

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024

**Public Hearing**

For various amendments to the Zoning Code found in Part 11 of the City of Medina Codified Ordinances. The amendments address a variety of topics including review procedures, fence regulations, open porch setbacks, lighting, and short-term rentals.

Community Development Director, Andrew Dutton stated this is a variety of amendments to the zoning code and was reviewed by the planning commission on July 11th and recommended for approval with conditions of Mr. Huber the Law Director reviewing it and he has reviewed it with no recommended changes to the amendments.

No one spoke in favor of the proposed zoning amendments.

No one spoke against the proposed zoning amendments.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday September 23, 2024, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved with the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening.

**Public Properties Committee:** Mr. Shields stated that Public Properties has a meeting scheduled for next Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. here at City Hall to discuss some improvements at Lake Medina and collaborations with the Medina County Park District.

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

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

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Ms. Haire had no report.

**Water & Utilities Committee:** Ms. Hazeltine had no report.

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo stated a meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

**Requests for Council Action:**  
Finance Committee

- 24-201-10/15 – Budget Amendments
- 24-202-10/15 – Elected Official Salaries for 2026-2029
- 24-203-10/15 – Accept 2025 Budget Commission Rates
- 24-204-10/15 – Increase P.O. – Heritage Aquatics – MCRC
- 24-205-10/15 – Revocable Use Permit – Cheff
- 24-206-10/15 – Revocable Use Permit – Sipos
- 24-207-10/15 – Medical Mutual Contingent Premium Credit
- 24-208-10/15 – Engineering Design Services for S. Huntington St. Bridge Replacement
- 24-209-10/15 – Amend Ord. 163-24, IamGIS Statement of Work
- 24-210-10/15 – Sanitary Sewer Easement from Legacy Hotel of Medina
- 24-211-10/15 – Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Agreement – Prospect St. Bridge
- 24-212-10/15 – Cybersecurity Software & Services Grant – Muni Court
- 24-213-10/15 – Amend Ord. 183-23 Uptown Park/Gazebo
- 24-213-10/15 – Bids – Reagan Park Cold Storage Building
- 24-214-10/15 – Increase Exp. P.O. #24-0709 – Litman – Parks Dept.
- 24-215-10/15 – Expenditure – HSH Construction – Parks Dept.
- 24-216-10/15 – Amend Ord. 71-24, Signal Service
- 24-217-10/15 – Purchase Ventrac Tractor – 4520N – Service Dept.

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. Thank you to Council President John Coyne and Council Pro Tem Jim Shields for covering events and meetings at City Hall while he was on vacation.
- B. Medina Community Band presents annual Veterans Day Concert at St. Francis Xavier Church on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. These concerts have been presented each year since the 9/11 attacks except for COVID restricted years.
- C. Some upcoming events on the square:
  - 1. Main St. Medina Ladies night out October 17<sup>th</sup> 4-8:30 p.m.
  - 2. Candlelight Walk kickoff/tree and downtown lighting Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m.
  - 3. Holiday Parade of Lights Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** reminded the public that the city has a renewal levy on the ballot for LST, the city handles life support with a partnership with the Medina Hospital and Medina Township and Montville Township. This levy is how the city pays our share of it. There is no increase in taxes since it is for a renewal in existing tax.

**Greg Huber, Law Department,** had no report.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** Kimberly Marshall was absent.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** had no report.

**Jarrold Fry, Medina TV,** Jarrold informed residents of the many ways they can stay informed with the City of Medina and everything that is going on. Candidate forums can be seen on Ch. 37 (Armstrong cable) also on Medina TV YouTube channel, Facebook and Roku, Apple TV and Firestick. Thanks to the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce for their help with putting the candidate forms together.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department,** had no report.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** stated on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> they will be performing their visual deer survey throughout the community. Staff will be in red city trucks spot lighting wood lines and other predetermined locations between the hours of 5 a.m. – 7 a.m.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official,** was absent.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director,** stated residents are asking when the leaf program will start, Nino stated there are still a lot of green leaves on the trees so possibly by the end of October.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer,** stated that last week they accepted bids for the project to replace some of the concrete pavement for the hangar aprons. BOC did award the bid to the low bidder that came in \$23,000 below our \$200,000 estimate. This project is being funded through ARPA Funds.

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

**Confirmation of Mayor's appointment**

Archive Commission – Roger Smalley – Expiring 12/31/27

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Ord. 146-24**

**An Ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio by the**



**addition of a new Chapter 164, Transient Lodging Tax.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose stated there has been a lot of discussion and work involved with this, thank you to all that worked on it. Mr. Huber stated there was a code section brought to his attention by Stan Scheetz regarding the hotel tax. After further review Mr. Huber stated he knew we already had a county tax for 3% on this. The whole Plan B section doesn't really apply in his opinion if the county has a 3% tax which they do. Greg went over this with Stan and the Wadsworth Law Director and some other lawyers and it's a hard subsection to sort out, but he revised this language back so that all of the tax goes to our General Revenue Fund, we can support ourselves in writing the ordinance that way.

Mr. Coyne stated even though they discussed it will go back into the general fund, we are going to try to keep track of it and use those funds that are generated by the tax to assist in the downtown area. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**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: Ord. 179-24, Ord. 180-24, Ord. 181-24, Ord. 182-24, Ord. 183-24, Ord. 184-24, Ord. 185-24, Ord. 186-24. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 179-24**

**An Ordinance ratifying the 1976 Agreement with the Medina County Board of Commissioners pertaining to providing additional parking at the County Administration Building.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is simply taking the 1976 agreement and doing what should have been done back then to present to council and request approval permitting the parking to be extended onto some of the city property adjacent to the Old Town Cemetery. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 179-24 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

**Ord. 180-24**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 128-24, passed June 24, 2024, relative to the payment to the Medina County Treasurer for the Lease of the Medina Municipal Court in the 1969 Courthouse.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated when this was signed the payment is per quarter but the payment for the first quarter of 2025 is due January 1<sup>st</sup> so we need the money in the 2024 budget so we can write the check in December. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 180-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

**Ord. 181-24**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 59-24, passed March 11, 2024, relative to the 2024 Concrete Street Repair Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 181-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is a request to amend the ordinance to increase the total amount authorized to \$670,000.00. There were additional waterline breaks to repair and other pavements that were repaired unanticipated. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 181-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 182-24**

**An Ordinance accepting the appraisals (Fair Market Value Estimates) for the South Court Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated this would install new sanitary sewer north of the proposed hotel project. Emergency is because the project needs started in conjunction with the hotel. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 182-24 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 183-24**

**An Ordinance amending Chapter 1519 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, pertaining to Fireworks.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 183-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated this brings the city ordinance on fireworks and the next ordinance on carrying concealed weapons in line with the changes in the state law. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 183-24 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 184-24**

**An Ordinance amending Chapter 549 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio, pertaining to Carrying Concealed Weapons.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 184-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 184-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 185-24**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 26-24 passed February 13, 2024, relative to the expenditure to Green Home Solutions for the rehabilitation work at 850 North Huntington Street.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is a CHIP project and was approved for \$40,575.00, there was a change order increasing the amount to \$47,475.00 due to an electric panel being installed and also breaks up the finance of the project into the CHIP Home Funds. Emergency clause is requested as project is complete and we need to pay contractor. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields,

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D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 185-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

**Ord. 186-24**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 190-23, passed November 28, 2023. (Amendments to 2024 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 186-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are a few adjustments to the rec center budget, and the rest of this is moving money around for the ARPA Grants. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 186-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Council comments**

Mr. Simpson is asking for those with vulgar political signs in their yard to consider removing them for the protection of our children as some are in the paths of children walking to and from school. Please remember to be kind.

Jess Hazeltine thanked Paul Rose and all that worked on the Transient Lodging tax because that is the kind of stuff you really have to get deep into and requires a lot of work.

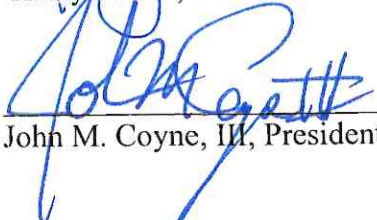
Natalie DiSalvo reminded all that voting YES on the Medina City School Levy will keep our schools competitive with the surrounding schools and insure that our students have the best education and opportunities available for them.

Mr. Rose stated it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and he is wearing a pink tie today in honor of his grandmothers and sister. Happy Birthday to Joelle.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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John M. Coyne, III, President of Council