

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 12, 2025

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 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, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Chief Kinney, Nino Piccoli, Dan Gladish, Chief Walters, Kathy Patton, Jansen Wehrley, Jarrod Fry, Andrew Dutton and Kimberly Marshall.

Reading of Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on April 28, 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, R. Haire, 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 19th to address the potential increases from Avon Lake Water.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

25-107-5/12 – Budget Amendments

25-108-5/12 – Bids, Job #1168 – Granger Road Water Line

25-109-5/12 – Easement – Job #1168 – Granger Road Water Line

25-110-5/12 – Bids – Job #1165 – 2025 Concrete Street Repair

25-111-5/12 – Increase P.O. #2025-1004, Wright Traffic Control

25-112-5/12 – ODNR Grant Application – Outdoor Fitness Equipment Area – MCRC

25-113-5/12 – Discussion – Weymouth Rd. (SR3) ODOT Resurfacing Project

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

2024 Annual report is available on City Website and contains a lot of data and documents. The positive financial health and growth of the city. Thanks to Sarah Tome for her efforts in taking all the information from Department Heads and creating a consistent and professional report.

Chief Larry Walters graduated from the Ohio Fire Executive Leadership Program in Columbus. This was a 2-year intensive Leadership curriculum, and we want to congratulate Chief Walters.

Protesters on the square and historic district are not required to get a permit from the city. Constitutionally permitted on any public place and can not be restricted or limited on certain days or frequency. The Mayor, Council and Departments Heads take an oath to uphold the constitution and laws, and he will not violate that oath.

Meijer's Grand opening is Thursday, May 8th at 9 a.m.
Farmer's Market 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. starting May 17th and every Saturday thereafter.
Gospel Fest – May 17th 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Medina City Schools Strings in the Park - May 22nd noon to 1 p.m.
Ladies Night Out – Thursday, May 22nd 4 p.m. – 10 p.m.
Medina Half Marathon – May 24th 6:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated there is a ribbon cutting on Friday, May 16th 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.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Proud to announce their official acceptance into the Ohio Collaborative of Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (OCLEAP). Honored to be amongst the first group of departments statewide to be accepted. This achievement demonstrates that our policies and practices meet or exceed the benchmarks established by the State.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, West Friendship asphalt resurfacing is now complete and went well. We now will be concentrating on Wadsworth Rd. between Lafayette and Springbrook.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, had no report.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the public that our pools and splashpads will be open Saturday, May 24th, 2025. Operating hours at Fred Greenwood Park are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ray Mellert Park 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pool hours vary depending on programs but generally open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, we are now in the start of grass growing season he explained City's tall grass and weed ordinance. Any grass or weeds in excess of 6 inches in height at any lot, whether improved or unimproved, is considered a violation. The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement. Our goal is to achieve compliance in a friendly way by first talking with the property owner. If we cannot get compliance, the violation notice is input in writing. If still no compliance after written notice, we then hire a third-party landscape contractor to cut the grass and weeds. Once cut, the City will then assess the property owner's property taxes for the cost of the landscaper's fees and any legal costs.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, the City Planning Commission received an application to rezone 5.9 acres on the north side of East Washington Street between Woodland Drive and Glenshire Lane across from the hospital. R1 to R4 multi-family residential.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business

There is none.

Introduction of visitors

There were none.

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. 86-25, Ord. 87-25, Ord. 88-25, Ord. 89-25, Ord. 90-25, Ord. 91-25, Ord. 92-25, Ord. 93-25, Ord. 94-25, Ord. 95-25, Ord. 96-25. Motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Res. 86-25

A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for grant assistance from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development, in connection with the Small Cities PY25 Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is their bi-annual request to apply for and accept the Community Development Block Grant Funds. Medina County Public Transit for \$75,000 and Code Enforcement for \$45,000 and includes \$5,000 for Fair Housing and \$25,000 for Administration; the total comes to \$150,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 87-25

An Ordinance amending Section 133.01 of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the "City" Association Memberships. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this refers to HGAC and is a cooperative purchasing program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution

No. 087-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose

Ord. 88-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a Water Line Easement for the construction of Job #1181 – S. Court Water Main Loop. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated this is in line with their project to replace/complete a waterline loop on S. Court Street between our water tower and Highpoint Drive. Emergency clause is needed as the project has been bid and awarded and would like to complete it before Acme opens. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 088-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

Ord. 89-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant an Access and Landscape Easement at the South Court Street Water Tower site. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the City would be granting Albrecht an easement to install the driveway connection onto SR3. Asking for the emergency clause utility poles need moved and they need the easement granted before moving forward and paying Ohio Edison. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 90-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Construction Agreement with Albrecht, Inc. regarding the Highpoint Drive Widening. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick explained this is to install the turn lane in west bound direction into their property. Emergency is to get this done as soon as possible. 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. 090-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose.

Ord. 91-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Location Release and Video Content Release between the City of Medina and American Dream Media and Tech Holdings, LLC. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No.

091-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley stated this a nationally recognized streaming show that is hosted by realtors to highlight their communities and they would like to showcase the Rec Center. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-25 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 92-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Lease between the City of Medina and the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority to renovate and use the property located at 135 N. Elmwood Ave. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 092-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell explained this is a 3-year agreement that was negotiated with Skip Sipos who is the Executive Director for MMHA to use the existing Medina Municipal Court building once they are relocated to the new Municipal building. The lease permits City Hall to use the basement for storage. The reason for not charging for the lease is because the city would have to maintain and upkeep that building if we did not lease it, which today costs us about \$2,000.00 a month or \$24,000 a year. Ohio State law permits one political subdivision to work with another political subdivision to create a common good for both the entities. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 092-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields

Ord. 93-25

An Ordinance accepting the appraisals (Fair Market Value Estimate) for the Prospect Street Bridge Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick Patton stated they were recipients of a 1.7 million dollar grant through ODOT for the Prospect Street Bridge replacement, and for that project we need to acquire 4 easements. The emergency is needed due to time restrictions with ODOT. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 94-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to grant a Utility Easement to Ohio Edison to allow for the construction of electrical facilities. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 094-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 094-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated this is the 3rd and final easement regarding the Acme Project. Emergency clause is needed as Albrecht is needing to get started as soon as possible. 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. 094-25 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 95-25

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. 095-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated one is a pass through of a donation and the other two are adjustments for damage that had to be repaired. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 095-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 96-25

An Ordinance creating New Chapters 1347 “Comprehensive Stormwater Management”, Chapter 1349 “Erosion and Sediment Control” and Chapter 1351 “Illicit Discharge and Illegal Connection Control” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio; and repealing the existing Section 1341.04 “Plans and Maps Required for Improvements; Erosion Control”. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 096-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated the city is required to obtain and maintain a permit through the Ohio EPA for Stormwater Management and this is a 5-year permit. We were audited by the EPA last summer and one of their notes we got hit on was that we did not have these ordinances in place. Mr. Huber would like this passed subject to his approval. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 096-25 passed subject to final approval of the law director by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose.

Ord. 97-25

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 81-25, passed April 28, 2025, pertaining to the US 42 Resurfacing Project, Job #1151. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 097-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated we already bid the resurfacing of US42 but the last ordinance did not include the financial information and this one does. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 097-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Council comments.

Mr. Simpson congratulated Chief Walters and Chief Kinney. Be kind to one another!

Regi echoed the congratulations. It has been brought to her attention that residents have been putting their trash cans on the tree lawn days before their assigned trash pick up time. Please wait until the night before pick up before putting your trash out as it causes the racoons to come out.

Mr. Simmons spoke of the Network to Freedom hosting the Ella Canavan 4th graders.

Mr. Rose echoed congratulations to Chief Walters and Chief Kinney.

Paul mentioned the protesting in the square and how they have no idea what they are thinking about, in fact they aren't thinking they just do what they are told. Paul spoke of the voter turnout on May 6th - Less than 14%. You want to protect democracy then vote!

Natalie stated that 100% of the DiSalvo family voted!

As the end of the school year approaches, please keep your eyes out for the young people so that

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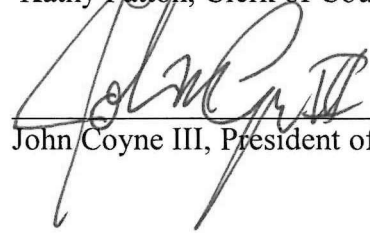
we help them make good choices and we don't have any of the tragedies that often time occur with Senior events. Remind them to be safe.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council

