

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2021

The 2021 Council Organizational Meeting took place at 4:30pm. Councilwoman At-Large Elizabeth Walters was elected President and Councilman At-Large Clair Dickinson was elected Vice President.

Donna Skoda from Summit County Public Health updated Council on COVID-19.

A Caucus was held prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items. Council members Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite were present.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2021-001 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-002 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office and Diane Miller-Dawson from the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-003 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office, Jason Dodson - Counsel from Roetzel and Pam Hickson-Stevenson, Director of the Akron-Summit Library addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:35 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Mr. DeVitis, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Feeman, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Sims, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite; Absent:

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mrs. Sims moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held December 7, 2020.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

The Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS: None.

FIRST READINGS

2021-001 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute the Summit County Service Department Response Network Mutual Aid Agreement, to allow County officeholders to participate in a mutual aid program for service department staff and equipment with Summit County political subdivisions that also choose to participate, and amending the Report on Staffing for calendar year 2021 for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Mrs. Sims moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mrs. Sims moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2021-001 was adopted.

2021-002 **A Resolution adjusting 2020 appropriations by a net decrease totaling \$45,062,414.37 in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2020 as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Mr. Donofrio moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2021-002 was adopted.

2021-003 **A Resolution declaring it necessary to submit the question of a renewal of an existing 1.9 mill tax levy to the electors of the library district of the Akron-Summit County Public Library located in Summit and Portage Counties, for the purpose of current expenses of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, for a period of six (6) years, commencing with tax year 2021, for collection in calendar years 2022 to 2027, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net

Mr. Schmidt moved to suspend Council Rule 8.01 (A): the requirement of three readings at a Regular Council meeting.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Abstain: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, DeVitis, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Abstain: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2021-003 was adopted.

2021-004 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Development Finance Authority of Summit County for a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for calendar year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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Committee First Readings

2021-005 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control for a renewal (fourth and final) of a professional service contract with Oriana House, Inc. for community corrections services, which shall include the operation of the County of Summit Community Alternative Sentencing Center, for a one year term, from 1/1/21 through 12/31/21, in an amount not to exceed \$6,946,915.68, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management–Division of Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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Committee First Readings

2021-006 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Argus Group Holdings, LLC, for a portable multi-sensor wireless monitoring chemical, radiation and meteorological detector and four air detectors, for the Stark County Type II Hazardous Materials Response Team, in an amount not to exceed \$107,505.00, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management-Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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Committee First Readings

2021-007 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, a professional service contract between the Legal Defenders Office of Summit County, Ohio, Inc. and the Summit County Public Defender Commission for legal defender services for indigents for the Summit County Public Defender Commission, for the period 1/1/21 to 12/31/21, in an amount not to exceed \$1,035,400.00, for the Executive and the Summit County Public Defender Commission, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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Committee First Readings

2021-008 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with The Summit County Historical Society of Akron, Ohio for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00, for operating costs for the year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Council of the Whole

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Committee First Readings

2021-009 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Humane Society of Summit County, for a grant for the salary of a Humane Agent, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Council of the Whole

Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net

Committee First Readings

2021-010 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with The Ohio State University for a grant for programs through its Summit County Extension Office, in an amount not to exceed \$152,800.00, for the year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council of the Whole

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Committee First Readings

2021-011 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District for a grant for soil and water resources conservation and water quality enhancement in Summit County, in an amount not to exceed \$171,900.00, for the year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro and Council of the Whole

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Committee First Readings

2021-012 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Victim Assistance Program, for a grant for victim assistance services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, for the year 2021, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Council of the Whole

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Committee First Readings

2021-013 **A Resolution determining to proceed with submitting the question of a renewal of an existing 1.9 mill tax levy to the electors of the library district of the Akron-Summit County Public Library located in Summit and Portage Counties, for the purpose of current expenses of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, for a period of six (6) years, commencing with tax year 2021, for collection in calendar years 2022 to 2027, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5705.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mrs. Darrow, Mr. DeVitis, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Feeman, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Sims, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

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Committee First Readings

Presentation of New Business: None.

Presentation of Petitions to address Council: None.

Executive Session

Motion By:

Seconded By:

Motion Type: Roll Call

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome:

Call To Order:

Reason:

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:51 pm. The next regular meeting will be held January 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 4th day of January, 2021.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL