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PRESIDENT SHERER: (*Gavel falls*) Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Canton City Council. Council Members, please make sure your earbuds are in, and please turn your cell phones to vibrate. And we are definitely encouraging social distancing here in Council Chambers. With a quorum being present, the Chair calls this meeting of Canton City Council to order. Roll call please, Mr. Clerk.

10 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: (JAMES BABCOCK, CHRISTINE SCHULMAN, GREG HAWK, BRENDA KIMBROUGH, JASON SCAGLIONE, CHRIS SMITH, ROBERT FISHER, KEVIN HALL, PETER FERGUSON & FRANK MORRIS)

TEN COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT. (MEMBER SMUCKLER AND MEMBER MARIOL ABSENT)
(MEMBERS SCHULMAN, KIMBROUGH & MORRIS APPEARED VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE)

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten present, two absent, Mr. President.

EXCUSING MEMBERS

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we excuse Member Smuckler and Member Mariol from tonight's meeting.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Member Smuckler and Member Mariol are excused from this evening's meeting. Tonight's invocation will be given by Ward... Ward 2 Council Member, Brenda Kimbrough. If you would all please stand and remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting of Canton City Council was held on January 4, 2021 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 2 Council Member, Brenda Kimbrough. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sherer.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Kimbrough.

AGENDA CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move Rule 22A be suspended to add 2nd Reading of Ordinances 11 through 14 to this evening's agenda.

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MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to add 2nd Readings to Ordinances 11 through 14 to this evening's Agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 11 through 14 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 3000 8TH ST NE ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.745 ACRES; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; 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... or against this Ordinance, please step forward. Seeing no one step forward, the Chair declares 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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Public Speaks and we have no speakers for this evening.

INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Informal Resolutions and we have one for this evening. Mr. Clerk, would you please read Resolution #1 by title.

- #1. COUNCIL-AS-A-WHOLE: REQUEST STARK COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO CITY OF CANTON TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF CITY INCLUDING CALCULATION OF AVERAGE ANNUAL TAX RATE IN DOLLARS AND CENTS FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF VALUATION, AS WELL AS IN MILLS FOR EACH DOLLAR OF TAX VALUATION, AND DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE GENERATED BY FIVE (5) MILLS. – ADOPTED

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader Babcock.

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

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: 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. Those opposed no.

NO REMARKS

RESOLUTION #1 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

PRESIDENT SHERER: The ayes have it, the motion carries and Resolution #1 is adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

PRESIDENT SHERER: 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.

1. AUDITOR MALLONN: REQ FOR ADDT'L AMENDED CERT DATED 12/29/20. – RECEIVED & FILED
2. LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OH): REQ TRF FR SHA B INC DBA B&B DRIVE THRU #3 TO RIDDHI SIDDHI 2020 LLC EXPRESS MINI MART DBA B&B DRIVE THRU #3 @ 1225 RAFF RD SW. – RECEIVED & FILED
3. LIQUOR CONTROL DIV (OH): REQ TRF FR GIANT OHIO LLC DBA GIANT 447 TO HEINCHIMONE LLC DBA HEINCHIMONE @ 2211 TUSCARAWAS RD. – RECEIVED & FILED
4. MAYOR BERNABEI: LTR ADVISING OF RE-APPT OF MR. JOSEPH GERZINA TO CANTON PARK COMMISSION, TERM COMMENCING 1/1/21 THRU 12/31/23. – RECEIVED & FILED
5. MAYOR BERNABEI: REQ RENEWAL LEVY FOR 5.0 MILLS AND FIVE YRS, COMMENCING FOR TAX YRS 2021 THRU 2025 (COLLECTIONS RUN FR 1/1/22 THRU 12/31/26) BE PLACED ON MAY 4, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT. – PARKS & RECREATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEES
6. SAFETY DIRECTOR PERRY: RATIFY ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO PASSAGE OF ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 105.04 OF COD ORD OF CITY OF CANTON; AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SAF DIR TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS; AUTH AND DIRECT AUDITOR TO PAY ALL MORAL OBS RESULTING FROM RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY SITUATIONS; EMERGENCY (105.04 EMERGENCY REPORTS – 723 LAWRENCE RD NE, 727 LAWRENCE RD NE, 1925 HAMMOND AVE SW). – FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR DESIGNEE TO ESTABLISH FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL PARCELS, FOR FEE SIMPLE TAKES, NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJ; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR DESIGNEE

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TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROP OWNERS FOR PURCH/ACQUISITION OF PARCELS UTILIZING FAIR MARKET VALUE AS BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND ENTER INTO AGMT FOR PURCH OF AND ACCEPT TITLE TO PARCELS; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE SALE OR DONATION OF CITY-OWNED PROP FOR PERMANENT ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, UTILITY EASEMENTS AND/OR TEMP CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS NECESSARY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROJ AND ENTER INTO AGMTS FOR SALES OR DONATIONS; AUTH MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR DESIGNEE TO MAKE MINISTERIAL CHANGES TO CORRECT PROP OWNER NAMES, PARCEL NUMBERS AND OTHER NUMERICAL DESCRIPTIVE OR TYPO ERRORS; AUTH AUDITOR TO DRAW WARRANTS UPON RECEIPT OF VOUCHERS BASED ON NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PRICE AGREED TO BY PROP OWNER(S), MAYOR, SERV DIR AND/OR DESIGNEE; EMERGENCY (39TH ST. NW, STEESE AREA ROADWAY & DRAINAGE PROJ, PHASE 1, GP 1284 RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATIONS). – FINANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEES

8. SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHMAN: AUTH MAYOR AND/OR SERV DIR TO ENTER INTO JOINT FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND USE AGMT WITH CANTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR UPGRADES TO AND USE OF THURMAN MUNSON MEMORIAL STADIUM; EMERGENCY. – PUBLIC PROPERTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

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

NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #1 THROUGH #10 FOR THEIR FIRST READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (O#7 THRU O#10 ADOPTED):

- O#1. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A CITY COMMUNITY CENTER INCLUDING FACILITIES TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#2. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO: ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BID, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL PROPERTY, NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, LOCATED AT STARK COUNTY AUDITOR PARCEL NUMBERS 231489, 234120, 206291, 283730 AND 214813 AND TO ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE SAID SALES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (231489 - 1928 3RD ST SE, FIRST MENNONITE CH; 234120 - SENECA PL NE, SMHA; 206291 – 7TH ST NE, SMHA; 283730 & 214813 – LIPPERT RD NE, SMHA)
Referred to Community & Economic Development and Finance Committees

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- O#3. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF WATERLINE ALONG SR-172 FROM PERRY DRIVE TO SARATOGA AVE NW AND PERRY DRIVE FROM 12TH ST SW TO SR-172; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance and Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committees
- O#4. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 213133; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (VACANT LOT AT SW CORNER OF 15TH ST AND CHERRY AVE NE)
Referred to Finance and Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committees
- O#5. (1ST RDG) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 5210306; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance and Public Property Capital Improvement Committees
- O#6. (1ST RDG) A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT BEFORE THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF CANTON A 5.0 MILL LEVY OUTSIDE THE 10 MILL LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE YEARS
Referred to Parks & Recreation and Finance Committees
- O#7. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 1/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AND ACCEPT \$8,720 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, 2020 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY
Referred to Finance Committee
- O#8. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 2/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 2 WITH BURGESS & NIPLE, INC. FOR THE AM & CMOM PLAN DEVELOPMENT & IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT; AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 239/2020; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$976,070.00 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF 5410 SEWER OPERATING FUND TO 5410 206320 SEWER OPERATING FUND – AOC COMPLIANCE ORGANIZATION – OTHER)
Referred to Finance and Environmental & Public Utilities Committees
- O#9. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 3/2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 100/2011, AS AMENDED, TO ADJUST THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR’S WATER RECLAMATION

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FACILITY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (DEBORAH HOUESHELL)

Referred to Personnel and Finance Committees

O#10. (1ST RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 4/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO ANY AND ALL CONTRACTS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE 723 LAWRENCE RD NE, 727 LAWRENCE RD NE AND 1925 HAMMOND AVE SW DEMOLITIONS; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ANY AND ALL MORAL OBLIGATIONS FROM RESPONDING TO THIS EMERGENCY SITUATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

Referred to Finance Committee

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: At this time, the Chair would declare an in-house recess for Finance, Environmental & Public Utilities and Personnel Committees to meet in regards to Ordinances 7 through 10 on your agenda this evening. You are now in recess.

(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:09 PM FOR THE FINANCE, ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS O#7 THRU O#10; RECONVENED AT 7:18 PM)

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Member Pres... Mr. President, I move we suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances 7 through 10 back on this evening's agenda.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend Rule 22A to place Ordinances 7 through 10 back on this evening's agenda. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinances 7 through 10 are a legal part of your agenda. Leader Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances 7 through 10.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinances 7 through 10. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

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

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #7.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #7. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#7 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 1/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #7 is adopted. Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #8.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #8. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#8 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 2/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #8 is adopted. Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #9.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded that you adopt Ordinance #9. Are there any remarks under this Ordinance? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

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NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#9 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 3/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #9 is adopted. Leader Babcock.

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

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#10 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 4/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #10 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, would you please begin with Ordinance #11.

NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #11 THROUGH #14 FOR THEIR SECOND READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS (ORDINANCE #14 ADOPTED):

- O#11. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A 12' ALLEY; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 13241, 13242 AND 20480 AND THE VACATED PORTION OF THE 12' ALLEY VACATED HEREIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (1508 CLARENDON SW, MICHAEL & ANGELA HOWARD)
- O#12. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF OLIVE PLACE NE AND AN UNNAMED 10' ALLEY; APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 14157 THRU 14162 AND LOT 43372 AND THE VACATED PORTIONS OF STREETS VACATED HEREIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (FPT CANTON LAND LLC, 1500 MAPLE AVE NE)
- O#13. (2ND RDG) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CANTON CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION TO GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE

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EXTENSION OF SAID WATER MAIN; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

O#14. (2ND RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 5/2021** 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 TWO GAS UTILITY PIPE LINES; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (SPIKER PARK, SE CORNER OF WESTMORELAND AVE & BROOKWAY RD NW)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #14.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to suspend the Statutory Rules on Ordinance #14. Are there any remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries. You've heard the three readings, Leader Babcock.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #14.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#14 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 5/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: The motion carries and Ordinance #14 has been adopted.

ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

PRESIDENT SHERER: We are now under Ordinances and Formal Resolutions for their Third/Final Reading and Vote. Mr. Clerk, please begin with Ordinance #15.

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NOTE: PRESIDENT SHERER CALLED UPON CLERK DOUGHERTY TO READ ORDINANCES #15 THROUGH #27 FOR THEIR THIRD READING BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, AS FOLLOWS:

O#15. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 6/2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 100/2011, AS AMENDED, TO: REMOVE THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE MANAGEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND PLACING IT INTO A NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING AND ADD TO THE NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING THE POSITION OF PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 40/2000, AS AMENDED, TO UPDATE THE BARGAINING UNIT CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING MANAGEMENT; THE SAFETY DIRECTOR'S DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ESTABLISHING THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #15.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #15. Are there any remarks?

MEMBER MORRIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Uh, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Director Highman and Deputy Mayor Williams for going over this legislation with me this evening. As always, Director Highman did an excellent job of answering each and every one of my questions, so thank you, gentlemen.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you Member Morris. Are there any additional remarks? ...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#15 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 6/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #15 is adopted. Ordinance #16, please.

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O#16. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 7/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CANTON TO ANNEX THE TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE 3000 8TH ST NE ANNEXATION AREA CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.745 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; ASSIGNING SAID TERRITORY AS I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (WARD 4)

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #16.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #16. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#16 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 7/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #16 is adopted. Ordinance #17, please.

O#17. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 8/2021** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 35841, 35842 & 35843; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (RICHARD ABBRUZZI ON BEHALF OF VICTORIA & JACQUELINE BERBELIS AND RICHARD & TRISHA ABBRUZZI, 4801 – 4817 ELLINDA CIR NW, WARD 8)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #17.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #17. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#17 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 8/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #17 is adopted. Ordinance #18, please.

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O#18. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 9/2021** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE REPLAT OF LOTS 2416 AND 2417; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (TERRENCE HUDSON ON BEHALF OF JESSE HUDSON, 625 O’JAY’S PKWY NE, WARD 2)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #18.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It’s been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #18. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#18 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 9/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #18 is adopted. Ordinance #19, please.

O#19. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 10/2021** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 68/2019, THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT AND NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #19.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It’s been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #19. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#19 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 10/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #19 is adopted. Ordinance #20, please.

O#20. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 11/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE APPOINTING AUTHORITY, DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2021,

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TO SELL CITY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION PURSUANT TO ORC 721.15(D); AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #20.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #20. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#20 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 11/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #20 is adopted. Ordinance #21, please.

O#21. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) SMALL PACKER, ONE (1) BOOM LOADER TRUCK AND ONE ROLL-OFF TRUCK FOR THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT; OR TO ALTERNATIVELY PURCHASE SAID VEHICLES PURSUANT TO ANY PROCUREMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #21.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #21. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#21 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 12/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #21 is adopted. Ordinance #22, please.

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O#22. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 13/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE, RECEIVE BIDS, AWARD AND EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW DECHLORINATION BUILDING FOR THE LAGOONS AT THE CANTON WATER DEPARTMENT’S SUGAR CREEK WATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #22.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It’s been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #22. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#22 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 13/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #22 is adopted. Ordinance #23, please.

O#23. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 14/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BURGESS & NIPLE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 FOR DESIGN OF THE BRENTWOOD INTERIOR TANK PAINTING PROJECT; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (WATER DEPT)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #23.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It’s been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #23. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#23 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 14/2021

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PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #23 is adopted. Ordinance #24, please.

O#24. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 15/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL WITH HM MILLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,671.55 FOR THE 4TH ST SW SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT, GP 1303; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO THE FINALIZATION OF SAID CHANGE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ANY MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #24.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

PRESIDENT SHERER: It's been moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance #24. Are there any remarks?
...Hearing none, roll call vote, please.

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#24 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 15/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #24 is adopted. Ordinance #25, please.

O#25. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 16/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #3 AND FINAL WITH S.E.T., INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,047.17 FOR THE FAWCETT CT NW DRAINAGE PROJECT, GP 1300; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO THE FINALIZATION OF SAID CHANGE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ANY MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #25.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#25 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 16/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #25 is adopted. Ordinance #26, please.

O#26. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 17/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXECUTE CHANGE ORDER #2 AND FINAL WITH FIRST CHOICE ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,317.76 FOR THE EAST TUSCARAWAS ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PROJECT, GP 1316; RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZES ALL ACTIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO THE FINALIZATION OF SAID CHANGE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO PAY ANY MORAL OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE SAME; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

PRESIDENT SHERER: Leader.

MEMBER BABCOCK: Mr. President, I move we adopt Ordinance #26.

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#26 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 17/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #26 is adopted. And Ordinance #27, please.

O#27. (3RD RDG) **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 18/2021** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE INSTALLATION OF WET REFLECTIVE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ALONG US-62; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (ODOT)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Lea... Leader Babcock.

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

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MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

#27 ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 18/2021

PRESIDENT SHERER: Motion carries and Ordinance #27 is adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

MEMBER HAWK: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Hawk.

MEMBER HAWK: Finance Committee will meet at 6:45 on January 25th, 2021.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Member... Member Hawk, 6:30, please.

MEMBER HAWK: (*Inaudible*)... Thank you, Clerk, 6... 6:30, please. I amend that.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

MEMBER HAWK: 6:30 PM, January 21st, 2021. (*Note: Member Hawk inadvertently says January 21st, however Finance will meet January 25th, 2021 at 6:30 PM*)

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Hawk. Member Ferguson.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Uh, Mr. President, Economic Development will be meeting on the 25th at 6:30 also.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Ferguson.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Scaglione.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Public Property Capital Improvement will meet the same night, same time.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Scaglione. Member Hall.

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MEMBER HALL: Parks and Rec?

PRESIDENT SHERER: Yeah.

MEMBER HALL: Parks and Rec, same time, same place. *(Laughter)*

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you. Thank you, Member Hall. And, Member Kimbrough.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Public Safety & Thoroughfares Committee will meet at the same time and same place. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Kimbrough.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PRESIDENT SHERER: We're now under Miscellaneous Business. And at this time I would ask Mr. Jim Adams, our Health Director, to give us an update on COVID-19 and vaccinations and testing, and Jim, you have the floor.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Thank you very much...

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Mr. President. Thank you Members of Council. Uh, before I start I do want to take a minute to thank our staff at the Health Department for all they've done through COVID. Throughout this period of time, they've done extraordinary work and you should be very, very proud of them. They've spent literally thousands and thousands of extra hours above and beyond their normal duties throughout this pandemic, and they're spending more time as we roll out vaccinations. And I couldn't be prouder of the work that they've done, and I... and I think you should too. I'd also like to thank the Mayor and his Administration, especially his Cabinet and his appointing authorities, for the cooperation they've had. Uh, their police chief and fire chief, as well as the department heads, have really managed through some very difficult situations, and they've done... uh, your City Administration's done a very, very nice job in managing through these difficult situations. And they'll continue to do that too, so I really want to thank them and appreciate them for that. I do have just a few things that I want to update about COVID. Uh, one is, is that COVID still is alive and well in our community. Uh, we still are experiencing, you know, a large amount of new cases, and we expect to continue to do so for the next few months. Uh, the good news is, is that we had an early Christmas gift, and that is we've had some vac... vaccinations that have rolled out in our community. Uh, we think vaccines and vaccinations are gonna get us out of this pandemic, and that in conjunction with the things that we're already doing, we're mitigating risk and exposure in our community, are gonna work us out of this pandemic. So let me spend just a couple of minutes talking about vaccines and... and what we're doing locally in the community about that. As I'm sure we've all heard in the news, the vaccine is in fairly limited supply, so they've tiered the availability of vaccine to various members of the community based upon vaccine supply. So it was... it has been determined by the Governor's Office, and I want to point out that the vaccine is a state asset, it's... it's the responsibility of the State of Ohio to distribute this vaccine equitably in the community, and those decisions are being made at the Governor's Office level. They're not at my level, they're not at the Health Department level,

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they are at the Governor's Office level that are making these decisions about these various tier groups. And so they have determined that in the first... this very first tier, Tier 1-A, people like healthcare workers, emergency manage... emergency medical service providers and other people that are providing direct patient care for COVID patients are in that initial tier. Also included in that tier are people that live in group homes such as developmental disabilities, long term care and assisted living facilities. And so we've been working very hard to make sure that the vaccine that is available is getting out to those groups. Currently a vaccine is available from three different sources. The first is a Federal program that utilizes two large pharmacy chains to provide vaccinations at long term care facilities, that includes assisted living so that's our nursing home facilities. So this is going out to folks that are residing in nursing facilities and also their staff. And that is being provided directly by the Federal Government, and virtually all nursing homes within Stark County have signed up for that program and are currently being vaccinated as part of that program. The other two sources of vaccines in our community are hospitals, so our two hospital systems in Stark County have each received allocations of vaccine and are responsible for vaccinating their medical care staff within their institutions, and they have been doing that. And the last group is local health departments. So all four health departments in Stark County have received allocations of vaccinations over the past two weeks, and we have begun vaccinating Tier 1-A groups within our community. In Stark... in, uh, Canton, we have vaccinated... completed our vaccination process for our EMS and fire personnel. We've also done vaccinations for small medical practices, and we've also done vaccinations for group homes related to developmental disabilities and other in Group 1-A. Uh, unfortunately we've only done about two hundred vaccinations in... uh, since early last week. Uh, we do have plenty of vaccine and plenty of capacity, but we have been running into trouble getting people to come in for vaccinations, if you can imagine that. So we've been making basically cold calls out to people that we believe are in risk A-1 and saying we have vaccine available. Please come into the Health Department and get your vaccines. So that is our strategy for this next week is, as we continue to try to encourage people in that first risk group to get their vaccinations. Um, in... um, as I've mentioned before, the Governor's Office is the one that's making the calls... making the call about, you know, when we move into what we... what they call Tier 1-B. It's not clear to me exactly who or... who is going to be included in Tier 1-B, and that is being discussed at the Governor's Office and it's been my indication that they will not make a decision until at least this Friday about what is included in Tier 1-B or the timing of that 1-B roll out. I can tell you that we are busy planning for community based vaccination clinics. As... as 1-B rolls out, it most certainly will include older adults in our community. Uh, we think there'll be a great acceptance of the vaccine in our older adult population. We're all getting... already getting lots of calls about that. And so we're planning a series of community clinics to be able to do that out in the community, as well as vaccination clinics at our Health Department. So once we get the green light for that, we want to be set up and ready to roll and to get that out in the community just as effectively as we can. I do want to point out that we still are... we still maintain our vigilance with community mitigation, so experiences like this at City Council will continue for some time. And what will be the trigger to relax those kinds of things will be... um, it... it will be a decrease in the... in the incidents of COVID in the community. And right now our incidence rate is around six hundred or so per hundred thousand population, and for reference that needs to get down around fifty. So we want to... we really want to get that number down. Uh, we have experienced a considerable spike after Thanksgiving. I think our highest single day total for new cases was around December 2nd... um, or December 1st, and our one day total in Stark County for that day was five hundred and twenty-four, and now we're down around... to around a hundred and fifty-seven cases a day. So, you know, we definitely have experienced a spike and we're seeing the downward slope of that spike. I do predict we'll see a second bump or a second hump in that wave here as part of the Christmas and hol... and New Year's holiday celebrations, and then we'll begin this, you know, slow slide down to, you know, much

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lower incident rates that we can manage. But still in play will be social distancing, wearing face coverings, limited business opportunities, you know, spreading apart at work. You know, those kinds of things are still gonna be features that we'll see, you know, through the spring and possibly into the summer. Just another little note about vaccine, you know, we certainly understand reservations about accepting vaccine. We'll point out that the Health Department is very concerned about the health of the community, and vaccinations have long been a cornerstone of preventing communicable disease, and for many, many years vaccinations and childhood vaccinations have been really the cornerstone at reducing the burden of disease in the community, and so will COVID vaccine. And so COVID vaccine has been developed using the same safety protocols that other vaccines are developed, and we really encourage people to carefully consider receiving the vaccine and deciding to get the vaccine when it becomes available to their risk group. Uh, but we do understand the hesitancy for that, and it's a decision that we're... you know, you're gonna have to make for yourself. Nobody's gonna force anybody to get vaccinated. So, where are we at right now? We still have a very high community spread of COVID in our community, so all these things I mentioned before about social distancing and mask wearing and hand washing, avoiding large groups, keeping our bubbles small, are all gonna be features of our life for the next several months. Uh, the vaccines have been a great gift for us, but we're still early in the vaccination progress... uh, process, and as time wears on we'll see that vaccines have a greater impact in reducing our incidence rate. Uh, as I mentioned, we are working through our initial 1-A list and we're planning for how we're gonna implement 1-B when it's finally rolled out by the Governor's Office. So we still have a lot of hard work to do, but there's a lot of hope on the horizon and that's the direction we're going. And we're gonna get there with... with your help in the community. And I'll be glad to answer as many or as few questions as you'd like to ask.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Fisher.

UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. President.

MEMBER FISHER: Mr. Adams, are you making these phone calls?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Our Health Department is making calls to people that we know are in risk 1-A in our community.

MEMBER FISHER: Yeah, but you're making these calls to let them know that they're eligible for that vaccine? Are you seeing a lot of them come in, or is there still a lot of resistance to that?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: There has been some resistance, and I think there is two parts to that resistance. One is I think some people don't want to be the first ones to get the vaccine, they're kinda waiting to see, you know, what the first few people that get vaccinated, kinda what that looks like for them and if there's, you know, been adverse reactions and things like that. I can point out of the... the vaccines that we've administered, we've had no serious reactions reported at all. Um, the other one is there's just some... uh, just some timing issues. You know, this was rolled out right around the holidays and a lot of people had other plans, they didn't want to disrupt their plans. Uh, a little disappointed with the kinda lack of urgency that people feel in that, and I would like to encourage... tell people that, you know, this is an urgent situation, you know. When the 1-B opens up, we're gonna have a lot more people that are gonna be wanting to get vaccinated and we won't

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have enough vaccine. So right now for Tier 1-A, this time is reserved for you and we want people to contact us and come in while... while we still have the vaccine available for them.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member...

MEMBER MORRIS: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Member Morris.

MEMBER MORRIS: Director Adams, you said to date that the local Health Department has administered two hundred shots, and you're going through your 1-A list trying to get people to come in. Once we escalate to 1-B list, how many potential people are we looking at that could get the vaccination?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: I don't exactly know the total counts for 1-B because it includes... I think it includes people sixty-five and older, and that's a sizeable population in the City of Canton, so I do not know the exact number of that.

MEMBER MORRIS: We don't have any indication of what we're going to receive?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: We do not know what we're going to receive until... uh, usually Tue... uh, Friday or Monday before we receive it. And that is based upon allocations that are provided by the Federal Government to the State of Ohio. So when that allocation is made, the State gets their allocation and then on Monday they make a decision how they're gonna send it out, and we don't get a heads up. Usually it's within that twenty-four hour period before it's delivered.

MEMBER MORRIS: Okay, now, you had made an indication that vaccinations could be done in a community based setting, so are we to assume that we will be seeing different quadrants of the city, such as down at the Southeast Community Center and areas like that, so our seniors can have exit... be able to get there easier, or are we going to... how are we going to... how's that going to look?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm, that is correct. We have looked at different quadrants of the city. We've also looked at a study that was done in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health to identify areas of high need and trying to locate locations within those particular geographic areas, and we've looked at it down to the census track level to make sure we identify locations that people are able to access.

MEMBER MORRIS: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Morris. One question that I would have, where would individuals under the age of sixty-five with pre-existing conditions fall in... fall into play?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: It's unclear.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay.

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HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Um, there are... there has been a list of suggestion of people that may have some congenital health conditions, and that list has changed, so until the Governor's Office really publishes the list, we really don't know where that's gonna land.

PRESIDENT SHERER: And one additional question I had, Mr. Adams, would be with our court system, like Common Pleas, and they're dealing with the public on a daily basis...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Where would they... any guidance where they might fall in the mix?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: I don't... I don't know whether they're in the mix at all right now.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Okay.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Yeah.

PRESIDENT SHERER: No, I appreciate your honesty.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Yeah.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Yeah. Member Scag... Member Scaglione.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Uh, yes. Director Adams, you know, thank you for everything everyone in your department is doing. I... I obviously, as we've spoke, had a couple concerns with the avail... availability of testing and would hope that the State of Ohio would do something to help...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: ...make that a little better. When someone's driving from Canton to Orrville or Canton to Cleveland...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: ...to try to secure a test, that's a lot of time that that person could be in contact with somebody else, and I don't think it's helping matters. But there's... there's... there's a big issue there, but there's also some misconceptions out there and I need you to clear this one up if you can. I hear a lot that if someone's had COVID, they don't need to worry about anything for six to nine months, they think they're okay. Can you touch on that a little bit?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Sure. Uh, two... two parts to your question. I'll address the testing part first, and you and I talked about this and I think that the testing strategy through the United States has really been abysmal, and the strategy from the beginning has been uneven. Uh, the states were kinda put out there on their own and they had to compete with each other to try to develop a testing strategy and it's just... it's just kinda

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been a wreck. Uh, locally we've managed to have two drive-thru testing events. I think they actually went very well. Uh, they are episodic events. I would much rather see testing available on a daily basis on demand and... but the resources are just not there to do that, and for a variety of reasons that we've talked about. Um, the... the other part about... that you asked about, is about immunity after infection, and right now it is unclear how that immunity lasts. We think that it's at least three months. Uh, and... but we do not know if there is lasting immunity after that initial three month period, but it seems that there is at least about a ninety day period where people are much less likely to be reinfected if they're positive for COVID.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: Well again, thank you for all your guys's work. I know you guys have been working long hours along with our health... healthcare professionals. I appreciate them and everyone that's fighting this thing, and I... I don't know how we can get a better grasp on the testing, but I sure would like to see our residents...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER SCAGLIONE: ...not out driving around to Cleveland or Orrville when they're sick and may be ready to crash their car because they're so sick and they're just trying to get a test. So if there's anything the Governor or anyone else can do to help with that, I think we would all greatly appreciate it.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Understood.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Scaglione. Member Ferguson.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Yes, Jim, thank you and thank your staff for all you do.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Appreciate it. You know, I was a part of your board for a number of years...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER FERGUSON: ...and I know how hard you work. Two things. Uh, Pfizer, Moderna have come out and they're gonna give two shots. Uh, what, thirty days apart?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Is that correct?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER FERGUSON: And then I just read in one of the journals early this morning that up until the age of fifty-five, they're saying that maybe one shot will be just as effective...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

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MEMBER FERGUSON: ...as both of them. I think it's... it's confusing to a lot of people, how do you interpret that...

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: U-mmm.

MEMBER FERGUSON: ...when probably there's a large percentage of people right now who aren't gonna get the shot because they're a little bit confused. Can you just address that?

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Sure. Sure, so for both Pfizer and Moderna, the... uh, the testing that went into the approval for the use of that vaccine included a two shot regimen. So you have an initial vaccination plus the booster shot somewhere between three and four weeks after, depending upon the manufacturer. So that was what was evaluated. That was what was approved by the Federal Committees. That was what was approved by FDA. So from my understanding, that is what the United States will follow. They're gonna follow the science that was done for the safety and efficacy of both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine, and that's a two shot regimen.

MEMBER FERGUSON: It's a little confusing when people are asking about it and they don't understand (*inaudible*).

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Well, and, you know, I think you...

MEMBER FERGUSON: (*Inaudible*)

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Yeah. And I think you've seen in the news that, you know, that some countries... I think England had suggested they might only use one shot. That's not what the science is telling us, not what was approved for that. There are other vaccines that are in the pipeline that are only one shot, you know, just... there's no booster involved. So as they come on line, obviously people have choices on the kinds of vaccine that they will be receiving.

MEMBER FERGUSON: Thank you.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Yeah.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you, Member Ferguson. Are there any additional questions for Mr. Adams? Jim, I would like to thank you personally for what you and your staff are doing. I don't envy your position right now. (*Chuckles*) You know, but I... I... I appreciate your leadership through these turbulent times that we're all going through.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Well, you're very welcome. It's what we're here for.

PRESIDENT SHERER: And thank you for coming down tonight.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: Yeah. You're welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Thank you.

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MEMBER SCHULMAN: Thank you. Thank you very much.

HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAMS: You're welcome.

MEMBER KIMBROUGH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHERER: Clerk Dougherty, our quote for the week, please.

CLERK DOUGHERTY: We have a new year, thank goodness. *"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."* –Joey Adams

PRESIDENT SHERER: And before we adjourn, I would like to ask everybody to keep Member... Majority Leader Smuckler and his wife, Randi, in your prayers with the passing of Randi's mother, Bill's mother-in-law. And with that, Leader Babcock.

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

MEMBER HAWK: Second.

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

NO REMARKS

ROLL CALL 10 YEAS, 0 NAYS

CLERK DOUGHERTY: Ten yeas, Mr. President.

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

MEMBER SCHULMAN: Bye. Bye, everyone.

ADJOURNMENT TIME: 8:00 PM

ATTEST: 1/6/21

APPROVED:

DAVID R. DOUGHERTY
CLERK OF COUNCIL

WILLIAM SHERER, II
PRESIDENT