

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-248 Mike Vinay from the Department of Sanitary Sewer Services addressed Council.
- 2024-250 Andrew Barry from the Law Department, Lance Reed and Pete Ziegler from the Board of Elections, and Renee Whittenberger from Environmental Design Group addressed Council.
- 2024-251 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:17 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held August 19, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

The minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-062-2024 **A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Colleen Kelly to the Child Fatality Review Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Mrs. Rodgers moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-062-2024 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2024-248 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Programs and to authorize the Executive to execute contracts as required to accept grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$639,520.80 with a local match not to exceed \$426,347.20, for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$1,065,868.00 to fund the Mudbrook Sanitary Emergency Repair Project, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 3, for the Executive’s Department of Sanitary Sewer Services, and declaring and 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, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-248 was adopted.

2024-250 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease agreement with IndusPAD, LLC., subject to the approval of the Board of Control, for the lease of approximately 26,000 square feet of the front parking lot of the building located at 450 Grant Street, in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for a three-month term from 9/1/24 to 12/1/24, for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the length of the agreement, for the Summit County Board of Elections, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-250 was adopted.

2024-251 **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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-251 was adopted.

- 2024-252 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with InfoSend, Inc. for sanitary sewer utility billing services, for a two-year term, with one option to renew for an additional two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$285,966.82, 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
- 2024-253 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 1st – 7th, 2024 as Stormwater Awareness Week in Summit County, recognizing the effects of stormwater runoff on the infrastructure and environment, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-254 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an updated Summit County Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation and Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing and encouraging communities throughout Summit County to sign the same, 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
- 2024-255 **A Resolution accepting the recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council regarding numerous enterprise zone agreements in Summit County, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and Twinsburg Township, in Council Districts 1 and 3, 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
- 2024-256 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Shaw Integrated Solutions, Inc., at State Term Pricing, for replacement of carpet for the Domestic Relations Annex to the Courthouse, in an amount not to exceed \$93,771.22, 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

- 2024-257 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Akron, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, concerning the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, 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
- 2024-258 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute agreements with various Summit County public safety answering points, for the AT&T Vesta hosted call handling system, 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
- 2024-260 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Agreement with Family and Community Services, Inc. nka AxBSSPointe Community Health Center, Inc. for homeless prevention services, from 10/1/23 through 9/30/24, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000.00, (for a cumulative increase of 40%) for a total amount not to exceed \$980,000.00, 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
- 2024-261 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Summit County, recognizing survivors, loved ones lost to breast cancer, and caregivers that supported individuals throughout their battles, reaffirming the need for early detection and a cure for breast cancer, and encouraging residents to wear pink on October 18, 2024, for the Council and the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2024-262 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2024 as Safe Sleep and SIDS Awareness Month, highlighting the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome ("SIDS") among infants, the importance of safe sleep practices in reducing SIDS, and uplifting families with newborns, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

2024-263 **A Resolution declaring October 7, 2024 as North American First People’s Day in Summit County, honoring the history and culture of Native Americans, acknowledging the efforts to preserve this history in the United States, in the State of Ohio, and in Summit County, and encouraging residents to join in the acknowledgement, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-264 **A Resolution declaring the week of October 7th – 11th, 2024 as Digital Inclusion Week in Summit County, recognizing the importance of internet access and digital literacy and reaffirming the County’s commitment to digital equity for all Summit County residents, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Higham

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

Committee First Readings

2024-265 **A Resolution declaring the month of October 2024 as National Arts and Humanities Month in Summit County, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Walters, Wiedie Higham

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Wilhite

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2024-242 **A Resolution naming the currently unnamed roadway between Hummel Drive and Dorwil Drive “Straub-Eubank Lane” in Coventry Township per the wishes of the Coventry Township Trustees, for the Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Schmidt

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

Resolution 2024-242 was adopted.

2024-243 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Courthouse Exterior Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$150,000.00, 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

Resolution 2024-243 was adopted.

2024-244 **A Resolution declaring September 13-22, 2024, as Welcoming Week in Summit County, recognizing refugees, immigrants, new citizens, and the contributions they make to our community, as well as the challenges and roadblocks they face, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-244 was adopted.

2024-245 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with various providers for State Fiscal Year 2025 utilizing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Benefit Bridge, Food Assistance Employment and Training, and Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds, from 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in a total amount not to exceed \$6,990,000.00, 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

Resolution 2024-245 was adopted.

2024-246 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a HOME Investment Partnership Program contract with Restore Addiction Recovery, to support the conversion of an approximately 3600 square foot building, at 552 Swartz Avenue, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, into “Launch House,” a facility to provide a residential program for men struggling with drug and/or alcohol addiction, in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, for the Executive’s Department of Community and Economic Development, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-246 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 5:26 pm. The next regular meeting will be held September 23, 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 9th day of September, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL