

COUNTY OF SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2025

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

The following individuals addressed Council with a public comment before the start of Caucus: Phaedra Norrell, Matthew Charlebois, Carley Riggins, and Ahmad Jadallah.

The following items were addressed before Council at the Caucus:

2025-140 Brian Harnak from the Law Department addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

2025-141 Phil Montgomery from the Executive's Office addressed Council on this first reading passage request.

M-021-2025 Jessica Sublett addressed Council on this motion.

M-023-2025 Sylvia Trundle addressed Council on this motion.

The Council Regular Meeting was called to order at 04:42 PM in Council Chambers.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting(s) held April 28, 2025.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Minutes were approved 10-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL INTEREST:

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM EXECUTIVE:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICEHOLDERS:

MOTIONS FOR COUNCIL

M-020-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointments of Executive Ilene Shapiro (with Greta Johnson as alternate), Judge Lisa Coates, Clerk of Courts Tavia Galonski (with Anthony Gomez as alternate), Leanne Graham, Akron Police Chief Brian Harding, Judi Hill, Cassandra Holtzmann (with Catherine Pomeroy Van Horne as alternate), Robert Incorvati, Major Matamba Kaalima, Lisa Kamlowsky (with James Armstrong as alternate), Prosecutor Elliot Kolkovich (with Brian LoPrinzi as alternate), Craig Morgan, Lori Pesci, Job Perry, Judge Linda Teodosio (with David Horner as alternate), Aimee Wade, Jim Lawrence (with Lori Lawrence as alternate), Mayor Shammias Malik (with Tony Ingram as alternate), and Mike Randle (with Julie Howe replacing Bernie Rochford as alternate) to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Higham moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-020-2025 was adopted.

M-021-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Jessica Sublett (replacing Ebony Yeboah-Amankwah) to the Development Finance Authority Board.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-021-2025 was adopted.

M-022-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the reappointment of Lisa Holland Toth to the Humane Commission.

Movant - Ms. Darrow

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-022-2025 was adopted.

M-023-2025 A Motion of Council confirming the appointment of Sylvia Trundle (replacing Charles Twigg) 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, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Motion M-023-2025 was adopted.

FIRST READINGS

2025-140 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a lease addendum with the Ohio Department of Public Safety for office space at 1030 East Tallmadge Avenue, located in the City of Akron, in Council District 6, for a two-year term, from 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, for rent in the total amount of \$22,952.00, for the Executive, 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, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Ms. Walters moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-140 was adopted.

- 2025-141 **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, Donofrio, Ford, Higham, Kacyon, Licate, McKenney, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Mr. Donofrio moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed - Voice Vote: 10-0

Resolution 2025-141 was adopted.

- 2025-142 **A Resolution authorizing the publication and legal notices for the proposed public improvement known as the Copley Ditch (County Ditch No. 38) Improvements Project located in Copley Township, and setting dates for the Public Viewing and Public Hearing pursuant to Section 6131.07 of the Ohio Revised Code, for Council, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Mr. Ford

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-143 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a professional service contract with Environmental Design Group, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, for the final design of the Stormwater Basins and Channel Improvements at the Penguin Drive & Glenmount Avenue Area, located in Coventry Township, in Council District 8, in amount not to exceed \$263,640.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Committee First Readings

- 2025-144 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to advertise for bids for the Canton Road and Sanitarium Road Intersection Project, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, for an estimated total cost not to exceed \$396,178.48, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-145 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into agreements for the acquisition of various easements over portions of 1766 Canton Road, 1796 Canton Road, 1787 Canton Road, and 1880 Canton Road, located in Springfield Township, in Council District 8, in a total amount not to exceed \$4,010.00, as part of the Canton Road and Sanitarium Road Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-146 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into a project funding and maintenance agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation concerning the construction of a water detention pond on as part of the State of Ohio's Rest Area DOT-230020 Project, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$257,000.00, located in Bath Township, in Council District 5, for the Executive and Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-147 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Cistones Excavating Services, LLC for the 2025 Summit County Culvert Replacement Program, in an amount not to exceed \$126,182.20, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-148 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of a Drainage Easement over a portion of 2807 Medina Line Road, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, in a total amount not to exceed \$600.00, as part of the Medina Line Road Culvert Replacement Project, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings

- 2025-149 **A Resolution approving and accepting a resubdivision titled “Colony Ledges Development No. 3 Replat No. 1,” located in Sagamore Hills Township, in Council District 1, for the Executive’s Planning Commission and the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-150 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Brown Equipment Company, at Sourcewell Pricing, for one new Ford Utility Service/Fuel Transport Truck, in a total amount not to exceed \$119,065.00, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-151 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a Lease Amendment with Cleveland Clinic Akron General Medical Center for approximately 24.7 acres of land located at 1596 and 1621 Flickinger Rd., located in the City of Akron, in Council District 8, to modify the term of the Lease for an additional five-year term, from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2030, with two options to renew for additional five-year terms, for rent in the total amount of \$1.00 per year, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-152 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide annual maintenance services for the county-wide computer-aided dispatch and records management systems, for the period 7/1/24 through 12/31/25, in an amount not to exceed \$350,553.73, 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
- 2025-153 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with 460 Tech, LLC. dba BeInCourt, as a Best Practical Source, to provide annual maintenance with on-site support, for the Criminal Justice Virtual Courtroom Project, for a one-year term, from 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, for an amount not to exceed \$330,731.42 for the first year, with four options to renew for an additional one-year term, 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

- 2025-154 **A Resolution declaring Friday, June 6, 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Summit County to honor and remember the victims and survivors of gun violence and to join in calling for the prevention of gun violence by wearing orange, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Ms. Dickinson, Ms. Walters
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-155 **A Resolution declaring the month of June 2025 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month in Summit County, and to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other brain diseases and dementias, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-156 **A Resolution declaring Sunday, June 15, 2025 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Summit County and encouraging residents to participate in any events and programs designed to raise awareness of and prevent the abuse of older adults, for the Executive, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Kent Starks, (330) 643-2074, kstarks@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-157 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of Change Order No. 1 to a professional service agreement with Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 (for a cumulative increase of 133.33%), for a total amount not to exceed \$175,000.00, toward the costs of continued legal representation and services on behalf of the County, in the matter of Antonio Williamson v. Sheriff Kandy Fatheree, et al., for the Executive and the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**
- Sponsor - Executive Shapiro
Staff Contact: Mark Potter, (330) 643-2726, mpotter@summitoh.net
- Committee First Readings
- 2025-158 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a purchase contract with Forerunner Technologies, Inc., as a Best Practical Source, to provide support for the County's NEC phone systems, for a five-year term, 5/25/2025 to 5/24/2030, for a yearly cost not to exceed \$19,145.74, and a total amount not to exceed \$95,728.70, 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)

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed

Mr. Schmidt moved to adopt.

Voice Vote on the motion.

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

Absent: Dickinson

Motion passed

ROUTINE LEGISLATION UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY COMMITTEE

2025-127 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a construction contract with Geauga Highway Co. for the Stubbins, Farnham, and Hecker Drainage and Roadway Improvement Project, located in Richfield Township, in Council District 1, in amount not to exceed \$140,497.20, for the Engineer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-127 was adopted.

2025-128 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) 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

Resolution 2025-128 was adopted.

- 2025-129 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a renewal (second and final) 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

Resolution 2025-129 was adopted.

- 2025-130 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of agreements for the acquisition of Sanitary Sewer Easements over a portion of Akron-Cleveland Road and Seasons Road for construction of Project Q-165-1 Akron-Cleveland Road Sanitary Sewer Extension, located in Boston Township, in Council Districts 1 and 3, for an amount not to exceed \$139,855.00, 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 2025-130 was adopted.

- 2025-131 **A Resolution declaring the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month in Summit County to recognize the importance of building codes and standards as vital safeguards which protect our residents from hazards and support our economic growth and resilience, for the Executive's Department of Sanitary Sewer Services – Division of Building Standards, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-131 was adopted.

- 2025-132 **A Resolution authorizing the Third Amendment to the Open-End Mortgage and the First Amendment to the Promissory Note between the United Way of Summit and Medina Counties and the County of Summit, for the Sojourner Truth Building at 37 N. High St., located in the City of Akron, in Council District 4, to extend the Maturity Date of the Promissory Note and amend the Payment Terms of the Promissory Note, 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 2025-132 was adopted.

- 2025-133 **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 a Drug Law Enforcement Fund grant, in the amount of \$136,875.02, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$45,625.01, for a total amount of \$182,500.03, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/26, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-133 was adopted.

- 2025-134 **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 1/1/25 through 12/31/25, in the amount of \$90,579.54, with a 25% local cash match requirement of \$30,193.18, for a total amount of \$120,772.72, for the Sheriff, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-134 was adopted.

- 2025-135 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for grants received by the Prosecutor's Child Support Enforcement Agency during State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, for the Prosecutor's Child Support Enforcement Agency, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-135 was adopted.

- 2025-136 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of a 60-month lease with Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., at State Term Pricing, for electronic certified mail, including software, licensing, subscription, folder management and support services, for the period 1/1/25 through 12/31/29, in an amount not to exceed \$100,113.60, for the Clerk of Courts, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-136 was adopted.

- 2025-137 **A Resolution authorizing the Executive to execute a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid for grants received by the Executive's Department of Job and Family Services during State Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, for the period 7/1/25 through 6/30/27, 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 2025-137 was adopted.

- 2025-138 **A Resolution confirming the award by the Board of Control of professional service contracts with certain vendors, for title examination services, for the period 5/1/25 through 4/30/27, with one option to renew for an additional two-year period, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 per year, for a total amount not to exceed \$500,000.00, for the Fiscal Officer, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro

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

Resolution 2025-138 was adopted.

- 2025-139 **A Resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the County of Summit the question of the renewal and increase of an existing tax levy for the purpose of mental health and recovery programs for children, adults, and families for the County service district, and for the acquisition, construction, renovation, financing, maintenance and operation of the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADM) Board facilities 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 a specified number of mills, and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor - Executive Shapiro, Council as a Whole

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

Resolution 2025-139 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, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Ford, Ms. Higham, Mr. Kacyon, Mr. Licate, Mrs. McKenney, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Walters, Mr. Wilhite

Against:

Abstain:

Absent: Ms. Dickinson

Outcome: 10-0

Call To Order: 4:55 PM

Reason: For the purpose of discussing an investigation into complaints against a public employee pursuant to ORC §121.22(G)(1).

Adjournment: Council adjourned at 5:48 pm. The next regular meeting will be held June 2, 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 12th day of May, 2025.

Signed by:

Monique Willis

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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Rita J. Darrow

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL