

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2024

The 2024 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.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-001 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-002 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-003 Brian Harnak from the Law Department and Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-004 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-005 Bill Holland from the Sheriff's Office and Deborah Matz from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2024-006 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office and Executive Shapiro addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-001-2024 Monique Willis was introduced to Council on this motion.

M-002-2024 Interim Chief Brian Harding and Mayor Shammas Malik addressed Council on their appointments to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:10 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held December 4, 2023.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

The Minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-001-2024 **A motion of Council appointing Monique Willis to the unclassified Clerk of Council position.**

Movant - Ms. Sims

Mr. Schmidt moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-001-2024 was adopted.

M-002-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Mayor Shammias Malik (replacing Mayor Dan Horrigan), Interim Chief Brian Harding (replacing Chief Stephen Mylett) and Chief Scott Cottle (replacing Eric Czetti) as alternate for Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.**

Movant - Ms. Sims

Ms. Walters moved to approve.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-002-2024 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2024-001 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a collective bargaining agreement between Ohio Council 8 and Local 1229 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Executive’s Office Unit), and the Executive for the period 4/1/23 through 3/31/26, for the Executive, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-001 was adopted.

2024-002 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a collective bargaining agreement between Ohio Council 8 and Local 2696 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (JFS Unit), and the Executive for the period 1/1/24 through 12/31/26, for the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeViti

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-002 was adopted.

2024-003 **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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-003 was adopted.

2024-004 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement with the Director of Transportation and to appropriate funds for a City of Barberton sponsored project to improve Wooster Road West and two County owned bridges, located in the City of Barberton, in Council District 7, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-004 was adopted.

2024-005 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for a Laundry Service Management agreement for laundry services at the Jail, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for a one-year term, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$240,000.00, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. DeVitis moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-005 was adopted.

2024-006 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2023 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: DeVitis

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-006 was adopted.

2024-007 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to accept the Village of Peninsula, located in Council District 1, into and under the sanitary sewer authority of the Summit County Metropolitan Sewer District and amending Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 743-70, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-008 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids as needed for subdivision stormwater facilities repair projects for the Summit County Assessed Subdivision Program, Drainage Districts 1 and 2, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-009 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids as needed for bridge engineering and construction projects, pavement maintenance projects for the Engineer’s 2024 Capital Improvement Program at an estimated cost not to exceed, \$10,720,000.00 for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-010 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids as needed for stormwater improvement projects for the Summit County Surface Water Management District's 2024 Capital Improvements Program at an estimated cost not to exceed \$15,055,800.00 for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-011 **A Resolution to authorize the Executive to submit construction permit applications to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission and to assume responsibility for the costs and any liabilities arising from such construction on Turnpike property, located in the City of Hudson, Village of Boston Heights, Boston Township, and Richfield Township, in Council Districts 1 and 3, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-012 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Communications Venture, Inc., dba In Digital, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, for the installation, integration and one year of service for Texty software, to allow the public to text 9-1-1 for emergency services, in an amount not to exceed \$96,264.36, for the Executive Department of Public Safety, and declaring and emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-013 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of four) for a professional service contract with Oriana House, Inc. for community corrections services for a one-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$9,250,340.35, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-014 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Clarity Solutions Group, LLC, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, for automated mail processing services, for a one-year term, for the period of 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, at Cooperative Purchase Pricing, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, 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

2024-015 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with United Labor Agency, to add Benefit Bridge Employer Pilot Program Services, in an amount not to exceed \$617,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 101.82%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,223,000.00, 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

Ms. Dickinson moved to amend the Agenda to add Late Filings.

Voice Vote on the motion

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

Absent: DeVitis

The Motion was approved 10-0.

FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2024-016 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with The Greater Akron Chamber to provide economic development services, including but not limited to business attraction and retention, workforce growth, economic inclusion, and facilitation of economic development ecosystem initiatives, for a one-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in a total amount not to exceed \$80,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@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 5:19 pm. The next regular meeting will be held January 29, 2024 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 8th day of January, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL