

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2021

The meeting held on March 15, 2021 was conducted remotely pursuant to the authority in House Bill 404.

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

Councilman Schmidt read in a commendation for the Polish American Club of Akron on the occasion of their 100th year anniversary.

Attorney Ferguson addressed Council on fees for representation of indigent defendants by appointed private counsel.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2021-062 Brian Nelsen from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-063 Tommy Smoot from Public Safety addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
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- 2021-065 Diane Miller-Dawson from the Department of Finance & Budget addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-066 Councilwoman Sims addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2021-079 Councilwoman Walters addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:03 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: Mr. Wilhite moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held March 1, 2021.

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

2021-062 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute the Seventh Amendment to the Master Services Agreement with Energy Harbor, Corp., to supply electricity for the County's opt-out electricity aggregation program pursuant to the Master Services Agreement for a two-year term, from 5/1/22 until 4/30/24, at a fixed price of .0472/kWh, 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 2021-062 was adopted.

2021-063 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for two portable multi-sensor wireless monitoring chemical, radiation and meteorological detectors, for the Portage and Mahoning County Type II Hazardous Materials Response Teams for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$135,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management – Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Mr. Dickinson 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. Dickinson 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 2021-063 was adopted.

2021-064 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ICOR Technologies for a bomb disposal robot for the Youngstown Bomb Squad, for an amount not to exceed \$62,405.00, for the Executive's Department of Law and Risk Management-Division of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Mr. Dickinson 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. Dickinson 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 2021-064 was adopted.

2021-065 **A Resolution appropriating funds totaling \$26,217,122.03 in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2021 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 2021-065 was adopted.

2021-066 **An Amended Resolution expanding the purpose and role of the declaration of racism as a public health crisis and establishing additional membership of the Special Review Committee to determine how best to promote racial equity in the County of Summit, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Councilwoman Sims, Councilwoman Walters

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 2021-066 was adopted.

2021-067 **A Resolution approving and enacting a COVID-19 lump sum program, for current non-bargaining, classified and unclassified employees of the County Council, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Engineer, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, and Human Resource Commission, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-068 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, Prosecutor and Clerk of Courts to establish an hourly rate of pay for 8 classified, non-bargaining, employees of \$15.00, for Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Councilman Schmidt, Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-069 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Akron concerning the resurfacing of Smith Road, located in the City of Akron and Bath Township, in Council District 4, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-070 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with Black & Veatch Corporation for additional easement acquisition, contract administration, and construction phase engineering services for the Q-452 Pump Station No. 19 Relocation Project, located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, in an amount not to exceed \$159,894.00, (for a cumulative increase of 82.3%), for a total amount not to exceed \$670,686.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-071 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the West Creek Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Round 15 Grant Application for the Merriman Valley, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, to be submitted by the West Creek Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency .**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-072 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a five-year full maintenance service agreement for elevator maintenance at several County buildings, in Council Districts 2 and 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$195,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-073 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Clarktel Communications, subject to ratification by the IT Board, for the Board of Elections Telecom Wiring Upgrade Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an amount not to exceed \$101,867.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-074 **An Ordinance amending Section 198.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Expenses,” to permit expenses authorized by terms of the grants received by the Court of Common Pleas-General Division, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-075 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with the United Way of Summit and Medina fka United Way of Summit County to provide 2-1-1 information and referral services to assist low income families in accessing non-profit and government services to meet basic needs, for the period 10/1/20 through 9/30/21, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 200%) for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-076 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with certain vendors, for title examination services, for the period 5/1/21 through 4/30/23, with one option to renew for an additional two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-077 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a purchase contract with SmartBill, Ltd. for printing, mailing and CASS address file certification and updating services for real property tax bill and dog licensing processing, for the period 5/1/21 through 4/30/23, in an amount not to exceed \$462,731.20, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-078 **A Resolution declaring the County of Summit's approval and support for the Natural Areas Land Conservancy's Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program Application for the O'Brien Preserve Project, in the City of Hudson, in Council District 3, to be submitted by the Natural Areas Land Conservancy for funding under the Clean Ohio Program, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2021-079 **A Resolution supporting the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which provides a generational opportunity for American workers and the labor movement, for County Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Ms. Walters, Mrs. Darrow, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Donofrio, Mr.

Dickinson, Mr. Wilhite, Ms. Sims, Mr. Feeman

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

Mr. Dickinson 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

No: DeVitis, McKenney, Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 8-3

Mr. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

No: DeVitis, McKenney, Rodgers

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 8-3

Resolution 2021-079 was adopted.

Routine Agenda Motion(s)

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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed

The Routine Agenda is adopted 11-0

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2021-051 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an agreement for the acquisition of a storm easement at 1015 White Pond Drive, located in Copley Township, in Council District 5, in a total amount not to exceed \$300.00, as part of the White Pond Drive Resurfacing Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-051 was adopted.

2021-052 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a two-year agreement purchase contract for sanitary sewer utility billing services, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-052 was adopted.

2021-053 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for and execute a Cooperative Agreement with the Ohio Water Development Authority for a loan in an amount not to exceed \$396,750.00, to fund the Q-615 Pump Station No. 81 Force Main Replacement Project, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-053 was adopted.

2021-054 **A Resolution amending Resolution No. 2018-221, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to increase the County's local cash match in the Prospect Street Reconstruction Project Q-953-2, in the Village of Mogadore, in Council District 8, from an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$139,944.18, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-054 was adopted.

2021-055 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a lease-purchase agreement with the Jack Doheny Company, at State Term Pricing, for a five-year term, at a current interest rate of 2.55%, for a 2021 Kenworth T440 Tandem Axle Chassis with a Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner, which will be financed through The Huntington Public Capital Corporation, for a total amount not to exceed \$483,729.08 with a guaranteed trade-in of \$190,270.00 at the end of the lease, for a net lease cost of \$293,459.08, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-055 was adopted.

2021-056 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with The Apostolos Group, Inc. dba Thomarios for construction manager services for the Combined 911 Dispatch Center, located in the City of Tallmadge, in Council District 6, in an amount not to exceed \$564,360.00, for the Executive's Department of Administrative Services-Physical Plants, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-056 was adopted.

2021-059 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Azteca Systems, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for Cityworks Asset Management software licensing, updates and software support, for a one-year term, from 4/7/21 to 4/6/22, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2021-059 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2021-057 **An Ordinance amending Section 146.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Composition,” to reduce the number of members of the Information Technology Advisory Committee from seven to four, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Schmidt 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

Ordinance 2021-057 was adopted.

2021-058 **An Ordinance amending Section 113.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “Fees For Legal Representation Of Indigent Defendants By Appointed Private Counsel,” to update the fee schedule with regards to certain Juvenile Court cases, for the Executive’s Department of Law and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Councilman Dickinson

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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Schmidt 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

Ordinance 2021-058 was adopted.

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 5:17 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 29, 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 15th day of March, 2021.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL