

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2025

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

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

- 2025-093 Craig Stanley from the Department of Administrative Services, Paul Zuravel and Councilmember Joe Kacyon addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-094 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- 2025-103 Dennis Tubbs from the Community and Economic Development Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.
- M-018-2025 Megan Recker addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 05:11 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held March 24, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Minutes were approved 11-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-018-2025 **A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Megan Recker (replacing Andrew Schuellerman) to the Children Services Board.**

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Motion M-018-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

- 2025-093 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, subject to the approval of the Board of Control, to execute a contract with NTWA, LLC. for asbestos abatement at the building located at 2525 State Road, located in the City of Cuyahoga Falls, in Council District 2, in an amount not to exceed \$208,000.00, funded through a grant award from the Ohio Department of Development's Building Demolition & Site Revitalization Program with a 25% grant match, 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

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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-093 was adopted.

- 2025-094 **A Resolution appropriating funds in order to meet projected expenditures for the balance of 2025 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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-094 was adopted.

- 2025-095 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt, Inc. for the 2025 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (449) Resurfacing Program-North, in an amount not to exceed \$3,114,476.70 , for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-096 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Perrin Asphalt, Inc. for the 2025 Summit County 441 Asphalt Concrete (449) Resurfacing Program-South, in an amount not to exceed \$1,432,012.55, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-097 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ohio Machinery Co. dba Ohio CAT, at Sourcewell Pricing, for one new Caterpillar (CAT) 309 Mini Excavator, in a total amount not to exceed \$204,500.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-098 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Barbicas Construction Co., Inc. for the Parking Lot Improvement Project at the Animal Control Facility, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 5, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$88,040.00, 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
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-099 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a ten-year Lease Agreement with the City of Akron for the Sheriff's multi-jurisdictional Summit County Drug Unit, for a total amount not to exceed \$627,315.72, 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

- 2025-100 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive, on behalf of the Sheriff, to execute a mutual aid agreement with the City of Akron, an entity authorized by section 302.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, 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
- 2025-101 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a master service agreement with Needl., Inc., dba Aurelian, to process non-emergency calls using an automated voice assistance for various Summit County public safety answering points, for implementation and a one-year term beginning on 5/1/25, in an amount not to exceed \$284,000.00, 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
- 2025-102 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service contract with the United Way of Summit and Medina, to provide additional homeless prevention services, for the period 10/1/24 through 9/30/25, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 42.86%), for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, 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

Mr. Schmidt moved to amend the Agenda to add Late Filings.

Voice Vote on the motion

For: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

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FIRST READINGS LATE FILINGS

2025-103 **A Resolution in support of State Issue 2, the Renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program, on the May 6, 2025 Statewide Ballot, for the Executive, Engineer, and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 11-0

Resolution 2025-103 was adopted.

Routine Agenda Motion(s)

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, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

Yes: Darrow, Dickinson, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-079 **A Resolution confirming the award of the Board of Control, authorizing the purchase of contracts for liability, boiler and machinery, property, and other miscellaneous and necessary insurance coverage, for a one-year term, from 4/15/25 through 4/15/26, in an amount not to exceed \$1,946,393.00, 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

Resolution 2025-079 was adopted.

2025-080 **A Resolution approving salary adjustments for various classified non-bargaining employees, for the Prosecutor, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-080 was adopted.

2025-081 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Melway Paving Company, Inc., for the 2025 Summit County 422 Resurfacing Program, in an amount not to exceed \$776,443.60, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-081 was adopted.

- 2025-082 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Kenworth of Richfield, at Sourcewell Pricing, for two 2025 Kenworth T480 Tandem Axle Cab & Chassis Dump/Plow Trucks, in a total amount not to exceed \$274,865.84, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-082 was adopted.
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- 2025-083 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Ken Ganley Ford, at less than CUE Pricing, for two 2025 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup Trucks, in a total amount not to exceed \$86,676.80, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-083 was adopted.
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- 2025-084 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Loan Agreement and any other documents necessary to provide a loan to the Summit-Akron Solid Waste Management Authority d.b.a. ReWorks for the construction of a new administration building at 1211 Graham Rd., located in the City of Stow, in Council District 3, for a ten-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Mr. Wilhite, Mr. Licate
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-084 was adopted.
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- 2025-085 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Medical Examiner's Two-Story Curtain Wall Replacement Project, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$450,000.00, 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 2025-085 was adopted.
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- 2025-086 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Autism Acceptance Month in Summit County, recognizing all individuals in our community on the autism spectrum and celebrating the numerous ways in which they contribute to our communities and our lives, 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 2025-086 was adopted.

- 2025-087 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Summit and encouraging residents to join in this acknowledgement and Wear Blue on April 9, 2025, 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 2025-087 was adopted.
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- 2025-088 **A Resolution declaring the month of April 2025 as Minority Health Month in Summit County, recognizing the health inequalities facing minority communities, and encouraging all health organizations to conduct appropriate programs and activities to promote healthfulness in minority communities, 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 2025-088 was adopted.
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- 2025-089 **A Resolution declaring April 2, 2025, as Start by Believing Day throughout the County of Summit, supporting the Start by Believing campaign which raises awareness of survivors of sexual violence, and encouraging all businesses and residents alike to show their support by wearing teal on April 2, 2025, 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 2025-089 was adopted.
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- 2025-090 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute any documents necessary to accept 2025 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grants, in the amount of \$7,746.00, 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 2025-090 was adopted.
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- 2025-091 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of an agreement with PGA Tour Enterprises, LLC. and Kaulig Companies, for sponsorship of the PGA Kaulig Companies Championship, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, for the Veterans Service Commission, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Resolution 2025-091 was adopted.

2025-092 **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 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, 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 2025-092 was adopted.

Presentation of New Business:

Presentation of Petitions to address Council:

Executive Session

Motion By: Mr. Wilhite

Seconded By:

Motion Type: Roll Call Vote

For: Mrs. Darrow, Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford, Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

Against:

Abstain:

Absent:

Outcome: Motion passed

Call To Order: 5:19 PM

Reason: To review a proposed collective bargaining strategy.

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:59 pm. The next regular meeting will be held April 14, 2025 at 4:30 pm

All deliberations concerning official business and formal actions by this County Council were conducted in an open public meeting this 31st day of March, 2025.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL