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PRESIDENT SHERER: (*Gavel falls*) Good evening... Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Canton City Council. Please turn your cell phones to vibrate, and we are also encouraging social distancing and I thank you. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Mr. Clerk.

11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (WILLIAM SMUCKLER, JAMES BABCOCK, CHRISTINE SCHULMAN, GREG HAWK, JASON SCAGLIONE, CHRIS SMITH, ROBERT FISHER, KEVIN HALL, JOHN MARIOL, PETER FERGUSON & FRANK MORRIS)

ELEVEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT. (MEMBER KIMBROUGH ABSENT. MEMBERS SCHULMAN, FISHER, MARIOL & MORRIS APPEARED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Eleven present, one absent, Mr. President. (*Note: Council Member Kimbrough is present, just not audible at this point. She can be heard just before being excused.*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Tonight's invocation will be given by Ward 4 Council Member, Chris Smith. If you... if you would all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

*The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on July 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the Canton City Council Chamber. The roll call was taken (see above) by Clerk of Council, David R. Dougherty. The invocation was given by Ward 4 Council Member, Chris Smith. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sherer.*

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Smith. Council Member Kimbrough, are you on the line right now? (*No audible response*)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: We'll have to excuse her.

**EXCUSING MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Majority Leader, we will have to excuse Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move that Member Kimbrough be excused from this evening's meeting.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Here, I'm here! (*Inaudible*)... I'm here.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay. Just want to make sure you're here, Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: I'm here. I'm here.

PRESIDENT SHERER: We got...

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Okay.

PRESIDENT SHERER: We gotcha, girl.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: We got it.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: And I believe we have twelve present, correct?

CLERK DOUGHERTY: We now have twelve present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Clerk Dougherty.

**AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Agenda Corrections and Changes, Leader Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move Rule 22A be suspended to add 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings of Ordinances 7 through 9 to this evening's agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings to Ordinances 7 through 9 to this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President. Fourteen yeas, Mr. President. (*Chuckles*) (*Clerk Dougherty had to call Member Kimbrough's name twice and she answered twice*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 7 through 9 are a legal part of your agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

CLERK DOUGHERTY: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE TIMKENSTEEL CORPORATION – 2505 SHEPLER CHURCH AVE SW ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 7.431 ACRES; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 5 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL (I-2); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this Ordinance, please step forward. I must repeat, is there anyone in the audience wishing to speak for or against this Ordinance, please step forward. Seeing no one step forward, the Chair declare the Public Hearing over in regards to this matter. The matter now rests in the hands of Council. The Ordinance will follow later this evening. Mr. Clerk, the second Public Hearing, please.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: No, there's no...

PRESIDENT SHERER: Oh, okay, just one.

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

**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Now, tonight, out of respect for our guests that are here, we have a lot of Public Speakers, so we're gonna kinda change it up a little bit. So now, we are now under Informal Resolutions and we have three for this evening. Mr. Clerk, would you please read Resolution #30, by title.

#30. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: CONGRATULATING KATHERINE MIKESKA ON ACHIEVING MILESTONE AGE OF 100 YEARS. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader. (*Applause*)

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution 30.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #30. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those... (*inaudible voice*) Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #30 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Resolution #30 is adopted. And I believe Majority Leader Smuckler will present... present the plaque.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Okay, this is gonna be loud. Now most people think that we're presenting this Resolution cause she turned 100. Actually, we did a study and we found out you're the only one older than the Mayor in this community. (*Laughter*) I know I'll get paid back for that. What's important is the last Whereas, "In reflecting back on her life, Katherine is quoted as saying family is my most passionate priority. When asked about her secret to longevity, Katherine's response was hot peppers. I eat them daily and for me they are a cure all. Her advice..." This is the most important thing I've heard for tonight's meeting. "Treat everyone with kindness, stand your ground when needed and feed the family with love and lots of food. Remember, you only have one family, stick together and everything will be okay." Katherine, we congratulate you on your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in this community.

KATHERINE MIKESKA: Thank you. (*Applause*) Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

KATHERINE'S FAMILY: Thank you guys so very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks, Bill.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL: Happy birthday!

PRESIDENT SHERER: Happy birthday! (*Pause as Katherine and her family exit the Chambers*) Alright, continuing on, Clerk Dougherty, Resolution #31, please.

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#31. MAJORITY LEADER SMUCKLER: AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT SAFETY DIRECTOR TO OPEN ONE OR MORE PURCHASE ORDERS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,934.05 FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR DETECTIVE BUREAU. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #31.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #31. Are there any... any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #31 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it... (*inaudible voice*) Excuse me, only Council Members are permitted to speak when they're voting. Thank you. (*Inaudible voice*) Thank you. They ayes have it, the motion carries and Resolution #31 is adopted. Resolution #32, please.

#32. MAJORITY LEADER SMUCKLER: AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT SERVICE DIRECTOR TO OPEN ONE OR MORE PURCHASE ORDERS IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,000.00 FOR WORK AT NORTHEAST WATER TREATMENT PLANT. –ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Resolution #32.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Informal Resolution #32. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, by voice vote all those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #32 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, motion carries and Resolution #32 is adopted.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Public Speaks and we have ten speakers for tonight. And out of respect for all of our speakers, I would like to remind everybody that you have three minutes to speak, and our first speaker is... tonight is Joseph Fisher. Mr. Fisher, if you can please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

JOSEPH FISHER: I'm Joseph Fisher at 1012 Colonial Blvd NE, Canton, Ohio. I'd like to...

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Mister... Joseph, hang on for a second. Dave, is his mic on?

JOSEPH FISHER: Yeah, I just need to speak a bit louder. Is that it?

PRESIDENT SHERER: No.

JOSEPH FISHER: No?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Well, we'll just double check to make sure it's on.

JOSEPH FISHER: It says on.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay. Good deal. Thank... thank you, Mr. Fisher.

JOSEPH FISHER: Yep. I'd like to start out by saying... uh, after following the multiple letters in the mail I have gotten from the Mayor's Office stating that the investigation over May 29<sup>th</sup> and the events that followed that night are under investigation, and I... that was about roughly two and a half weeks ago, I assume, that was both signed by Safety Director Perry and certified by the Mayor's Office. I'd like to question on why has it taken this long even though Safety Director Perry and her office have already looked through the footage and have certified it to go through to the Mayor's Office. As well I also question what has been included inside this investigation. Has there been any reviews of any police officer's body camera footage who... who was there on that scene as well as any dash cam footage or local security cameras that... that were either on our numerous traffic lights and/or store fronts from areas in... uh, and around where the actions that happened on May 29<sup>th</sup> took place. I want to see all these inside the final result, as taking one side would obviously seem pretty bad to anybody who wants to see this investigation finished. So I... I question what has been and what will be investigated to the fullest extent by the Mayor's Office that is not just the people who were arrested that night, but everything on the police officer's side. We know that militarized vehicles that were capable of shooting off tear gas and rubber projectiles, as well as bear mace, by the police officers were used that nice... that night against protesters who... uh, for failure to disperse and which is directly against the Canton Police Department Code, and so I do question on what will be inside this investigation and how it will resolve. Thank you. I yield back the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Mr. Fisher. Our next speaker is Skylark Bruce. Ms. Bruce, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

SKYLARK BRUCE: My name is Skylark Bruce. I live at 1242 Worley Ave NW. Before I speak further, I wanted to hold space to remember the tragic deaths of Ace Lucas, Brandon Bush and Ronald Pleasant. All violence is connected. On July 15<sup>th</sup> an assortment of Canton City Council Members met with me and other members of the public who are concerned about accountability for the Canton City Police Department. I was at that meeting, Council Members passed the buck entirely to the Mayor and Police Chief. Those Council Members would not make any statements for or against any proposed changes, such as the 8 Can't Wait measures or opening the complaints and disciplinary records of all officers. It seemed more like an opportunity for certain Council Members to lecture and posit hypothetical situations rather than to address the very real situations that have happened and continue to happen. Accountability and transparency did not attend that

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meeting. I hope they are present here tonight. Ultimately, I don't care how much of my time and their time that city officials want to waste. That's inconsequential since my motivation is to make my city safer for black people when it comes to police brutality. If we do that, the rest doesn't matter. Public Speaks Rules indicate I should address my remarks to the Council President. Council President, would you pass a message to Mayor Bernabei, to Chief Angelo. The City can provide justice for the families of Ja'Ron Nero, Darryl Ross and Shawn Pirolozzi after their lives ended at the hands of Canton police. The City can respond in a timely fashion and implement important changes to police department policy and accountability. The City can fire and institute disciplinary action against officers who violate existing policy. The City can stand up to the police union and let them know that Ohio is a right to work state. The City can provide timely answers into the investigation into the police attacking peaceful protesters and bystanders on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The City can value the lives of black citizens. When I said all violence is connected, that also means street violence is connected to police brutality. When the police department notices they aren't getting much help in solving crimes in an area, they must pursue change in the department to forge new trust in the community. Attacks, beatings and murders by cops don't build public trust. When the higher ups get out of the way, some of the time, for one officer who wants to build trust, it is not nearly enough. One officers out of more than 150 is not nearly enough. Council Members can push for so much more. Arcel Lucas is the surviving black baby who was shot last week. Arcel deserves a future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Bruce. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is Brianna Grillon. Hopefully I got that right.

BRIANNA GRILLON: Brianna.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Brianna, sorry.

BRIANNA GRILLON: That's okay.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Miss... could you please state your name and residential address, please.

BRIANNA GRILLON: It's Brianna Grillon, 1642 Cedarcrest Ave SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646. January 16, 2018, (*inaudible*) recklessly and with complete disregard for human life went left of center crossing double yellow lines striking me head on causing the man following close behind me to crash into me as well. I was simultaneously struck by two trucks driven by irresponsible men who killed my son, Zayne Paulik, on impact, rupturing his brain, severing his spine to the point of internal decapitation, leaving zero chance of survival for... for my first and only born son. Officer Wells, supposed lead crash scene investigator for CPD, was the responding officer at the scene of the crime. Wells didn't choose to come from a place of humanity or helpfulness. Instead he chose what I feel an insensitive sexist route where he singled out the only female who was seriously injured and frantic over the wellbeing of her children. He chose to torment and accuse me of driving under the influence. Instead of flagging down the EMS and assisting, he followed me around demanding a sobriety test while they loaded by dead child into the ambulance. The Canton EMT made extremely callous and off putting decisions as well. He chose not to place Zayne on a spinal board or stretcher, but picked him up in a cradled position and carried him into the ambulance. Did not inquire about the status of my two year old daughter or myself one time. Also repeatedly telling me to shut the fuck up the entire way to the hospital because of my crying. Only to be met at Mercy by the most judgmental cruel nurses and doctors I

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could have dealt with in my greatest time of need. Then to be cornered in a room half unconscious from head trauma by two of Canton's finest chauvinistic henchmen who continued with accusations and threatening to withhold my children until I submitted a urine sample, then went across the hall and treated the perpetrator like a god. It's all recorded on their body cams which, surprisingly, they had turned on that night. I want to know why my family wasn't deserving of basic... the basic level of care from any of the first responders. Canton made a mockery of my children's lives and the one who raises them, me. They disregarded my son's life as if he was human garbage and his family left behind was collateral damage. The struggle and psychological trauma I've endured in this building will have lifelong effects on me and my daughter. Not one of them care, which is why I will be here at every meeting spotlighting the corruption along with unfair prejudice and partiality they exhibited from the very start. How was I told by numerous Canton attorneys and the prosecutor the City was more thirsty to serve justice for a slain police dog than a living breathing child. You're showing your priorities, Canton, and quite frankly, your ass. As told by Jason Reese, he admitted I was profiled from the start, and the big bad police didn't like something about me, whether it was my hair, voice or the way I was dressed. He wasn't sure, but I know it's because I'm a woman of strength and confidence. Would I have had to lose both children or my own life for it to matter to you... to you desensitized people in power? Tell me how could that irresponsible overgrown man child cause the crash, which was determined by CPD twice over and the State Highway Patrol, walk away with not one charge, not one point on his driving record? How? Don't tell me classism, gender bias and white privilege don't exist inside these walls because I'm living, breathing proof that it does. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Grillon. Our next speaker is Melanie Welsh.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: They won't let her in.

SECOND UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, she's outside. They won't let her in.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay. So we'll just continue to... (*Inaudible voices*) Well, once somebody leaves, we're allowed to have somebody come back in. Okay?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: They still... they said that they're waiting on you guys to let them know that they can let people in because (*inaudible*).

PRESIDENT SHERER: And... well, they were family and they were getting an award, so I believe... Clerk Dougherty, there is two seats left?

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Yes. (*Inaudible voices*)

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: She was right outside.

PRESIDENT SHERER: That'd... that'd be fine. Well, why don't we keep the meeting moving, and if Ms. Welsh comes in, we'll give her a chance to speak. Our next speaker is Curstynn Marks. Ms. Marks, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

CURSTYNN MARKS: Curstynn Marks, 1211 Bordner Ave SW, Canton, Ohio 44710. I come here today to

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talk about the same issues I talked about two weeks ago. We learned that the City Council, members itself, individually can openly support the 8 Can't Wait campaign. When we asked if City Council Members endorsed it, they said they needed more time to look at the policies. It's been two weeks. I ask you, and so does the rest of the public, do you support the 8 Can't Wait policies? I talked to the Mayor and he said it was in the works, not to be waiting around to see if things change within the upcoming weeks. It's been two weeks. What changes are we seeing, Mayor? We are here for change and we are here to ask the City Council to put pressure on the Administration because as City Council Members, you represent the public voices. That is your purpose. So when concerns are brought amongst you from the public, we want you to put pressure on the Administration to make change or the 8 Can't Wait. Because we feel five out of the eight of the basic minimum standards are expected across the country on the use of policy. So it's been two weeks and we just want an answer as to what City Council believes on policy reform, on protecting their own community. Another point we talked about is why crime was a thing and multiple members said that was the most focus from the public, but yet failed to recognize that the reason crime exists is because of food insecurity, because of homelessness, because of poverty, because of lack of resources, and you see with the crimes and the violence that's been happening in our communities, that the only way to effectively prevent that is not more policing, and is providing more funding which the City Council has the power to do to put it into programs to better the community. To prevent violence, we have to be proactive rather than reacting. And that is why I'm here to talk to City Council today, because I am not the only one that is tired of things not changing in Canton. Canton should be a place where people want to grow and thrive, and that can only be possible if the City uses its budget to actually... for community advancement and to lift us out of poverty and out of lack of education and lack of resources. And that's the only way we'll actually better the community. That's why I ask here for you all today, endorse 8 Can't Wait and encourage funding for actual community programs rather than more funding to go into policing and more funding that goes into tourism. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Marks. (*Applause*) Is Melanie Welsh... is she in the audience. (*Inaudible voice*) Okay. Well, we'll just continue to move on. So our next speaker... speaker is Ashley Green. Ms. Green, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

ASHLEY GREEN: My name is Ashley Green, 1627 Bonnot Pl NE, Canton. Tonight I wanted to speak on a little bit about what should happen in our city. Our people and our children are dying. Our young people are at war with each other and violence is on the rise. We have been asked time and time again why we don't have programs for our children to keep them off the streets and doing the right things. There is no reason that, even with COVID, we can't have things for your young adults and children to do. Our libraries are closed and our libraries provide valuable programs for our community. The City has enough in the budget to make programs readily available to our community. It also has the funds that are needed to provide a safe space considering CDC recommendation for COVID, just like the bars and restaurants do. There is no reason that our children and young adults should feel there is nothing better to do than commit murders and crimes and run the streets. Reser... research shows that in a city of 100,000, each new non-profit community organization lead to a 1.2% drop in the homicide rate, a 1% reduction in the violent crime rate and a 0.7% reduction in the property crime rate. However, these organizations have little to no funding. And what about the drug wars and drugs on the streets, the problems with those? What about affordable programs for those who need it? We have more than enough funding to help those as well. Private substance abu... abuse treatment programs can cost tens of thousands of dollars a year, making free or low cost services from community based non-profits the only realistic way for many people to receive treatment. But here in Canton, those programs are limited. Instead of



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helping people, we are incarcerating people for drug use instead of using the community policing policies that are to our disposal and hoping get them treatment at a place of their choice. Too often incarceration has been used as a solution for drug abuse issues and a substitute for treatment. Nearly 40% of the U.S. prison population or 576,000 people are behind bars for little or no public safety reason. That is unacceptable. I know we may not be able to change the whole U.S., but we can start right here with Canton. We can raise the bar for other cities across the nation. For too long the stereotype for Canton is that we are one of the worst smallest cities in the U.S. for crime and homicides and other issues. We must stand with the people. Instead of... instead of spending millions of dollars on a resort for the Hall of Fame and bringing tourists to our city, we should be fixing our city. Why would you want to bring people to a city that's broken, a city where most individuals can't even afford to stay at such a resort or a hotel? Why bring people to our city to see shootings every day and crime, abandoned houses and abandoned communities? We need to do things for our people in our city and not worry about bringing others in until we as Canton are okay. When we can provide for own people, then we can provide for others.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Green. Is Melanie Welsh in the audience?

MELANIE WELSH: Yes.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Yeah, you're up. That's okay. Waiting patiently. Ms. Welsh, could you please give us your name and residential address, please.

MELANIE WELSH: Uh, my name... my name is Melanie Welsh and my address is 16300 Church Road, Dalton, Ohio 44618.

PRESIDENT SHERER: And you have three minutes. Thank you.

MELANIE WELSH: Thank you. Bear with me, I did not practice.

PRESIDENT SHERER: That's okay.

MELANIE WELSH: Okay, so qualified muni... uh, immunity is a legal doctrine in the United States Federal law which shields the government officials from being held personally liability... personally liable for discretionary actions performed within their officinal... official capacity unless their actions violate clearly established Federal law, even if their victim civil rights were violated. Uh, it is a form of so... sovereign immunity, sorry, less strict than absolute immunity, that is intended to protect offi... protect officials who make reasonable but mistaken judgments upon legal questions extending to all officials, but plainly incompetent to those knowingly violating the law. Qualified immunity applies only to government officials in civil litigation and does not protect the government itself from suits arising from official actions. Um, I'm going to give you guys a copy of this because I'm going to come back at the next meeting and I want to know your opinions on the qualified immunity act. Um, another thing is, it's ti... it's time to start put... stop putting these cops above the law and start holding them accountable. The system is designed to reward the bad cops currently. A good cop would have no problem supporting ending the qualified immunity act. Police departments need a disciplinary data base that is accessible not only to the police departments, but also the public, which OCC has been working on. We have the right to know who is serving and protecting us. Also, police should be

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responsible to carry their own liability... personal liability insurance, like doctors and nurses have to. Because if it came out of their pocket, they'd be a little more careful, because right now when a lawsuit happens, it comes out of our tax dollars. We have to pay for that. That's not acceptable. If my nurse husband has to carry an insurance, so should a cop. And then when something happens, it goes up. They don't want to screw up then. The... I mean that's pretty much it. I will be back in two weeks. So who gets a copy of this?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Um, Councilman Scaglione, would you take a copy of that, please.

MELANIE WELSH: I'll be back in two weeks. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: And... and Ms. Welsh, during Public Speaks, the only person that's allowed to address you is myself as Council President.

MELANIE WELSH: Okay.

PRESIDENT SHERER: So I would encourage you at... to stay after the meeting next time or even tonight to try to talk to some of the Council Members.

MELANIE WELSH: Okay.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay, thank you.

MELANIE WELSH: Yeah.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you. Our next speaker is Sierra Mason. Ms. Mason, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

SIERRA MASON: Sierra Mason, 3004 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Canton, Ohio 44706. Um, I'm here today to speak on a few different topics. I first want to recognize the families who lost members over the last week here in Canton. Um, I really want to speak on, you know, where our money in Canton is going. Um, I have a huge issue with all the money that's going into the tourism here. Um, our... our people are at war and it's because we don't trust our system because it's not built to bill... to build us, it's built to break us down and it's proven time and time again here in Canton that our community has very little to no trust in our police department because of the repeated brutality that happens here in our sys... in our city. Um, so how are we gonna change our sys... our system so that we can gain trust from our community and so that our community can gain trust in our... our police department? Um, so that crimes like what has happened over the last week gets solved a lot quicker. I feel as though if there is more trust within... um, you know, and more com... like community outreach is so huge and there's not enough of it. Our police do not do their job afterwards, you know, after taking, you know, a police report. Back in the day, you used to get a pamphlet for the trauma that you experienced, you used to get resources, and there's none of that anymore. So how are we go... how... how do we expect these victims who are experiencing these... this trauma to... to continue life afterwards and not have any, you know, idea where to go, what to do, who to speak to. What are we gonna do for our people so that they have resources after these... after these incidents? What are we gonna do for our people so that these incidents stop? How are we gonna get our youth invested in something that's gonna direct them towards college, direct them towards

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owning a business, direct them towards something other than violence because that is a huge issue. We do not have enough for our people to do here in the City. We do not have enough activities, we don't have enough entertainment, we don't have enough education. There should be aquariums for our kids to go to. There should be way more than just basketball and the few community centers that we do have. We need swimming pools. We need centers so that these kids can start getting off of the streets so that... we need something for them to... to direct their money when they are working so that they're not purchasing drugs, to... to use themselves or resell in our community. We need something for our youth to do, we need trust within our community, and my question for you is what are... what is Canton gonna do for our youth and for our people? How can we stop the violence and bring trust into our community and into our police department? Thank you. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Ms. Mason. Our next speaker is Brenden Perez. Mr. Perez, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

BRENDEN PEREZ: My name is Brenden Perez and my address is 621 Market Ave NE, Canton, Ohio 44702. Um, you know, my name is Brenden Perez. Uh, I'm a pro black pro... uh, protester, mostly starting a blog that's gonna talk about that as well as a lot of issues internationally and local in the community. Um, so a couple weeks ago I attended an event that was scheduled by Kylee Cheatwood, Jaylynn and Sarah, my friends. Uh, Corey Minor Smith was at that event and was a speaker there. Um, each of the ten or so speakers had an opportunity to have open dialogue in individual groups about social changes we can each make in the community locally. Um, so I was in a group with Sandy Womack. Some of you might know him, he's a prin... he was a principal all around the community in... uh, in different communities as well, Cleveland, everywhere. Um, so one of the problems that I think we face culturally, locally and internationally is trust in police officers. You've heard it already tonight. It's... it's a big theme right now. Um, it's hard for our community to... to trust police officers to handle problems when it seems like a lot of times they're escalating them. Um, so specifically though that problem is bigger in the black community. Um, with situations like Tamir Rice, George Floyd and Eric Garner, just to name a few, the police were called, and the police job is to protect and serve, if I'm not mistaken, and... and I don't know about you, but it... it didn't seem to me like they did much protecting or serving in that situation. Um, I... uh, on top of trust issues within the community and after seeing how peop... uh, people of color are being treated by police, a second issue that we have in the community is accountability, because when police officers are making mistakes in the commun... in local communities internationally, it seems like we have a hard time holding them accountable for some reason. And to be honest, I think situations like this is... is a part of the problem. We need to be more vocal in the community and call out and that's what we're trying to do right now with protesting. Um, so Breonna Taylor is a perfect example of that. You know, her... you know, police broke in unjustly, they murdered her and they're... we're still asking for justice and at this point we're begging. Um, so it's understood that pea... you know, police are supposed to act off evidence, so how can we expect the community to... to trust police after there's been so evidence to the contrary that we don't... they don't deserve our trust. Um, so my first question is like, is there anybody... anything that you want to say to that community in specific that doesn't trust the police? And also the lack of... I'm not gonna say anybody's name here, but there's somebody in specific that I would like to say their name... um, the lack of haste in regards to the May 29<sup>th</sup> investigation is very disheartening, in my opinion. In my mind, there... there needs to be some more... some more accountability had and it's taking too long. Um, so, you know, you guys are elected officials and that's why we're coming to you today to hope that you can speed along this protest as well as provide us some answers going forward.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Mr. Perez. (*Applause*) Our next speaker is... and I believe it's Jasper Robinson? Mr. Robinson, could you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

JASPER ROBINSON: My name is Jasper Robinson. Um, 1125 Auburn Ave NW, Canton Ohio. So earlier I heard you all was voting, and what's the difference, like 49,000 or 41,000 you all was talking about investing in the Detective Bureau? That correct?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Um, I believe, yes. Yes, continue on.

JASPER ROBINSON: Okay, so you all talking about putting this money in the Detective Bureau, but in the Constitution, right, we have a right to gather and I'm saying protest, right. And it just so happens that we're gathering and protesting against police brutality, and so when the police come out there and we're protesting and no one's doing anything to them until they come out provoking and bring the truck out and wanna hit people with, you know, the tear gas and stuff like that. How do you think that makes us feel that when we are protesting about the police brutality and things that need to change within that system, but you turn around and want to give these people \$49,000.00. You don't think that's a smack in our face that you want to give them \$49,000.00 but they're not there to protect us? We're still citizens. Just because we're protesting against the system that they're upholding, don't make us any less of a citizen anywhere. You see what I'm saying? So that's wrong right there. That's a smack in our face. I'm gonna let you know that right now. Second, by now the Mayor and the Chief of Police, like everybody else, knows what's going on. How come they haven't just come forth and adopted a policy of not hiring anybody with police brutality on their record? And also bringing in the policy that they will allow or put in a jacket for them to have this investigation on their rap sheet if they was to step down or resign, so then that way they can't be fired, so this kind of investigation can go on their rap sheet and go inside of a data bank that we can use universally and can be used all... at least all over Ohio so these kind of cops don't get hired in Ohio period. There should be something here that they should be doing right now instead of just sitting up here, you know, just looking around. Sitting out here meeting with people during the whole time of protesting, shaking hands, kneeling, faking like they showing some love, like they really want to be with us, but their showing nothing. They're giving us absolutely positively nothing, but again, you want to give these people \$49,000.00. I don't understand that. That's a smack directly in our face. And instead of trying to give our people some kind of real resources... cause I remember back in the day, Cherry was a predominant spot, a lot of black people had a lot of businesses over there, and then Route 30 came which directed a lot of traffic from over there. And so a lot of those black businesses went down. And that right there was a resource changer, when you taking traffic away from that. You all didn't think about that when you all took that traffic, but you all did. So what we need now is a way to get our resources back up, so then now we can hire our youth and put them in positions of having jobs that benefit them more than what McDonalds is gonna give us because they ain't trying to give us nothing, let alone hire us in there if I got locks or some tattoos, you see what I'm saying? Luckily I own my own business, and yes, I'm out here trying to teach others to own their own business as well, but by the same token, you all need to step up and do some help around here because they're trying to give some people \$49,000.00 and they sitting here tear gassing some citizens for protesting. Have you not thought about that? Has that not crossed your mind yet? Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Mr. Robinson. (*Applause*) And our last speaker for tonight is Jennifer Robinson. Ms. Robinson, can you please step forward and give us your name and residential address, please.

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JENNIFER ROBINSON: My name is Jennifer Robinson. I live at 1748 Shorb, Canton NW. My first question is, why is it taking so long to meet the 8 Can't Wait? Why is it taking so long to make the changes in our community that everybody else around the world and in other states are making as far as defunding our police, which will also give other programs to our... our youth if we're able to do that to get the youth out of our streets, so we can stop the violence that's happening in our... in our community which the police aren't helping at all. Also, my question I want answered while I'm here on this podium with the next two and half minutes I have... excuse me, I'm getting (*inaudible*) shook. I want to know why the hell it took so long... it took a half hour for responders to come to the shooting last time. The last people that took three men's lives, in... including a baby, why did it take so long for police... why did the police get there before the ambulance did? Why did the police have to go... call the ambulance? Why do... why does the ambulance come quicker to the suburbs before it comes to the hood? Why? Why isn't there... why isn't there protocols being set in... in place and nobody's doing nothing about it? Nobody's doing nothing. Also, while I'm thinking about it, since you just... since you guys just made everybody's vests somewhat visible with the (*inaudible*) um... public records so we can see who's getting written up, which by the way, after 2017 everybody's blanking their names out, so we can't see who's violating the... the... the policy. We can't see who's violating the policy now because you guys are hiding from us. We need to have a community review board for our community so we stop having these racist ass... excuse me. So we can stop having these people that are not for our community and our people in our community messing with our kids. How do we expect to stop the violence if we're not giving the youth anything to work with? How? How? You guys aren't worried about your babies? I'm worried about my daughter. I'm worried about my son. My husband is black. My stepdaughter is black. I have bi-racial family everywhere. I have to worry about it because I get... I get targeted for what I stand for because I absolutely refuse for people of color to continue to be treated how they be treated in our... in our community, point blank period. And we need to make a change. It starts with today. And I want to know, is... um, hold on, Vincent Roman, is he still on the force? Vincent Roman, can anybody answer me that?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes, he is.

JENNIFER ROBINSON: He is? Why is Vincent Roman still on the force when he has misconduct leading back to 2015?

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Multiple...

JENNIFER ROBINSON: Multiple. Why is he still on the force?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Excuse... no, excuse me. Ms. Robinson has the floor and you have three minutes.

JENNIFER ROBINSON: Okay. Can you answer me that? Why is he still on the force?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Now... now, Public Speaks is not set up for a debate. I would encourage you to stay after the meeting and talk to the Council Members and to... to try to get your questions answered.

JENNIFER ROBINSON: Okay. So where can we get a document that has everybody's names on it and not blanked out? Where do we get the official stuff instead of just what you all want the public to see? And also, why don't you guys make this a little more public for everybody to see so everybody can come to the City

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Council meeting instead of just being on the dang gone internet? Why don't you do it on social media blast, hang out posters?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Ms. Robinson, could you please bring your comments to a close, please.

JENNIFER ROBINSON: I mean, can you answer my question though?

PRESIDENT SHERER: I would be more than happy to try to answer your questions after the meeting. Public Speaks is not set up for a debate. It is not.

JENNIFER ROBINSON: Okay. Well, you guys just definitely need to have this more organized and let the community speak and let it be well known instead of people having to go research their own stuff to find out when we can come speak for you all to have hear us and not do shit.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (*Inaudible*)... over three minutes. (*Applause*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank... thank you, Ms. Robinson.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Alright, 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 JULY 27, 2020.***

241. DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS: REQ TRF OF PARCEL #232479, (1800 BLOCK OF KIMBALL RD SE) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE, TO CANTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP FOR SUBSEQUENT TRF TO SELENIUM PROPERTIES, LLC. – COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
242. FINANCE DIRECTOR CROUSE: AMEND APPROP O#59/2020 (\$1,229.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2810 COVID-19 RELIEF FUND TO 2810 702001 CLERK OF COURTS – ADMIN – OTHER; \$1,229.00 INTER-FUND TRF FR 2810 COVID-19 RELIEF FUND TO 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND); EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
243. HEALTH COMMISSIONER ADAMS: AMEND APPROP O#59/2020 (\$200,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 2328 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE TO FUND 2328.301019 PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE – 700 OTHER DIRECT COSTS. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
244. MAYOR BERNABEI: REQ AUTH TO APPT MS. GEORGIA PAXOS TO ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD, COMMENCING 7/27/20 THRU 12/31/20. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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245. MAYOR BERNABEI: REQ AUTH TO APPT MR. W. STUART KRAFT TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD, COMMENCING 7/27/20 THRU 12/31/20. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
246. MAYOR BERNABEI: REQ AUTH TO APPT MR. DARREN ELLIOTT TO CANTON CONSTRUCTION BOARD COMMENCING 7/27/20 THRU 12/31/21. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
247. MAYOR BERNABEI: REQ AUTH TO RE-APPT MR. SEAN S. DURKIN TO SYSTEMS PLANNING BOARD FOR NEW TERM EXPIRING 5/30/22. – PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
248. MAYOR BERNABEI: LTR ADVISING OF RE-APPT OF MS. PATRICIA SILAGY-WESSON AND MR. GREG CONRAD TO MAYOR’S NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION, TERMS EXPIRING ON 5/31/21. – RECEIVED & FILED
249. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ REPLAT OF LOTS 36455, 36456 AND 36457 (PARCELS 305282 & 305283) @ 2002 29<sup>TH</sup> ST NW FOR ANTHONY & MARY GEMMA IN WARD 7. – PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
250. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ REPLAT OF LOT 22189 AND PART OF LOT 22190 (PARCEL 206629 & 206630) @ 1413 RIDGEWAY PL NW FOR SAM & TULA NOUSSIAS, WARD 7. – PUBLIC SAFETY & THOROUGHFARES COMMITTEE
251. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ TEXT CHANGES TO CANTON COD ORD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1107 – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (ARB). – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
252. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ TEXT CHANGES TO CANTON COD ORD BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1187.06 – SIGNS EXEMPT FROM PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, 1187.07 – GENERAL REGULATIONS AND 1187.13 – SIGN REGULATIONS BY TYPE: ELECTRONIC MESSAGE UNITS (DIGITAL DISPLAY). – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
253. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ TEXT CHANGES TO CANTON COD ORD BY AMENDING SECTION 1131 – DEFINITIONS AND 1148.11 – SALE OF MERCHANDISE, FOOD ITEMS AND OTHER ITEMS OUTSIDE OF A STRUCTURE. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
254. PLANNING COMMISSION: REQ TEXT CHANGES TO CANTON COD ORD BY AMENDING CHAPTER 1153 – OUTDOOR DINING AREAS AND SIDEWALK CAFES. – JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
255. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: AUTH AND DIRECT AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OB TO DELL MARKETING L.P. IN AMT OF \$8,037.97 FOR PURCH OF THREE (3) TABLETS FOR BATTALION CHIEFS; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
256. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF CLOUD STORAGE FOR POLICE DEPT; ALTERNATIVELY AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF CLOUD STORAGE IN ACCORD WITH ANY PROCUREMENT

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PROCESS AUTH BY LAW; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE

257. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMT FOR AND ACCEPT \$16,800.00 IN GRANT FUNDS FR OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR 2019 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT; AUTH AUDITOR TO CREATE FUND #2794 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT; ALTERNATIVELY AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR PURCH OF CAMERAS AND HARDWARE FOR WIFIBER NETWORK IN ACCORD WITH ORC AND/OR CANTON COD ORD; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; AMEND APPROP O#59/2020 (\$16,800.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 1001 GENERAL FUND TO 1001 102001 – POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE – OTHER; \$16,800.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 2794 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT TO 2794 102001 – POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE – OTHER; \$16,800.00 INTER-FUND TRF FR 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 2794 PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT FUND; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
258. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: REQ INFORMAL RESOLUTION AUTH SAF DIR TO ENTER ONE OR MORE PURCH ORDERS IN AMT NOT TO EXCEED \$49,934.05 FOR UPGRADE AT DETECTIVE BUREAU (DESKS, CHAIRS, EQUIPMENT). – RECEIVED & FILED
259. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: AUTH AUDITOR TO CREATE 2798-2020 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT #2020-UM-WX-0159; AMEND APPROP O#59/2020 (\$175,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2798 2020 COPS HIRING GRANT FUND TO 2798.102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER); AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
260. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO AGMTS NECESSARY FOR TRF OF PROP APPROX OUTLINED ON EXHIBIT A TO SARTA PURSUANT TO ORC SEC 306.36 AND 163, ET SEQ. FOR \$100,000.00 FOR PROP AND ADDT'L \$200,000.00 TO RELOCATE AND REBUILD CRENSHAW PARK SHELTER; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR CANTON PARK BOARD TO RECEIVE FUNDS REFERENCED; AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO EASEMENTS NEEDED FOR PROJ; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR CANTON PARK BOARD TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO MOVE AND RECONSTRUCT CRENSHAW PARK SHELTER; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR CANTON PARK BOARD TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO MOVE AND RECONSTRUCT CRENSHAW PARK SHELTER UTILIZING ANY PROCESS AUTH BY LAW; AMEND APPROP O#59/2020 (\$300,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2530 PARKS OPERATION FUND TO 2530 401060 SPECIAL PARK FUNDS – OTHER); AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEES
261. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL RPT 2019. – RECEIVED & FILED
262. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL WITH CENTRAL ALLIED ENTERPRISES, INC. IN AMT OF



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\$44,727.38 FOR PROJ; RETRO AUTH ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO FINALIZATION OF CHANGE ORDER; AUTH AND DIR AUDITOR TO PAY MORAL OBS NEEDED TO CLOSE OUT PROJ; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS; EMERGENCY. – FINANCE COMMITTEE

263. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: REQ INFORMAL RESOLUTION AUTH SERV DIR TO OPEN PURCH ORDER IN AMT OF \$41,000.00 TO CENTRAL ALLIED ENTERPRISES (REMOVAL AND INSTALL OF DRIVEWAY APRON INCLUDING DRAINING SYSTEM). – RECEIVED & FILED
264. TREASURER PEREZ: COMPARATIVE RPT OF CASH RECEIPTS AS OF 6/30/20. – RECEIVED & FILED
265. TREASURER PEREZ: RPT OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS AND OUTSTANDING INVESTMENTS AS OF 6/30/20. – RECEIVED & FILED
266. TREASURER PEREZ: RPT OF PARKING METER REVENUE FOR 6/20. – RECEIVED & FILED

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their First Reading. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance #1.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #6 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (O#4, O#5 & O#6 ADOPTED):***

- O#1. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO APPLY FOR, ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND RECEIVE FAIR HOUSING PARTNERSHIP FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE THE 2224 2020 FH PARTNERSHIP GRANT FUND; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM DURING THE GRANT PERIOD USING ANY PROCESS IN THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OR THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 59/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$10,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL FUND TO 1001 505010 FAIR HOUSING DEPT – OTHER; \$10,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 2224 2020 FH PARTNERSHIP GRAND FUND TO 2224 505010 FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT – OTHER; \$10,000.00 INTER-FUND TRF/ADV FR 1001 505010 FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT – ADV OUT TO 2224 505010 FAIR HOUSING DEPARTMENT – ADV IN)  
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees
- O#2. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH

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ARCADIS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING THE STRUCTURAL EVALUATION PHASE OF THE CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$258,205; ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A PLANNING LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$258,205 TO FUND ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH THE 5242 CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND; EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ARCADIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$258,205; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 59/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$258,205.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5242 CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND TO 5242 207070 CROMER RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – OTHER)

Referred to Finance and Environmental & Public Utilities Committees

- O#3. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #2 WITH WENGER EXCAVATING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000 FOR THE AULTMAN CANCER CENTER PUBLIC UTILITIES RELOCATION PROJECT, GP 1324 CHANGE ORDER #2; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance and Environmental & Public Utilities Committees

- O#4. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 134/2020** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CANTON, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PROGRAM UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.41; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE THAT WILL BENEFIT SUCH PROPERTY; REQUIRING THE OWNERS THEREOF TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOF VILLAGE HOTEL II, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS; AND ESTABLISHING AN UBAN REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community& Economic Development Committee

- O#5. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 135/2020** AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH CERTAIN HOF VILLAGE HOTEL II SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY WAY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTERS 1710 AND 727 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

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O#6. (1<sup>ST</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 136/2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY WITH WATCHGUARD; ALTERNATIVELY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY FOR THE LEASE OF BODY CAMERAS AND IN-CAR CAMERAS IN ACCORDNACE WITH ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY EITHER THE OHIO REVISED CODE OR CANTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO ALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE NEEDED FOR THIS PROJECT; AUTHORIZES THE AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS THAT ARISE WITH THIS PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 59/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$116,190.26 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 1001 GENERAL OPERATING FUND TO 1001 102001 POLICE ADMIN – OTHER)  
Referred to Finance Committee

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: At this time, the Chair would declare an in-house recess for Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees to meet in regard to Ordinances 4, 5 and 6 on your agenda this evening. You are now in recess.

***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:55 PM FOR THE FINANCE AND COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#4 THROUGH O#6; RECONVENED AT 8:00 PM)***

PRESIDENT SHERER: Council is reconvening after the recess. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances 4, 5 and 6 back on the agenda.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances 4, 5 and 6 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 4, 5 and 6 are a legal part of your agenda. Leader Smuckler.

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MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #4.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Suspend the Rules, please.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Oh, I'm sorry. Mis... Uh, Mr. President, I move we suspend Statutory Rules of Ordinances 4, 5 and 6.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances 4, 5 and 6. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: You've heard the three readings, Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #4.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #4. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER MORRIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Just... uh, points for the record here. First off we give them a loan, then we're giving these people every tax break under the damn sun. Okay? What's occurring in the economy, the way things are going in the world right now, unless we plan on turning that into a homeless shelter, we're not supporting a damn thing in this... in a hotel. I mean, this is getting ridiculous. Every week a (*inaudible*), a new... a new loophole for these people to suck money out of the taxpayers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Are there any additional remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 1 NAY  
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NO)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Eleven yeas, one nay, Mr. President.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #4 is adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #5.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #5. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 11 YEAS, 1 NAY  
(MEMBER MORRIS VOTED NO)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Eleven yeas, one nay, Mr. President.

**#5 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 135/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance... Ordinance #5 is adopted. Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #6.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #6. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance?

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Safety Director.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Yes, sir.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Can you give us a timetable on these? Ball park?

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Um, (*inaudible*)... the Chief was on the line. He knows. I... I... I can... I can get you an answer on that, I don't want to guess. Let me get you an answer on that first thing in the morning.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Please, thank you.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: You're welcome.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Are there... are there any additional remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

**#6 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 136/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #6 is adopted.

**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance #9.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ordinance #7.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Oh, it's 7, I'm sorry.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #7 THROUGH #9 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

- O#7. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF CANTON'S ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
- O#8. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY OHIO (DEO) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GAS PIPELINE; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (GUILFORD RD NW, PROJ. NO. 397027-014)
- O#9. (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A PLANNING LOAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,670,000.00; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO CREATE THE 5241 SUGAR CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION PROJECT FUND; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 59/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$2,670,000.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5241 SUGAR CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION PROJECT FUND TO 5241 207069 SUGAR CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT RENOVATION PROJECT – OTHER)

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PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third/Final Reading and Vote. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance... or please read Ordinance #10.

***NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #10 THROUGH #13 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:***

O#10. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 137/2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,156.00 TO BLACK MCCUSKEY SOUERS & ARBAUGH LPA; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (PROF SERVS RENDERED)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #10.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #10. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

**#10 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 137/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #10 is adopted. Ordinance #11, please.

O#11. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 138/2020** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 21925, 21926 AND 21927; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (GANESH CANTON LLC)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #11.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #11. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

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CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

**#11 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 138/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #11 is adopted. Ordinance #12, please.

O#12. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 139/2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE TIMKENSTEEL CORPORATION – 2505 SHEPLER CHURCH AVE SW ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 7.431 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY TO WARD 5 OF THE CITY; ZONING SAID TERRITORY AS I-2 HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT (I-2); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY  
**PUB HRG 7/27/20 @ 7:00 PM**

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #12.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #12. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

**#12 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 139/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #12 is adopted. Ordinance #13, please.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move...

PRESIDENT SHERER: We got one more.

O#13. (3<sup>RD</sup> RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 140/2020** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY CENTRAL ALLIED ENTERPRISES, INC. A MORAL OBLIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,405.74 RELATED TO THE SHORB AVE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION AND MANHOLE CONSTRUCTION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Now, Leader Smuckler.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #13.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.



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PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #13. Are there any remarks?  
...Hearing none, roll call vote please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

**#13 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 140/2020**

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #13 is adopted.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under announcement of Committee Meetings.

MEMBER MARIOL: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Mariol. Finance Committee will meet Monday night, August 10th at 6:30 in Council Chambers.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Mr. President.

MEMBER FISHER: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Fisher.

MEMBER FISHER: Environmental & Public Utilities will meet August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M., Council Chambers.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you. Member Ferguson.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Economic Development, same time, 6:30. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Mem...

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Personnel, same time, same place.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Babcock.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any Miscellaneous Business for this evening?

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SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Is that...

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Uh, Mr. President, to... to Leader Smuckler, the delivery time on the body cams is three to four weeks.

MEMBER SMUCKLER: I saw your text. Thank you.

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Safety Director. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business for this evening?

MEMBER HALL: Mr. President, I do have...

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Hall.

MEMBER HALL: Safety Director, can you look into... cause I also heard that some of ambulance... ambulance response time was not every good over the past week. Can we look into that and see what happened?

SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: Yes, I will.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Hall. Is there any other Miscellaneous Business for this evening? Hearing none... Clerk Dougherty, our quote for the week, please.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: *"When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something; you have to do something."* – U.S. Representative John Lewis.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Clerk Dougherty. Leader.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adjourn. Mr. Clerk, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 12 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Twelve yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: This meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming this evening... (*Gavel falls*).

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ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:20 PM

ATTEST: 7/30/20

APPROVED:

DAVID R. DOUGHERTY  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

WILLIAM SHERER, II  
PRESIDENT