

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 13, 2024 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John M. Coyne III, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2024, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they will meet again in two weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson stated prior to Finance he held a meeting for an update with the Police Department, Sanitation Department and Fire Departments.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

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

Water & Utilities Committee: Ms. Hazeltine was absent.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

24-101-5/13 – Medina Municipal Court Renovation: Design Submittal Review

24-102-5/13 – RITA Compliance Program

24-103-5/13 – Vacation Policy for Experienced New Hires

24-104-5/13 – Amend S&B Code - Sick Time Payout

24-105-5/13 – Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program

24-106-5/13 – PY24 CHIP Grant Application Authorization

24-107-5/13 – PY24 CHIP Partnership Agreement

24-108-5/13 – ESID-Adopt Levying Special Assessments – Legacy Hotel

24-109-5/13 – Maintenance Agreement with Medina County

24-110-5/13 – Amend 31.02(B)(1), 31.05, 31.07 – Parks Dept.

24-111-5/13 – Municipal Court Paycode Updates

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor:

- A. Police Chief Ed Kinney was elected Second Vice President of the Ohio Police Chief's Association, 2025 – First Vice President, 2026 OACP President, and then in 2027 Past President of OACP. Congratulations Ed Kinney!
- B. National Day of Prayer was May 2nd, service was held at St. Francis. Thank you to Paul Rose Council at Large for attending. There were prayer stations at Medina Hospital and North Court Laundry.
- C. Love Medina was Saturday and Sunday May 4th and 5th. Five churches were involved: First Baptist, Grace Church Medina East Campus, Grace Church Westfield, The Chapel Medina and Cornerstone Chapel.
- D. May 10th there was a dedication ceremony at Spring Grove Cemetery for National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom for signs placed to recognize Herman and Sarah Canfield, Harrison G. Blake, and Elizabeth for their efforts with the underground railroad in our community. Thanks to and appreciation to the Friends of the Cemetery for their efforts in achieving this recognition. Thank you to council persons Regi Haire, Paul Rose and Dennie Simpson for attending and presenting the Council resolution.
- E. Gospel Fest on the Medina Square May 18th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. No reservations or cost to the public and all are welcome.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated there is an item on the agenda and he will talk about it when they get there.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, acknowledged recognitions for School Resource Officer Nick MacLarren was awarded "Going the Extra Mile Award" he serves at MHS and has for several years.

Dispatcher Patrick Villanuevo will receive the EMS Star Life Award in Columbus for an animal attack call that he took that was occurring in Medina Township.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, was absent.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, Dan updated everyone on two of the larger projects taking place. The Acme sitework and underground utility work is taking place now, they have the building permit and plan approval for the building.

The Meijer project is ahead of schedule. Parking lot has been ground up and asphalt is gone and will be recycled on the site for backfill for trenches and compaction. Working on building the building pad now. Goal is to start to reinstall the parking lot by the end of July, and all landscaping

will be in place first week in October.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported that ODOT one more major phase of the State Route 18 project and that is placing the surface course of asphalt starting the week of Memorial Day and will be done at night.

Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director, reported updates that were approved by the Boards and Commissions last Thursday. Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority was approved for an eleven-unit multifamily development. The second is the hotel and convention center project both received approval and will be moving on to building permit and engineering review.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Darin Stout – Director of Medina County Drug Task Force

Only Drug Enforcement Agency body within Medina County and serve as the drug agency for each of the 14 law enforcement agencies throughout the county and are 100% grant funded.

There were 200 felony investigations that occurred last year. Participated in 495 calls for service. They have been in the process of beefing up their outreach and harm reduction strategies as a collaborative approach with the Drug Task Force to start with their DUMP Program (Dispose Unused Medications Properly) and the National Drug Take Back. They have collected more than 20,000 lbs. of unwanted prescriptions this year alone.

Since 2020, The Drug Task Force along with the collaborative partners in law enforcement, treatment, and service providers have reduced the fatal overdose rate by 48.71%.

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. 91-24, Ord. 92-24, Res. 93-24, Res. 94-24, Res. 95-24, Ord. 96-24, Ord. 97-24. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

Ord. 91-24

An Ordinance amending Section 31.13 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Vacation. Mr. Shields moved to amend Ordinance 91-24 before voting that anybody who leaves within one year of their initial employment would not be paid out vacation which is not currently in this ordinance. Mr. Shields moved for the amended adoption of

Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on the amendment and passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. Keith Dirham stated this ordinance as it currently is set up, employees of the City of Medina do not receive any vacation until their one-year anniversary date, it is not calendar year it is their anniversary hire date. The purpose of this amendment is to be able to give people that are starting their vacation time a little sooner and this will make it so they begin accruing vacation on day one but if they leave within a year they won't be paid for it. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 091-24 as amended passed by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 92-24

An Ordinance authorizing the Job Creation Grant Agreement for Sandridge Food Corporation. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 092-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Marshall stated this is for a renovation to their facility located at 820 Lafayette Rd. to allow for their expanded sales and marketing depts. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 092-24 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Res. 93-24

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. 093-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated he received this notification to participate in the upcoming winter salt program with ODOT on short notice and that is why he needs the emergency clause. This is for the annual road salt. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 093-24 passed by the yeas of R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Res. 94-24

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation (OBWC) for the purpose of purchasing two (2) portable traffic signal units. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 094-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated if they are successful with this grant application it will become available in July and is for \$40,000 towards the purchase of two portable lights. We would be responsible for \$23,000 since the total cost will be \$63,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 094-24 passed by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Res. 95-24

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) for funding to support the Medina Police Department School Resource Officer Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 095-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to

Ordinance/Resolution No. 095-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is to submit the MCDAC Grant and accept if awarded. This is a collaboration between the Medina Police Dept. and the City Schools. There are 3 school resource officers and if this is awarded it will fund a portion of their salaries. The emergency clause is needed because of time restraints. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 095-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, and P. Rose

Ord. 96-24

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 194-14, passed November 24, 2024, relative to the Job Creation Grant Program Guidelines and Application. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 096-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Marshall stated this Job Creation Grant Program offers an incentive to eligible companies to establish or expand their business here in the City of Medina and to create and retain jobs. In 2014 council modified the program to allow for smaller eligible businesses to take advantage of the program. A new company was able to meet the payroll but the job number was a little bit lower than our 10-threshold number. The Economic Development Committee recommended revising the program to reflect the number of jobs which has been reduced from creating 10 new jobs to 5 new jobs but keep payroll the same. Kimberly stated they cleaned up some other items in the job creation grant guidelines. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 096-24 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 97-24

An Ordinance amending Section 943.11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Schedule of Charges and Fees for Spring Grove Cemetery and repealing Ordinance No. 181-21, passed November 8, 2021. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 097-24, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli spoke for Jansen stating we need to amend the cost for the columbarium niche in order to prepare for the construction of a fourth wall. Talked about requesting increase for lot transfer fee, the increase per footer foundation fee, adding administration fee for all columbarium niches sold back to the city and a fee for the replacement niche covers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 097-24 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Council comments

Natalie DiSalvo mentioned with the end of the school year approaching she wanted to remind the community to please be extra careful when driving around. As Memorial Day quickly approaches, she also thanked veterans for their service.

Regi Haire gave a shout out to the Friends of the Cemetery stating that Spring Grove Cemetery is beautiful, and she encouraged the community to attend the Gospel Fest being held on the square on May 18th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

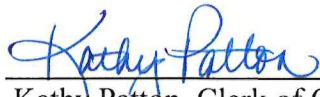
Paul Rose congratulated Chief Kinney.

Executive Session: (land acquisition / imminent litigation)

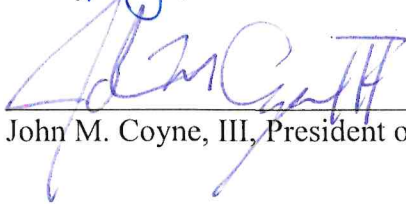
It was moved by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding because premature disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person who's personal, private interest is averse to the general public interest, and for conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the City which are the subject of pending or imminent court action, to include the Mayor and Law Director. The roll was called and motion passed by the yeas of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, J. Hazeltine, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Adjournment

Executive session adjourned at 8:24 p.m. There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, III, President of Council