

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2024

A Caucus was held prior to the meeting to discuss Agenda items.

Councilman John Schmidt presented a commendation to Akron Police Detective Larry Rhodaback for his life-saving actions involving a child who ingested fentanyl.

Council members Darrow, DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio (arrived at 4:44 PM), Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite were present.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2024-051 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2024-052 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-024-2024 Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich and Judge Annalisa Williams addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:41 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held February 12, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-023-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) with Mark Potter as alternate to the Tax Incentives Review Council.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-023-2024 was adopted.

M-024-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) with alternate Erin Dickinson, Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich (replacing Sherri Bevan Walsh) with alternate Brian LoPrinzi, and Judge Annalisa Williams (replacing Judge David Hamilton) to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-024-2024 was adopted.

M-025-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) with alternates Mark Potter and Monique Willis and Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich (replacing Sherri Bevan Walsh) with alternates Jennifer Piatt and Anthony Boston to the Records Commission.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mrs. McKenney moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-025-2024 was adopted.

M-026-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) with Christine Wiedie Higham as alternate to the Akron/Summit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Donofrio

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-026-2024 was adopted.

M-027-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) with Mark Potter as alternate to the Investment Advisory Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-027-2024 was adopted.

M-028-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointments of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims), with John Donofrio and Mark Potter as alternates and Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich (replacing Sherri Bevan Walsh) with Jennifer Tultz as alternate to the County Information Technology Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-028-2024 was adopted.

M-029-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich (replacing Sherri Bevan Walsh) with alternate Greg Peacock to the Child Fatality Review Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-029-2024 was adopted.

M-030-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Rita Darrow (replacing Veronica Sims) to the Summit County Audit Committee.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-030-2024 was adopted.

M-031-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Diane Miller-Dawson (replacing Bernett Williams) to the Akron-Canton Airport Authority Board of Trustees.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-031-2024 was adopted.

M-032-2024 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Jack Diamond (replacing Irving Sugerman) to the Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Board (ADM Board).

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mr. Wilhite moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-032-2024 was adopted.

M-033-2024 A Motion of Council amending the Council and Committee meetings for 2024 by moving the April 8th Committee meeting date to April 15th to avoid any potential disruptions stemming from the total solar eclipse.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mrs. McKenney moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-033-2024 was adopted.

M-034-2024 A Motion of Council adding newly appointed Council member Brandon Ford to the standing committees of the Council of the County of Summit for the remainder of the year 2024 and adjusting Chair and Vice Chair positions accordingly as established in Section 1 of this motion.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Roll Call on the motion.

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

No: Rodgers

Motion passed - Roll Call: 10-1

Motion M-034-2024 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2024-051 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the County of Summit and Ohio Council 8 and Local 3885 (Child Support Enforcement Agency unit), of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, for the period 10/1/23 through 9/31/26, for the Executive and the Prosecutor, 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: DeVitis, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Abstain: Darrow

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Abstain: Darrow

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0-1

Resolution 2024-051 was adopted.

2024-052 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2024 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-052 was adopted.

- 2024-053 **A Resolution approving the salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employee Lori Galloway based upon job performance, increased responsibilities in her job duties and pay equity, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-054 **A Resolution enacting a 3.5% salary increase for current non-bargaining, classified and unclassified employees of the Clerk of Courts, Council, Engineer, Executive, Fiscal Officer, Human Resource Commission, Internal Audit Department, Office of Information Technology, Prosecutor, and Sheriff, effective April 1, 2024, 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
- 2024-055 **An Amended Resolution authorizing appropriation proceedings for warranty deeds and temporary easements over the real property known as Parcel No. 0500823, Parcel No. 0500524, and Parcel No. 0500589, and Parcel No. 0500484 needed for the Cleveland-Massillon Road Sidewalk Project, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-056 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Akron for the boarding at the Summit County Jail of misdemeanor offenders charged under a City of Akron ordinance or charged with contempt of an Akron Municipal Court Judge, for a term of one-year, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$4,928,697.00, for the Executive and Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-057 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a purchase contract with Flock Group, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for the installation and operation of license plate reader cameras, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$92,100.00, and authorizing the Executive to execute a reimbursement agreement for the amount of \$92,100.00 with the City of Green, for the Sheriff's Office, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2024-058 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for new X-ray equipment for use by the Medical Examiner and her staff, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$75,900.00, for the Executive’s Department of the Medical Examiner, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-059 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 3 to a professional service contract with Clemans Nelson & Associates, Inc. to provide additional professional services in various negotiations, grievances, arbitrations, and other labor matters, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 168.00%), for a total amount not to exceed \$134,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Law and Risk Management and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-060 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families agreement with Emmanuel Christian Academy for Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math (“STEAM”) Summer Enrichment Camp Services, from 4/1/24 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, 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
- 2024-061 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families agreement with Emmanuel Christian Academy for Entrepreneurship Summer Camp Services, from 4/1/24 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, 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
- 2024-062 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families agreement with Tri-County Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates (JOG) for 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program outreach and eligibility services, for the period of 4/1/24 through 8/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00, 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

2024-063 **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 4/7/24 to 4/6/25, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-064 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control, subject to the approval of the Information Technology Board, of a purchase contract with Zix Corporation, as a Best Practical Source, for Office365 service with Zix/AppRiver/OpenText as a Cloud Solution Provider, for a one-year term, from 5/1/24 through 4/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$248,961.60, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

Routine Agenda Motion(s)

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

Voice Vote on the motion.

Mrs. Darrow moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2024-040 **A Resolution approving the salary adjustment for classified non-bargaining employees Duane Hawk and Timothy Boley, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-040 was adopted.

2024-041 **A Resolution approving the salary adjustments for classified non-bargaining employees Lisa Horba and James Schlagel based upon job performance, increased responsibilities in their job duties and pay equity, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-041 was adopted.

2024-042 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 2 to a professional service contract with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. for engineering design services for Project Q-960 Pump Station #30 Replacement, located in the City of Green, in Council District 8, in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 33.21%), for a total amount not to exceed \$461,250.00, 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 2024-042 was adopted.

2024-043 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$219,000.00 for services to the Surface Water Management District and pursuant to the County's MS4 permit, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-043 was adopted.

- 2024-044 **A Resolution approving the Downtown Akron Special Improvements District’s Plan of Services and authorizing the Executive to execute a petition to approve the Plan of Services, for the Executive’s Department of Law and Risk Management, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-044 was adopted.
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- 2024-045 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease renewal with the City of Akron for the lease of 32 parking spaces on the Upper Level (B1) of the Harold K. Stubbs Justice Center Parking Garage, located at 217 S. High Street, Akron, Ohio, in Council District 4, for a 5-year term from 2/29/24 to 2/28/29, for \$28,800.00 annually, for a total amount not to exceed \$144,000.00 for the length of the agreement, for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judges and various County Elected Officials, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-045 was adopted.
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- 2024-046 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a construction contract with Western Specialty Contractors for the Summit County Parking Deck Improvement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an amount not to exceed \$2,112,414.00, 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 2024-046 was adopted.
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- 2024-048 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive’s participation in an Electronic Pollbook Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Secretary of State concerning the use of the funding provided by the State Operating Budget for reimbursement of electronic pollbook equipment, for the Executive and the Board of Elections, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-048 was adopted.

2024-049 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control of a purchase contract with AT&T, as a Best Practical Source, to provide local Centrex telephone and long distance services, for a one-year term, from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.00, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-049 was adopted.

2024-050 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute grant agreements with various Summit County nonprofit organizations and State mandated entities, in a total amount not to exceed \$906,900.00, for the year 2024, as set forth in Exhibit A, for the Executive's Department of Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-050 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2024-047 **An Ordinance amending Part 13 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit entitled “BUILDING CODE,” to update the Building Code for the County of Summit, for the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services – Division of Building Standards, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

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

Roll Call on the motion.

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

No: DeVitis

Motion passed - Roll Call: 10-1

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Roll Call on the motion.

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

No: DeVitis

Motion passed - Roll Call: 10-1

Ordinance 2024-047 was adopted.

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 4:57 pm. The next regular meeting will be held March 18, 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 4th day of March, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL