

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023

The 2023 Council Organizational Meeting took place at 4:30 pm. Councilwoman District 5 Veronica Sims was elected President and Councilwoman District 1 Rita Darrow was elected Vice President.

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2023-001 June Jennings from Employee Benefits addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-002 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2023-003 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:45 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held December 5, 2022.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

The Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-001-2023 **A motion of Council appointing Lauren Marsh to the unclassified Clerk of Council position.**

Movant - Ms. Walters

Ms. Walters moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-001-2023 was approved.

FIRST READINGS

2023-001 **A Resolution confirming awards by the Board of Control of contracts for the County's health insurance programs, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Human Resources-Division of Employee Benefits, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Ms. Wiedie Higham 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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2023-001 was adopted.

2023-002 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency, through the Hazard Mitigation Block Grant Program, for implementing flood mitigation, erosion control and bank stabilization improvements for the Wye Road Flood Mitigation Project within the Sanctuary of Bath neighborhood, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, with the grant award not to exceed \$375,257.20, with a local cash match of \$40,000.00, for the Executive and Engineer, 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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2023-002 was adopted.

2023-003 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2022 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, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2023-003 was adopted.

2023-004 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a Local Public Agency agreement with the State of Ohio, through the Department of Transportation, for various pavement marking and intersection safety studies, for an estimated total project cost not to exceed \$80,680.00, with the Department of Transportation providing Federal Highway Administration Safety Funds up to \$72,612.00 to cover up to 90% of the project costs, with the Engineer being responsible for the balance of the project costs, for the Executive and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2023-005 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional design services agreement with Burgess & Niple for various engineering, storm water calculations, surveying, environmental and adjunct services for the study and preliminary design of the Northfield Center Twp Drainage Study and Improvements for the Dorwick and Marwyck Drive areas, located in Northfield Center Township, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$241,807.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2023-006 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for and execute a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund loan agreement for the Q-178 Aurora Shores Waste Water Treatment Plant No. 29 Abandonment Project, located in the Village of Reminderville, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$1,033,103.89, 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
- 2023-007 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Black Horse Bridge Construction, Inc., to replace the bridge on Pressler Road approximately 0.2 miles south of Killian Road, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$932,941.50, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2023-008 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract for training services with Noble Supply and Logistics, LLC, as a Sole Source, for (3) Hazmat IQ, (3) Biotech IQ and (3) Drug IQ trainings for the Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SORT), Hazardous Materials Branch in an amount not to exceed \$55,050.00, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2023-009 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with WEX Bank, dba Wright Express Financial Services Corporation, for fleet fuel card services and miscellaneous small vehicle expenses, at Sourcewell pricing, with a one percent discount off the fuel pump price, in an amount not to exceed \$480,000.00, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2023-010 **A Resolution declaring the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in Summit County, recognizing the accomplishments made by Black Americans while facing incredible adversity throughout history, as well as acknowledging the challenges of the present, for the Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Ms. Sims, Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

Presentation of New Business:

Presentation of Petitions to address Council:

Executive Session

Motion By:

Seconded By:

Motion Type:

For:

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome:

Call To Order:

Reason:

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 4:53 pm. The next regular meeting will be held January 30, 2023 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 9th day of January, 2023.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL