

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2024

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2024-266 Faylin Thurn from the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Management Agency addressed Council.
- 2024-267 Faylin Thurn from the Division of Public Safety-Emergency Management Agency addressed Council.
- 2024-268 Sarah Buccigross from the Executive's Office addressed Council.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:50 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Mr. Wilhite moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held September 9, 2024.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

The minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

FIRST READINGS

2024-266 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with ICOR Technology, Inc. for one (1) bomb robot, for the Youngstown Bomb Squad, for an estimated total amount not to exceed \$120,110.27, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring and 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, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-266 was adopted.

2024-267 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Steele Industries Inc. for a night vision project, for various jurisdictions and Special Operations Teams within State Homeland Security Region 5, for an estimated total amount not to exceed \$169,047.80, for the Executive's Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management Agency and declaring and 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, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-267 was adopted.

2024-268 **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, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

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, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-268 was adopted.

2024-269 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. for engineering design services for the replacement of the Glenwood Bridge over Tinkers Creek, located in the City of Twinsburg, in Council District 1, in an amount not to exceed \$422,990.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-270 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute an agreement and any other necessary related documents with the Akron Community Foundation in order to establish a Supporting Organization, in accordance with the terms of Exhibit A, to support the health and safety of County residents, and authorizing the contribution of an initial amount not to exceed \$45,000,000.00, and a total amount not to exceed \$70,000,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Dollars, for the Executive, and declaring and emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-271 **A Resolution in support of utilizing payroll withholding as means for Summit County employees to contribute to the STABLE Account Program, administered by the State of Ohio Treasurer's Office, for the Executive and the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

2024-272 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a grant agreement with ArtsNow to provide funds for the ArtsForward Program, over a two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 with matching funds committed from the Knight Foundation, for the Executive, 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, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Kacyon, McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Wiedie Higham, Wilhite

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

Ms. Dickinson moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

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

Resolution 2024-252 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-253 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-254 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-255 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-257 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-258 was adopted.

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 AxxessPointe 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

Resolution 2024-260 was adopted.

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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-261 was adopted.

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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-262 was adopted.

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, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2024-263 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-264 was adopted.

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

Resolution 2024-265 was adopted.

SECOND READINGS

2024-256 **An amended 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 and tile 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

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to amend the legislation.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Wiedie Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Walters

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2024-256 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 October 7, 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 23rd day of September, 2024.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL