

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 28, 2025

### **Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2025 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. Regi Haire was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Hanwell, Matt Lanier, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Scott Marcum, Nino Piccoli, Dan Gladish, Chief Walters, Teresa Knox, Jansen Wehrley, Jarrod Fry, Andrew Dutton and Kimberly Marshall.

### **Reading of Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2025 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

### **Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Shields stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields had no report.

**Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee:** Mr. Simpson had no report.

**Special Legislation Committee:** Mr. Rose had no report.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Ms. Haire was absent.

**Water & Utilities Committee:** Mr. Simmons had no report. He stated there is a Utility Rate Review Committee meeting on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to address the potential increases from Avon Lake Water.

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

### **Requests for Council Action:**

Finance Committee

25-094-4/28 – Budget Amendments

25-095-4/28 – PY25 CDBG Allocation Grant

25-096-4/28 – South Town Streetscape Improvements

25-097-4/28 – Amend Code 133.01 – Association Memberships – Service

25-098-4/28 – Water Line Easement – S. Court Water Main Loop

25-099-4/28 – Access & Landscape Easement – S. Court Water Tower Site

25-100-4/28 – Fair Market Value Estimates for Prospect St. Bridge

25-101-4/28 – Expenditure – HSH Construction & Excavating

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25-102-4/28 – First Energy Utility Easement  
25-103-4/28 – Construction Agreement – Highpoint Drive Widening  
25-104-4/28 – Expenditure – Health & Fitness  
25-105-4/28 – American Dream Video Release – MCRC  
25-106-4/28 – MMHA Lease - 135 N. Elmwood

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

2024 Annual report is available on the city website or stop in at City Hall for a copy.  
Chimney Rock Video (group from S. Carolina) Christmas Celebration is available on the Armstrong channel, YouTube and Facebook.  
Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. – National Day of Prayer starting at 9:15 a.m. with community prayer service at St. Francis Church. Prayer stations at multiple locations in the community.  
Community gathering on the Square at 6:30 p.m.  
Farmer's Market 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. starting May 17<sup>th</sup> and every Saturday thereafter.  
Gospel Fest – May 17<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Medina City Schools Strings in the Park - May 22<sup>nd</sup> noon to 1 p.m.  
Ladies Night Out – Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Medina Half Marathon – May 24<sup>th</sup> 6:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** Keith stated there is one item on the agenda that he will address.

**Matt Lanier, Law Department,** had no report.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** Kimberly stated there is a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 p.m. – MPACT Collision located at 539 N. State Rd., 3 p.m. – Cold Stream Air Services MX located at the Medina Municipal Airport 2050 Medina Rd.

**Scott Marcum, Police Department,** had no report.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director,** Nino stated the contractor has started the grinding out here on Friendship from Court Street to Medina St. and resurfacing pavement will begin on Wednesday.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer,** had no report.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department,** Chief gave update on the 24-hour staffing trial they are doing at the Fire Department as they are a few months into that now and it is going very well and they are scheduled out through May.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** Jansen stated the Memorial Pool season passes are now on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Forestry Dept. celebrated Arbor Day with help from the Kiwanis Club. Jansen thanked everyone who volunteered to help with this project. This will be 43 years that they've done this. This event helps one of our requirements to retain our Tree City USA designation. The Parks Department has

all of their sports associations now in full swing.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official**, Meijer's grand opening will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. owner sponsored ribbon cutting ceremony. Acme construction on schedule and goal is to open 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.

The City Hall Parking Deck electric vehicle fast charger installation is complete, just needs programmed.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director**, had no report.

**Notices, communications and petitions**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business**

There is none.

**Introduction of visitors**

Brian Feron – 206 N. Elmwood Ave. representing Medina County Historical Society. Brian presented the Mayor with a certificate of recognition and an award for the preservation of the World War II War Bond Building that now sits at the McDowell Philips House Museum. This is done by the Cleveland Restoration Society and the American Institute of Architects and presented as an award of excellence for the preservation of a community building to the City of Medina in recognition of outstanding work in preserving the Medina War Bond Building.

**Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.**

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson: Res. 73-25, Ord. 74-25, Ord. 75-25, Ord. 76-25, Res. 77-25, Res. 78-25, Ord. 79-25, Ord. 80-25, Ord. 81-25, Ord. 82-25, Ord. 83-25, Ord. 84-25, Ord. 85-25. Motion passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Res. 73-25**

**A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt).** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 073-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino explained this is their annual salt bid. Electing to purchase 1,900 tons. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 073-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose.

**Ord. 74-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Rocco Masonry for the Service Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino Piccoli explained this is to increase the P.O. and will be used for storm sewer related concrete, aprons, and sidewalks that are in disrepair. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne,

N. DiSalvo, P. Rose and J. Shields

**Ord. 75-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford F-600 Cab/Chassis truck from Montrose Ford to be used by the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino stated this purchase is through the CUE Program and the amount is \$69,898.31. The next ordinance is for the Henderson Products purchase of a dump body and is a replacement. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 76-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) Mark III utility sized single axle Dump Body from Henderson Products, Inc. to be mounted on cab and chassis and to be used by the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Res. 77-25**

**A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application for a USA Water Polo Grant for the Medina Community Recreation Center.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley explained this is to apply for a grant to purchase water polo goals to be used by the rec center with the intent of starting up a polo league. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-25 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Res. 78-25**

**A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant to purchase and install fifteen (15) six-foot benches on walking trails in eight of the City Parks.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this grant is to address a number of comments they received from seniors and park users who are interested in having more benches along the trails in our park amenities. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 79-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Environmental Equipment Sales & Service Holdings LLC for the Service Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino stated they use this company to purchase parts for garbage trucks. This is for a replacement tailgate and the tailgate cost is roughly \$26,700.00 and a shipping freight charge of \$2,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose

**Ord. 80-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2025-2026 Equipment and Asphalt General Paving Services Program for the Service Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino stated this contract is scheduled to run out in May of this year, we are going to advertise and bid for the 2025- 2026 paving season. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Ord. 81-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Job #1151 US 42 Resurfacing and Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they would like to bid this project and award it. This will resurface US 42 (Court St.) north of Homestead and down to Lafayette and also all four sides of the square and add pedestrian safety improvements. Project is estimated at a little over \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million is coming from two different grants. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 82-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Preliminary Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the Urban Paving of State Route 3 & State Route 57.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is planned by ODOT for the year 2026 and is estimated at \$2.2 million. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 83-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with T&M Associates for consulting services to implement the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation Program Grant.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Marshall stated this is for the former Yost Sunoco site located at 426 W. Liberty St. Emergency clause is needed as the grant deadline is approaching. The grant is for \$300,000 and our matching funds are \$100,000. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 84-25**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Guaranteed Maximum Price Agreement No. 3 with the Ruhlin Company, for work at the Medina Municipal Courthouse.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-25, seconded by Mr.



Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated the total value of this agreement will be \$7,674,000.00. The total construction cost of the courthouse \$10,671,000.00. Asking for emergency clause as the base agreement was signed last September and we need to lock in these costs.

John Coyne stated this is a monumental vote as we started this back in 2001. We have been through several iterations of the court, several locations of the court, the latest being the combination of the County and Municipal Court joining forces to be located in the now existing new County Courthouse facility. As you recall we were challenged on that and it went to the voters and at that time the cost would have been \$7.8 million. With the architectural fees of \$750,740,00.00 bringing it closer to \$11.4 million dollars for this project at this time. We saved all those years and we don't have to borrow money to do this.

Mayor Hanwell stated the voters voted to permit the city to use the 1969 building. The reason the city was not able to go along with the additional floor on the new courthouse for the \$7.9 million was because the county had already issued the bonds and wanted to keep the project moving and we had to wait until the next election to get this in front of the voters.

Mr. Rose clarified to the mayor it wasn't the next general election it was the next election. The voters said no in November of 2020 and yes in May of 2021. This was brought to you by the Committee to Stop Government Waste and that committee stopped the city from saving \$3.2 million. \$3 million in construction costs, and approximately \$200,000 in legal fees. All because a group of people wanting to be obstructionist.

Mr. Shields clarified that the city has an obligation to provide suitable premises for the court and that is why the city is in charge of this project. Jim reminded the public that the current building across the street is 45 years old and in need of upgrades, especially with security and just the amount of growth that has happened in those 45 years.

The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose and J. Shields.

#### **Ord. 85-25**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 209-24, passed November 25, 2024. (Amendments to 2025 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a pass through. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

#### **Council comments.**

Mr. Simpson stated the way our economy is going right now, hopefully it will get better but there

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are a lot of people out there that are suffering, suffering from higher costs on just about everything, people that have put their savings into 401K's for their retirement that has been getting hit hard. A lot of people have lost their jobs with no fault of their own. Be kind to everyone.

Mr. Simmons stated he stopped in the police department and was granted a walk through and to see all the capabilities was very impressive, well done to the Department. Congratulations to Mr. Wehrley on the shade tree planting.

Mr. Rose stated Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> is a special election day with Issue 2 on the ballot. Make sure you get out and vote.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
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Teresa Knox, Deputy Clerk of Council  
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John Coyne III, President of Council

