

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2024

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

Councilwomen Christine Wiedie Higham and Bethany McKenney presented a commendation to Pet Partners, recognizing April 30th as National Therapy Animal Day.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-129 Andrew Barry from the Executive’s Office addressed Council.
- 2024-130 Heidi Swindell from the Engineer's Office addressed Council.
- 2024-131 Mike Vinay from the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services addressed Council.
- 2024-132 Holly Miller from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council.
- 2024-133 Phil Montgomery from the Executive’s Office addressed Council.
- 2024-146 Holly Miller from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:06 PM in Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL- Present: Mrs. Darrow, Mr. DeVitis, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford, Mrs. McKenney, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Schmidt, 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 April 15, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-042-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of James Talbert to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

Movant - Executive Shapiro

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-042-2024 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2024-129 **An amended Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute the purchase of contracts for liability, boiler and machinery, property, and other miscellaneous and necessary insurance coverage, for a one-year term, from 4/15/24 through 4/15/25, in an amount not to exceed \$1,864,524.00 \$1,900,082.45, payable through Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. dba Wichert Insurance, 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

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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-129 was adopted.

2024-130 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Hines Hill Road Resurfacing Project, located in Boston Township, Council District 1, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$98,436.75, for the 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-130 was adopted.

2024-131 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford, Inc., at CUE pricing, for four vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$262,016.26, 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

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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, 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, Ford, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2024-131 was adopted.

2024-132 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to apply for, and accept, funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund for the repair and replacement of home septic systems, in the amount of \$150,000.00, with an estimated \$80,000.00 client provided local cash match requirement, and authorizing the Executive to execute a Water Pollution Loan Control Loan Fund Assistance Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for said purposes, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Ms. Walters 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

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

Resolution 2024-132 was adopted.

2024-133 **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 2024-133 was adopted.

2024-134 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Northstar Asphalt, Inc. for the Canton Road Improvement Project, in an amount not to exceed \$669,647.20, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-135 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ports Petroleum Company, Inc. for unleaded and diesel fuel for general fleet operations, at CUE pricing, for a ten-month term, from 3/25/24 through 12/31/24, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-136 **A Resolution authorizing appropriation proceedings for warranty deeds and temporary easements over the real property known as 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

2024-137 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. for the evaluation and vegetation cleaning on detention and retention ponds located within assessed Township subdivisions located in Council Districts 1, 4, and 5, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-138 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (first of two) of a professional service contract with Emerald Environmental Inc. for the evaluation and vegetation cleaning on detention and retention ponds located within assessed Township subdivisions located in the Council Districts 5 and 8, for a one-year term, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-139 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for professional engineering design services for Project Q-208 Peninsula Wastewater Treatment and Sanitary Sewer System, located in the Village of Peninsula, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$1,409,800.00, funded by available American Rescue Plan Act funds, 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

2024-140 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Montrose Ford, Inc., at State Term Pricing, for three 2023 Ford Expeditions, in a total amount not to exceed \$150,904.50, for the Executive's Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-141 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept the award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Office of Criminal Justice Services of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, for the period 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, in the amount of \$95,773.02, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$31,924.34, for a total amount of \$127,697.36, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2024-142 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with i2c Technologies, Ltd., at State Term Pricing, for the maintenance of security cameras and related equipment at the Jail, for a three-year term, for the period of 6/1/24 to 6/1/27, in an amount not to exceed \$81,764.50, for the Sheriff and Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-143 **An Ordinance amending Chapter 198 of the Codified Ordinances of the County of Summit, entitled “Procurement Card,” to make certain updates and revisions to spending and transaction limits for procurement cards, for the Executive’s Departments of Law and Risk Management and Finance and Budget, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-144 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of amendments to allow third renewals of agreements between certain providers and the Executive’s Department of Job and Family Services and the Summit and Medina Workforce Area Council of Governments, to provide in-school and out-of-school youth employment and educational services under the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, for the period of 7/1/24 to 6/30/25, in a total amount not to exceed \$2,576,868.56, 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
- 2024-145 **A Resolution opposing Dominion Energy Ohio’s proposed 30 percent rate increase and requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio deny Dominion Energy Ohio’s request for the increase, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Ms. Darrow, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Ford, Ms. McKenney
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

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

Voice Vote on the motion

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

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FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2024-146 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept subgrant funds from the City of Akron, for qualified home repair construction projects located in certain qualified census tracts in the City of Akron, in an amount of \$3,300,000.00, for the term of 6/1/24 through 6/30/26, for the Executive’s Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. McKenney

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

Ms. Walters 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

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

Resolution 2024-146 was adopted.

2024-147 **A Resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the County of Summit the question of the renewal of an existing tax levy, of 3.25 mills, for the programs and services of the Summit County Childrens Services Board and requesting the Fiscal Officer to certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal levy, for the Summit County Childrens Services Board, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

Routine Agenda Motion(s)

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

Motion passed

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

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2024-115 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt & Concrete for the 2024 Summit County Regional Concrete Pavement Repair Program, in an amount not to exceed \$323,415.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-115 was adopted.

2024-116 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Engineer, to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation’s annual road salt bid, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-116 was adopted.

2024-117 **A Resolution approving the time, place, and expense of the Engineer’s annual meeting of county and township authorities on May 7, 2024, at Lala’s in the Lakes, located in the City of New Franklin, in Council District 7, in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-117 was adopted.

- 2024-118 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease renewal agreement with ArtsNow for a portion of the 1st floor at 175. S. Main St., in Council District 4, for educational and/or charitable use, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-118 was adopted.
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- 2024-119 **A Resolution approving and adopting the Summit County 9-1-1 Plan, 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
- Resolution 2024-119 was adopted.
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- 2024-120 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Pay it Forward for Pets, Incorporated, as a Best Practical Source, to provide Volunteer Coordinator Services and Animal Enrichment Programs at the Animal Control Facility, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for a one-year term, for the period of 4/1/24 through 3/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Administrative Services – Division of Animal Control, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2024-120 was adopted.
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- 2024-121 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a renewal (first of three) of a purchase contract with Nesco Resource, LLC fka Callos Resource LLC, for payroll services for the period 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, for various youth employment programs, including summer youth and year-round programs, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 71.65%), for a total amount not to exceed \$2,395,638.10, 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
- Resolution 2024-121 was adopted.

2024-122 **A Resolution supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA 250-OH), establishing the Summit County AMERICA 250 Committee, and designating the Summit County liaison, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-122 was adopted.

2024-123 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2024 as Foster Care Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and consider the importance of foster care in their community, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-123 was adopted.

2024-124 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Summit County and encouraging the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-124 was adopted.

2024-125 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2024 as Older Americans Month in Summit County, recognizing the contributions of older adults in Summit County and encouraging residents and professionals to participate in the Age-Friendly Akron-Summit initiative and the 2024 Senior Summit and Expo, for the Council and Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-125 was adopted.

2024-126 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Optiv Security Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for SafeNet Trusted Access multifactor authentication maintenance of licenses, for a three-year term, for the period of 10/1/24 through 9/30/27, in an amount not to exceed \$119,152.80, for the Office of Information Technology, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-126 was adopted.

2024-127 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept 2024 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants, in the amount of \$8,265.00, with no local cash match requirement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2024-127 was adopted.

2024-128 **A Resolution appropriating carryover balances for various operating and capital funds for 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

Resolution 2024-128 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 5:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be held May 13, 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 29th day of April, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL