURING CALENDER YEAR 2023 FOR MOWING AND LITTER CLEAN UP; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee

CLERK WOOD: Madam President.

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Madam Clerk, could you please begin with Ordinance #30.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ ORDINANCES #30 THROUGH #36 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (O#35 & O#36 Adopted):

- O#30. (2ND RDG) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE 2904 MARKET AVE N- 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

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- O#31. (2ND RDG) A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE 2050 CENTRAL AVE SE - 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
- O#32. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1351.03, AMENDMENTS, DELETIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, OF CHAPTER 1351, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE
- O#33. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR WATER, SANITATION, AND SEWER SERVICES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#34. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH WENGER EXCAVATING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$115,735.60 FOR THE 34TH ST. NW AREA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THIS CHANGE ORDER THAT TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE FINALIZATION OF SAID CHANGE ORDER: AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR 4501 202018 4TH ST. BRIDGE REPLAC, FR 4501 202023 10 TH ST. NE REALIGN & CKISE W&L TO 4501 207067 34TH STR AREA WTR MN REPL PROJ - OTHER)
- O#35. (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR UNPAID AND DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY AND/OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CANTON BUILDING AND CODE DEPARTMENT FOR BOARD UP/CLEAN UP/DEMOLITION CHARGES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#36. (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 206/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO RECEIVE FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 61/2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SUPP APPROP FR 2215 FAIR HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND TO 2215 505010 FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT - OTHER)

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules for Ordinances #35 and #36.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances #35 and #36. 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 you've heard the three readings. Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: : It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #35. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#35 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 205/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #35 has been adopted. Ordinance #36, please.

CLERK WOOD: Member Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #36.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Sorry about that, Leader. It's been moved and seconded... uh to adopt Ordinance #36. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#36 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 206/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #36 has been adopted.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third, Final Reading and Vote. Madam Clerk, would you please begin with Ordinance #37.

NOTE: PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD CALLED UPON CLERK WOOD TO READ THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES #37 THROUGH #39 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#37. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 207/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION AND RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH SCHAUER GROUP PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S INCENTIVE PROGRAMS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #37.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #37. Are there any remarks?...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#37 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 207/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #37 has been adopted. Ordinance #38, please.

O#38. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 208/2024** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10/2024, AS AMENDED, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT & NON- BARGINING UNIT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF CANTON; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #38.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #38. Are there any remarks?...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

#38 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 208/2024

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. The motion carries and Ordinance #38 has been adopted. Ordinance #39, please.

O#39. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 209/2024** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OR ANY OTHER NECESSARY CITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF REAL ESTATE DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT A PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 3313.40 WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CANTON CITY SCHOOLS DISTRICT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Leader Mariol.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #39.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #39. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER MARIOL: I'd like to move we amend Ordinance #39 per the amendment in front of everyone.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to amend Ordinance #39 per the copy before each of you. Are there any further remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed no.

NO REMARKS

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NO)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We do have one nay; however, the ayes have it. The motion carries. Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adopt Ordinance #39, as amended.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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Pursuant to Rule 39, I move to amend Agenda Item No. 39 by amending the current pending Exhibit A with the attached revised Exhibit A.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #39 as amended. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance as it has been amended?

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Members of Council, wasn't long ago that we voted in favor of spending quite a few million dollars of Comprehensive Plan money to rejuvenate this facility. So, now what we have on the table is, we have another partner of Canton City Council coming to us and wanting us to help them out. In exchange for this, what has turned into a gem, we're getting vacant property throughout the City, most of which is has been vacant for years and years. Nobody's developed it, but one of our partners... and let me... let me remind you what happens to us with partners. Chamber of Commerce was our partner, Hall of Fame Village was our partner, Hall of Fame was our partner, and every time we have a partner we take it on the chin and our partner walks away grinning. So I know some of you say that owning baseball field is a liability. Not one of you said that the baseball field was a liability when you voted in favor a funding the repairs and entering into a contract with Canton City Schools. I would suggest that Canton City Schools would like Munson Stadium, let Canton City Schools purchase Munson Stadium from the City. They had no problem putting up their big huge sports complex right after many of us went to out constituents and said vote in favor of this new levy because they are going to build schools and they really need the money. I've taken it on the chin in my Ward for Canton City Schools. And... and the property that they're offering... look if it was prime real estate somebody would've purchased it from them. We're not in the real estate business. We own a gem, keep the gem. If they want to buy it, sell it to them at a gem's price. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Morris. (*Applause*) Are there any further comments under this Ordinance as it has been amended?

MEMBER HAWK: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Thank you. It is not a purchase, it's a trade. You're looking at buildable properties that the schools were torn down off of. That we can put market rate housing on and increase our... and increase the population of the city and the... and our tax base. Munson Stadium over the years, we've thrown... this is not the only time we've put large amounts of money. I won't... I don't know the numbers so I won't say, but we've renovated Munson Stadium more than once. It's cost...continually a cost to us. Nobody rents it, they don't use it let's put it in the schools hands, take that off our table... excuse me... take that off our table and put together market rate housing in this city. That's what we need. We need population and we need people to keep it going. So that's why I'm going to vote in support of this.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Hawk.

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes... Leader.

MEMBER MARIOL: So, I'm... I'm also in support of this and to Member Morris's points about partnerships and the city sometimes coming up on the losing in. I would say that we currently are in partnership with Canton City Schools on Thurman Munson.. And that partnership means that for twenty-five years they operate the facility... uh we get no revenue from that, yet we are on the hook to spend... the large... expensive capital improvements that will need to be made including the turf fields that are millions of dollars. And so, by getting rid of this outside of any type of land, we are taking what will be a liability over the next twenty-five years, that this city is going to have spent millions of dollars on. And putting that liability where it should be, which is with the entity that is scheduling, doing the programing, and generating revenue from it. The revenue from the stadium needs to be invested back in. We cannot do that, because we are not collecting the revenue on it. So I believe voting yes on this fixes what could be a partnership that ends up being a loss for the city.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes, Member Giavasis.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: You know today I came into Council offices and reread the Ordinances where he looked at the parcels. I mean on face value I don't... totally disagree with what Member Morris said, but the one thing that I know that the Comprehensive Plan says is that we need to look at developing... single family houses market rate. This gives us an idea opportunity to do this. But that aside, there's one entity in the city that we should be a partner with and that's our schools. We live and die by our schools. Uh... we're only as strong as our school are. Uh... so being a partner of the Canton City Schools is not an omen, it's not a... bad mark. We need to support our schools. Yes, we need to be partners with our schools, but I'm not looking at this as a partnership stand point, I'm looking at this as common sense. As... Leader Mariol just stated, there's a lot other fixed costs that goes into play by keeping this facility in return for the property we're getting. Yea they're not uh... the best parcels, but they are buildable parcels and they're shovel ready. And that's something we don't have go through the expense of doing as whether is making them shovel ready, but being a partner of the school system is something that City Council should be working more towards...because this city is only to live and die by the strength of our schools. That's what's going to make people want to live here in the City of Canton. It doesn't matter if we pave our streets, it doesn't and to do the other things. We have to want people to live here. And the biggest reason why people move into a community is because of the schools. So being a partner with them is not a bad thing. So, uh... with that saying I am going to support this Ordinance.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Are there any other remarks under this Ordinance as it has been amended?

MEMBER MORRIS: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes.

MEMBER MORRIS: Rebuttal. Market rate housing. What's the average market rate for the house in these neighborhoods where we want to build new houses? It will be determined my Habitat. They're not going to be \$150,000.00 homes. These homes are going to accommodate low to moderate income. That is not going to create a lot of jobs. Okay, the Comprehensive Plan stated housing. It stated that we needed to protect the housing at the northern end of the city... to... spend our resources in our neighborhoods that were on the cusp. It didn't say that we were to get into the real estate business. It didn't say anything about building houses. And Council should work on having a better partnership with Canton City Schools. The only problem is Canton City Schools has a bad habitat of only wanting to be our partner when they need something. They didn't come down here and ask us to be partners when they decided to close Timken High School, run... and it gets put in the local

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media and it's all over the news and oh, three days later we get an email saying, "We would like to discuss this with the community leaders." Canton City Schools didn't consult me or any of you when they decided to close schools down in your Ward. They didn't consult us and want to be a good partner when they came up with a Sister Plan, where your third grader and your fifth grader go to different elementary schools because they decided it was best for our community. Okay, as for something else Member Mariol or Leader Mariol, your absolutely right. It was a shitty deal that we worked out with Canton City School on Munson. Thank you for pointing that one out, Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Uh... yes... well one moment. Member Fisher has asked to be recognized. Member Fisher.

MEMBER FISHER: I'm just going to say one thing, Member Morris. Canton City School did, I know they spoke with me when they were going over their plans for the new schools and the old schools, what have you. And because they came to me and because I sparred with them for quite a few weeks over this, we're getting a brand new school in the southwest end, a K-6th; because they are getting out of the... the K- through 3 and 3-6 and all that. They do work with us. They are good partners and you do need to be involved in the Canton City Schools. You know that, you're a parent.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Fisher. Now Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Thank you. These are market rate single family dwellings. Three of them just got redone and sold on 10th St NW and Fulton Rd., \$160,000.00. In a neighborhood nobody told me I could get that... anybody could get that kind of money. This is what we need stabilization in our community. Owner occupied market rate housing stabilizes the community. This is nice, flat land, it's clean, it's not near industrial areas, and it will do exactly what we need to do. Banks are coming on board because they're they have too. They don't necessary one too, but they are required to start loaning money on these projects. And there are some people out there who are willing to put up their money to build. So, we put ground underneath them, we've got a good chance. And I heard this story twenty years ago, when we built all those houses on 10th St NW, by Summit School. In fact I'm looking at a piece of property that be traded for Lehman High School, we did the 10th St. one. And if we... do not... if we did not share the (*inaudible*), if we do not do this deal... that ground... I could be corrected if I'm wrong, had to go to Charter Schools, which then degrades our public school system...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member...

MEMBER HAWK: There's a lot to this.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Member Hawk. Are there any further remarks under this Ordinance as amended? ...Hearing nothing further, roll call vote, please, Madam Clerk. I thought we already did. Yeah...

MEMBER MARIOL: I need to adopt.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yeah.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 9 YEAS, 2 NAYS
(MEMBER MORRIS AND MEMBER BABCOCK VOTED NAY)

CLERK WOOD: Nine yeas, two nays, Madam President.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Madam Clerk. The motion carries and Ordinance #39, as amended, has been adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are under the Announcement of Committee Meetings. Our next meeting date is October the 28th of 2024. Committee Meetings will start at 6:45. Uh... Finance Committee.

MEMBER GIAVASIS: Madam President, Finance Committee will meet at 6:45 PM.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Personnel Committee.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Personnel will meet at the same time at 6:45 PM.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Okay, we are now under Public Speaks, and we have 10 speakers this evening. Our speaker is Ms. Kim Bell, Ms. Bell.

KIM BELL: 1733 Morris Ave... Canton. I gave you guys uh... I hope I had enough to give everybody one, but something fell in my lap again this weekend with a gentleman moving in public housing with his children. You don't often find a man, a black man moving in public housing with his children, that he has custody of. That's usually a black woman or... or... or... a single white woman with her children, but something fell in my lap and I gave you guys a uh... uh... handout who he is, if you wanna...and his phone number. A couple a members already helped me with a few things. Thank you, Nate. Thank you, Lou for...and all you other that are helping me with this, but I want to touch on the...what you guys were talking about. I was going to talk Frank Tyson. All I want to say about that right now, those phone records for those officers that night and that man, needs to be subpoenaed because when you commit a crime like that... when you murder somebody, you calling somebody. Find out who they was calling during that time Frank was dead. Subpoena those records, but I want to go back to what you guys were talking about, about Habitat. The young man...he's the prime example why Habitat has been... was created. And ABT...ABCD homes and Economic Development is for these people who need this kind of help. This man had nothing. Did...don't...didn't have a bed, didn't have anything for his kids. He...his...I ran into him, I was leaving home one day, he was coming out of the apartment that was empty and he was with a social worker and they were talking as I was getting in the car. And he said I'll just have to make a pallet on the floor to start off with. And that touched my heart. I sleep in a nice queen size bed with more things than I need in that house. So I just parted ways with some of the stuff I didn't need or I don't even use. But Habitat was created for something like this situation. He has custody of his kids. He was... he moved from a one bedroom home with three children. How is the systems let... allowing this to happen with a black man who did all the programs he did to get custody of his children. So, Metropolitan put him in a three bedroom. Those kids are so happy to get their... own... their own bedroom and not sleeping in a one bedroom house with their father. Since May he has custody of his kids and he just moved into a three bedroom over the weekend. This man needs house from Habitat, this man needs economic development, this man needs a Fair Housing, this man needs public uh... assistance. He said his food stamps is \$257.00. he takes (*buzzer*) he takes his kids down to Refuge to Hope to feed them. Three kids and an adults, \$257.00 in food stamps. (*Buzzer*) I'll go in more detail about Frank. I brought my book I just didn't have time. Got to go back to work.

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PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Ms. Bell. Our next speaker is Mr. David Kerestes. Mr. Kerestes, he may have left. Did he leave? Okay, thank you. Our next speaker is Ms. Veronica Early, Ms. Early.

VERONICA EARLY: 1627 Rowland Ave. NE Canton, Ohio. Uh... I'm here again about the police. Uh... received that they still have not... uh... Kyle Stone has still hasn't taken the case to the Grand Jury. Hmm... said they wouldn't. He's going to wait until after election. We should not let him do that, because he feels after election everything will be ok. It's on him. He came down here and explained how the Grand Jury works, but he didn't tell the key point. He's the one who takes the case. How he presents that case is how the Grand Jury is how the Grand Jury is going to vote. A no bill or a yay bill. It's up to him. So once the election is over, he has nothing to prove. He can go in there and say yea I took it and they said a no bill, because he'll go in there with some Mickey Mouse case. We got to put the pressure on him. Let him know he wants your vote, you want something. You know the only ones who are going to control this is our Mayor, the Police Chief, and Andrea. We got to do something. We gotta hold them accountable. At all cost. We got to hold them accountable. The rest of City Council they can't do nothing about this. They may feel bad about it, but they have no power, they have no dog in this fight. The Mayor, Andrea, the Prosecutor, they do. Hold them accountable. Let him know we're going to keep coming down here. You're not going to sweep this under the thing... under the rug until after election time. We need to be bombarding his office with phone calls, emails, text messages whatever it takes to let him know we are watching you. And you are not going to get this off, cause that's what he's doing he's waiting. I said this what weeks and weeks ago. And he still has not... it's been crickets. Everybody sees your plan Kyle. Everybody sees your plan and we're not going for it. *(Applause)*

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Ms. Early. Our next speaker is Ms. Cassandra White. Ms. White.

CASSANDRA WHITE: Cassandra White 816 2nd St SE. I struggled all day of what to say tonight, but I made a commitment to fight for Zachery's voice to be heard. So, tonight I'm going to tell you about the people... in Zachery's life that Garret Marino effected by not de-escalation a situation and choosing to murder my son. So you all know me, Cassandra his mother, his father is James, his wife Alexis and him and hi... and them had three beautiful children. Ava is 6, Elijah is 3, and Layla is 1. They were Zachery's number one priority and the loves of his lives. My heart breaks every day for my three beautiful grandchildren. Ava's old enough to under this. Had to deal with being bullied at school and scared to death to walk to the bus because she doesn't want to run into a police officer. Elijah thinks every knock at the door is his daddy or that his Uncle Caleb is Zachery because they look like twins. Layla just runs around yelling daddy all the time. He has two sisters, Carly and Bella, two brother Tristen and Caleb. Now that's where I start getting angry because as a mother I can hide my pain, but when you hurt my children that is an indescribable pain. When my son was killed, the other four became lost. Like a puzzle that was never been finished from that one missing piece. Zachery left behind two nephews, Hudson and Colt who were only 7 and 5 months old. He loved being an Uncle to his sister's boy. He missed out on not knowing his brothers both had a daughter, Thea and Harper. My parents, his grandparents, Kevin and Shelia are the most kind God loving people you may know. And I watched my mother cry, not understanding why and how someone could just take someone's life. I hope at least one of those name sticks in your head to remind you of Zachery, so maybe you would ask on what you needs to be done for the city then you won't have to sit here again listening to a family member. My dad, being a preacher and my biggest hero, told me to read this to you all tonight. This explains how we love as a family and for Zachery and why I keep coming back every week and my fight against your city is my top priority. *"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects. Always trust. Always hopes. Always preserves. Love never fails."* Now if you don't agree with that, then you don't have love

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in your heart and that would explain why don't feel your city needs changed and your officers need to be held accountable. Justice for Zachery Fornash. Justice for Frank Tyson. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Ms. White. Out next speaker is Mr. Roger Gates.

ROGER GATES: My name is Roger Gates. My address is 611 Smith Ave NW, is my family home. I'm going to start this off, I'm the middle son of four children. When we were growing up, as many in this room may not remember because you wasn't here...

CLERK WOOD: Can you please speak into to mic Mr. Gates? Thank you.

ROGER GATES: Can you hear me now?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yeah, thank you, better.

ROGER GATES: So, back in the day my mom was a single mother raising four of us. We de...we depended on a system, because that was what was needed. Which that, my mom had lived in fear of somebody coming in and taking us children from her for that reason because of her inability to be able to supr...provide for us on her own. She worked as a waitress, you know, back then it wasn't a whole lot of money but it kept us going. I think some of forget where we came from. Which it brings us to what I'm going to...about to say today. We're are systemically being failed by, from the bottom to the top, Canton City Police Department, Job and Family Services, Adult Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, our court system, and everything else. They're working to close together... okay. Too close. Prosecutors, Police Department, and the Courts... all three. That leaves us with as a community out here. I'm working a \$14.25 a job at \$40 dol...at 40 hours a week. Have you guys ever tried to survive on something like that? Today's age? It's not easy... okay. So now, if I catch a hitch I get... I get fines or something. That means I don't eat for a week. That means I don't have no heat for my house for a month. Yea, reality... kicks in. That brings me to today... okay. When we come here we're coming here asking you for help. We... we ultimately pay your guys wages. We are the fabric of the community. We are the people here. We pay you guys. We come to you guys for help. You got a legal department, you got a safety director and everything else. I cannot afford an attorney. That's why I come here and asking you guys as my elected officials to help me. It's not that hard. We get retaliation when we come in here trying to ask for some help. We don't have legal teams to be able to back us on anything. We don't have a legal team to take us through the Grand Jury. We don't have wa... as a judge, we don't get to prosecutor to represent us as the... our attorney. We have you folks that we elect and we trust in and believe in, but you guys are letting us down. You're letting the system take over everything that we are about. Listen to us. That's all I'm asking. We're here to help. We the people. God bless y'all.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Gates. Our next speaker is Mr. Daniel Gates.

DANIEL GATES: My name is Daniel Gates and I live in the United States Constitutional Republic. I'd like to start this off, before I was rudely interrupted last time I wanted to give you guys some kudos, but I never got to give you guys that. Okay, I have a shout out to two cops who did not pull their guns on me, did not try to kill me, or threaten me. Uh...(inaudible) we walked about eight miles together and they got to know me. I hope of the rest of your department can get to know me... like they did. Instead of on the other side of a gun. Mr. Mayor you're doing a great job on the you... on the alley ways. I do have a complaint though. Now the alley ways they are not repaving, you guys are wasting money, time, and resources on them just throwing asphalt in the hole. There needs to be tack and that hole needs to be filled. We live in a winter environment... okay. By winter time all that asphalt that you guys just threw in the hole, didn't even fill the hole is going to come up. It's going

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to freeze up underneath of it, there's no tack...none, zero. There's nothing to tack it to the other asphalt, you're doing it wrong alright. Sorry... uh... but, um...the other thing I would like to know why we were moved back from speaking before you guys vote on things. Can you answer that question... no. See the problem with that is...because not all of us get to speak to you guys on a regular bases. There's a lot of you and one of me. If I call of you guys, I might be put on a watch list to be honest... alright. I can't object to anything you're about to vote on that we pay for. What you don't want me to convince one of these people in this room to say nay. Sound like a horse for once please. Thank you, Mr. Franco... thank you brother. You said a lot of what's going on in our minds. Like what my father said, we elected you guys to fix things not make things worse. Uh... we don't have a ball field anymore. Remember the Hall of Fame took the other one for a parking lot? I grew up watching my dad play baseball there and my uncles. That was a family event. I don't have those family events anymore. I can't even have those family events with a family of my own, if I started one. Which leads me to the next thing. Mr. Hawk, you used you were going to build these houses for single families. Well I'm trying to start a single family. I can't afford a \$160,000.00. That's three years of me not eating, not paying to gas to get to work, not... I can't afford that. I would have nothing. I could not do anything, absolutely. I couldn't even survive to pay for a \$160,000.00 house to start a family. I would do better with going out in the wilderness and squatting. Being homeless...(inaudible).

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Gates. Our next speaker is Ms. Vicki Prunty? Am I saying that correctly? If you'll correct the last name.

VICKI PRUNTY: Hi, My name's Vick Prunty, and I live at...

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: And if you could speak a little bit closer to the microphone.

VICKI PRUNTY: Sorry... how's that?

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Perfect.

VICKI PRUNTY: Alright my name is Vicki Prunty and I live at 130 Pearl St. Uh... you first met me in 2020 after George Floyd was killed and my first official Black Lives Matter protest happened. I was sprayed in the face by... for nearly just standing in the street. Uh... and... each year I come back here... uh... I haven't been here for a year, I've been sick. Each year I come back here and uh... nothing's changed. Uh... your neighbors are hurting and they are asking you to help them. Yet, each week nothing changes. And you sit here and you do nothing to relieve the suffering. And you walk out in the community and you expect them not to treat you like psychopaths. You're killing your neighbors by not doing anything. Each day... is another day... that they suffer... you hear, they're all suffering. And because of policy, procedure, law, ordinance, you're too afraid to act... and all that stuff is made up... but these are real people with real families, real feelings, real medical issues, housing insecurity, food insecurity. Their medical care is abysmal. And yet you want them to treat you... like a... everyone else. Is that... you're not running a (inaudible) here. And expecting them to live off of crumbs while you worry about how you're going to spend billions, millions of dollars. And they're... barely able to buy diapers. And so... I invite them to start treating you like psychopaths, because you act like it. Uncaring, unkind... it's ridiculous. I don't need the other...

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

SKYLARK BRUCE: My name is Skylar Bruce and I live at 2216 Bolinger Ave. NE. Our police department continues its reign of terror against ordinary citizens. Last Monday, an individual who appeared to be having a

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mental health crisis, broke a window at my church, New Vision United Church of Christ and took only a couple of books and a handful of craft supplies. CPD officers arrested the individual a few blocks away. Shortly thereafter, K-9 Officer Jeffries arrived to the church building and expressed disappointment to the neighbor. According to the neighbor, Officer Jeffries said he was sad the arrest had already happened because he wanted to sick his dog on the person. That does not sound like an officer of the peace. That sounds like an officer of violence. An officers whose pleasure come from the pain he can bring to others he views as lesser. And why not, by all appearances, Canton Police is the perfect place for that attitude. It's also common place in how Israel's forces treat Palestinians in Gaza in the occupied West Bank. In 2020, community member and lawyer Richie Harper drafted several proposals that could help Canton hold police officers and the police department to account for aggressive behavior. These included monetary damages from police involved lawsuits come to directly from the police department budget. While officers usually keep their jobs even after the cops (*inaudible*) the city substantial amounts of money. This idea would correctly place the accountability on the police department. And this proposal may cut down on excessive force incidents. Another option Harper proposed, a dollar for dollar decrease in the police budget for the following year after monetary payouts from police involved lawsuits. For example, if Canton PD cost the city \$200,000.00 in lawsuit payouts in 2024, \$200,000.00 would be deducted from their budget in 2025. It's been told to me many times that City Council controls the city's money. If City Council were actually interested in changing how the police department man handles citizens, you can start voting no every budget item that affects the police department until they're willing to negotiate. Follow the money, make sure the police department follows the money. You're not powerless you're not helpless. You can do way more than sit here scrolling on mobile devices. With ready-made excuses in your back pockets about statutory cities and how you can't propose legislation. The real truth is, if you wanted to stick your neck out and work toward change, you would and you still can. Despite not doing anything substantial previously, today is a new day. You hold the power to make life saving changes. Justice for Zack Fornash, justice for Frank Tyson, and free Palestine.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Ms. Bruce. Our next speaker is RaNae Ulrich.

RANAE ULRICH: Good evening. I am RaNae Ulrich, formally of 401 12th St. NW 2nd floor. I am the author of the book from "*Steel Toes to Stiletos*", President of Neopa Community Radio, and I am a Documentary Contributor and member of the Citizens Commission of Human Rights of Los Angeles, California, and a founding member of the Stark County Committee of Safety. On August 13th 2024 I was strangles by Bill Ray Sanders, who is a known, local bad guy. And was paid by my radio producer Steven Matthewson, who publically prayed for me to killed on 6/28 on Facebook. Last Tuesday he as sentence by this Prosecutor and Judge with a slap on the wrist or in a catch and release fashion. Women have a 750% odds of being murdered by their stranglers, but no lives matter. I did not have the privilege of having my promised pretrial meeting with the prosecutor. Nor did the... did I have the privilege for the judge to hear... have... hear my victim impact statement... because no lives matter. I never got to tell anyone of authority that one day in July, Billy Sanders drove me by a red factory on the Southside of Canton and said if someone really wanted to do damage to the city, they would hit that building. And it is recently disclosed that George Sorros is actively buying radio stations ahead of the 5th of November election. But what is more disturbing is that my ongoing, 2 year, federal lawsuit, Ulrich vs Ford Motor Company was dismissed on the same day as White House issued Directive 5240.01. Which authorizes the military to use lethal force against the American citizens. And this White House is already threatened to defund the police, which is our first line of defense. This is a reminder that the American people have a right and a duty to abolish an altar any form of government that affects their safety. So remember, remember the 5th of November that America is not Nazi Germany or China.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Ms. Ulrich. And finally our last speaker is Rich Dyer I believe. Mr. Dyer?

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RICH DYER: How are y'all this evening. My name is Rich Dyer, I reside at 933 Dueber Ave here in Canton Ohio. I been here for a little while. If you can't tell, I'm not from up north, I'm from Texas. We do things different down there. Uh... I'm originally from Texas, North Texas, a little town called Newport. Uh... my father left when I was born. I was raised by a single mother, grandfather, which was a retired Colonel in the Marines and my grandmother. We were poor, we struggled, we worked hard, we survived. Came from a town where Peace Officers are true Peace Officers, not cops. That's what we have here is cops. And I've seen it day in and day out. And I get upset even talking about it, but down in Texas we have breakfast with the Sheriffs and City Council Members, with the Mayors, every other day. Poor people, rich people everybody. It's... it's sad. Can you imagine that? Where... a town where you can do that. With your citizens every single day. I don't know if any of y'all do, but I haven't seen it here. Not for me anyway. Come before you today not to give you my life story, but concerned citizen if Canton. Lived her for about 10 years and since the time I lives her I started a small business. I've helped several of the homeless. I've taught children the basic automotive, technology, engineering, construction so forth. I've also been homeless, been brutally shot by the corrupt police department, not once, but twice. Haven't even brought that up yet, but that's coming. Uh... my family has been threatened by the cops. I can go on and on, about all the bad this City of Canton has done to me and my family; but I'll talk about that soon enough. (*Inaudible*) those in the community that do know me have nothing bad to say about me. That I'm well respected by those who matter... the people. Let's talk about the uh... City of Canton Code Enforcement. I've been harassed for about two years now, after obtaining my home, built in 1909. I've changed the appearance. I mow everybody's lawn on the block. They can't afford mowers, I'll do it. Try to take care of my community. The department knows this and continually harasses me even they're trying to see that I'm working on the property. Did the city care to do anything for the seven years it was vacant... no. They didn't at all. Why... because they don't get money from a deceased perso,n that's why. Now they see the homeless lived in it being repaired they can get the money right. I'm here to tell you today the city needs to fix the... the roads correctly before they as us to fix our houses. They need to fix the street lights, they need to fix the alley correctly, before you write the less fortunate homeowners more citations, fix your city first. I don't see it happening. Now the Health and Safety department. Do you know the Health and Safety Department let a man lay in house for 5 months, dead? And I could go on and on... on about all that and I will next time, but Mr. Mayo,r for three months now, that's part of our problem I've called your office to get an appointment with you to talk to you about a lot of important things. Not one phone call. Y'all want to know what the problem is today, you can't get ahold of anybody... (*buzzer*).

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you, Mr. Dyer. Alright, thank you to our speakers.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. And I do know that Member Kimbrough has some to start us off with.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Oh okay. Well uh... I'm now asked our... to come up to explain more about it, but on a happy note, we do have something in the City of Canton no one else has. We have the Canton City Puzzle. A 500 piece, 16 x 20 size puzzle, and I'd like you to talk more about that please.

PLANNING SECERTARY BAILY: Thank you Member Kimbrough, Madam President, Members of Council. To the left here you'll see the painting that is been sitting there this evening. This is a...an original piece of art by nationally recognized artist Eric Dowell. This piece of art was commissioned by the... by the City through the Planning Department, and will be included in the... in the America 250 Celebration of the 2026 - 250th Birthday of the United States of America. And this is the same puzzle or excuse me, the same piece of art that has been turn into puzzles. Each of these puzzles are available for purchase from various locations throughout the city. Including Visit Canton as well as the Planning Department, right here at City Hall. And this piece of art

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will be going to the... uh... the Art Museum... uh tomorrow actually. So, we wanted to make sure that it was here for all of you to see as well.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much, Mr. Bailey. Anyone have any questions? Go ahead... oh no... okay. Then we'll move one. Our next Miscellaneous Business... Mr. Sacco.

MEMBER SACCO: Yes us... there was a data breach from the uh... court systems. And I got a call from someone uh... stating somebody told them that their Sewer Department had data breach and they needed to fill out a form with all their personal information. So, just letting everyone know out there there's people scamming the system starting off. I mean the letter just went out. So, that...that's just...be careful out there when you're dealing with people asking for your information. Uh... they... they're not going to ask for all your personal information out there.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Very good point., our City Departments are not going to do that so be aware of that. Is there any Miscellaneous Business that any of the Members would like to bring forward?

MAYOR SHERER: Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yes Mayor.

MAYOR SHERER: I want to give a shout out. We had uh... we had uh situation today that we had a new employee that started for the City of Canton today, of all things and had a massive, massive heart attack. And I want to give a huge shout out to or other city employees that were present that were able. Now he's not out of... this individual is not out of the woods yet, but... they were down... down off of Walnut by Carpe Diem. And uh if it wasn't for our city employ...employees giving him... giving this individual CPR until the paramedics got there. Now he's still got the fight of his life going on right now, but I want to give a huge shout out to our employees that stepped up to the plate today. It was uh... this guy's first day on the job for the City of Canton today.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you Mayor...

MAYOR SHERER: So, lots of prayers will be appreciated.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. Are there any other bits of Miscellaneous Business anyone would like to bring forward.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Can I say something.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Yea.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: I also want to say this is Massillon McKinley Week, Go McKinley. And the parade and the uh... pep rally is going to be on Friday and it's going to be up at the uh... Civic Center. And these are (*inaudible*) that we do try and have for our constituents and everyone. And it's fun and it's a great rival. It's been what 125 years? This is a blessing to keep doing the same.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you. Does anybody else have any comments? Alright. Leader Mariol.

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MEMBER MARIOL: Madam President, I move we adjourn.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK WOOD: Eleven yeas, Madam President.

PRESIDENT BATES AYLWARD: Thank you very much. We are adjourned. (*Gavel falls*)

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:08 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD
PRESIDENT