

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, December 11, 2023

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. John Coyne III, President of Council who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. Regi Hairé was absent.

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

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will not meet again until next year.

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

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

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

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

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Rose had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

- 23-236-12/11 – Approve Flock Safety Contract
- 23-237-12/11 – Increase P.O. Signal Service Company – Street Dept.
- 23-238-12/11 – Exp. Over \$20,000 – Jet-A Fuel – Airport
- 23-239-12/11 – Budget Amendments
- 23-240-12/11 – Exp. Over \$20,000 – Green Home Solutions – 335 S. Prospect
- 23-241-12/11 – Blanket P.O. – Technology Engineering – IT Dept.
- 23-242-12/11 – Amend ODOD Building Demolition Grant Application – ED
- 23-243-12/11 – CHIP Private Rehab – 520 N. State St. – Green Home Solutions
- 23-244-12/11 – CHIP Private Rehab – 850 North Huntington – Green Home Solutions

23-245-12/11 – Agreement w/ Cunningham & Associates – Medina St. Bridge Replacement  
23-246-12/11 – Water Infrastructure Grant Application w/ ODD – Engineering  
23-247-12/11 – Repeal Ord. 168-23 & Replace – MOU w/County – Granger Rd. Water  
23-248-12/11 – Exp. Over \$20,000 – Software Solutions – Annual Support  
23-249-12/11 – Increase P.O. – 30 Circle Drive – PY 2020 CHIP

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,**

- A. HGTV selected 50 cities in the U.S. as best places to visit and celebrate Christmas. Medina was selected for the State of Ohio. Vast coverage by local Media including channel 3 and 5 come to our city to talk with people shopping and visiting. This was great national exposure for our city. Castle Noel was included as a great place to visit while in Medina. The Mayor stressed in the interviews the vast collaboration we have here with Main Street Medina, The Chamber of Commerce, and Local Businesses and many volunteers. The friendliness and welcoming attitudes of merchant and city staff help us to promote a warm and welcoming place. He stated he is thankful for council's support and everyone's help in getting this National recognition, we are blessed for sure!
- B. Mayor Hanwell recognized councilman at large member Bill Lamb for his 12 years of service on Medina City Council. The Mayor stated with this being our last council meeting of the year, he would like to wish the City Council, staff and residents a safe and Merry Christmas and happy holiday season.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** thanked Bill Lamb for his time on City Council.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** wished Bill Lamb a good retirement.

**Greg Huber, Law Department,** spoke on Bill Lamb's time as mayor back in the 80's.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department,** appreciated Bill's support with the Police Department over the years, wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department,** had no report, thanked Bill for his service and support with the Fire Dept.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director,** reported they opened the leisure pool two weeks ago. They moved free weight equipment from the upstairs balcony to the fitness room and had a soft opening. Jansen thanked Dan Gladish for his help and the fire dept. for doing some extra work enabling them to get in there sooner. Jansen appreciates Bill and his support over the years.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official,** stated it's been an honor working with Bill Lamb.

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**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, Nino wished Bill best regards.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, stated Board of Control awarded a contract for the Rocky River Stream Bank Stabilization Project. Expressed gratitude to Bill.

**Andrew Dutton, Planning and Community Development Director**, thanked Bill for his years of service.

**Confirmation of Mayor's appointments.**

- Airport Commission – Greg Huber – expiring 12/31/27
- Airport Commission – Edward Farnham (Pilot/airport user resident) – expiring 12/31/27
- Board of Building Code Appeals – Bill Stuchal (Engineer) – expiring 12/31/27
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Mark Williams – expiring 12/31/27
- Business Development Committee – Bethany Dentler (Industry) – expiring 12/31/27
- Cemetery Commission – Susan Harr – expiring 12/31/27
- Historic Preservation Board – Paul Wood (Resident) – expiring 12/31/27
- Historic Preservation Board – Leslie Traves (Property Owner) – expiring 12/31/27
- JEDD Board – John Coyne (Council rep) – expiring 12/31/27
- Records Commission – Bob Starcher – expiring 12/31/24
- Shade Tree Commission – Pamela Molnar – expiring 12/31/27
- Shade Tree Commission – Emillie Illson – expiring 12/31/27
- Uptown Park Advisory Committee – Mike Larabee – expiring 12/31/26
- Uptown Park Advisory Committee – Roger Smalley (CDC Rep.) – expiring 12/31/26
- CRA Housing Council – Monica Russell – expiring 12/31/26
- CRA Housing Council – Tammy Kirby – expiring 12/31/26

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the appointments were approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Confirmation of Council appointments.**

- Audit Committee – Bert Humpal (Accounting Rep) – Expiring 12/31/27
- Audit Committee – Bruce Gold (Business Rep) – Expiring 12/31/27

Mr. Shields moved to confirm Council's appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and appointments were approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Notices, communications and petitions:**

**Liquor Permit:**

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a D-3 permit to IBC Bars LLC, dba Little Fox Café and Bakery, 540 Blake Avenue, Medina, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Liquor Permit:**

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a New D5 permit to FFC Eatery 316 LLC, 951 N. Court St., Medina, Ohio. The roll was called and passed with the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

**Unfinished business.**

**Ord. 192-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Job Creation Grant Payment to Carlisle Brake & Friction / Friction Products.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Marshall stated they are ready to move forward they were verifying the income tax paid and there was a typo in the amount that RITA gave them and that now has been corrected. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 192-23 passed by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none

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

**Motion to suspend the Rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions: Ord. 192-23, Ord. 201-23, Res. 202-23, Ord. 203-23, Ord. 204-23, Ord. 205-23, Ord. 206-23 and Ord. 207-23.** Mr. Shields motioned to suspend the rules requiring three readings of tonight's ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 200-23 (First Reading)**

**An Ordinance amending the Special Planning District No. 1 "SPD-1" Development Guidelines pertaining to South Court Village.** Mr. Shields motioned to introduce Ord. 200-23 and for it to be read by title only and placed before council for discussion this evening as the first of three readings, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Dutton stated this Special Planning District No. 1 was established in 1999 for 42 acres at the Northwest corner of Wooster Pike and Highpoint Drive and consists of two parts. Andrew spoke to some of the changes.

**Ord. 201-23**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (12) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Law Department Secretary.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 201-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 201-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated his department has been hit hard with the Marcy Law and they are behind in work and is requesting a second fulltime employee to better handle the load. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 201-23 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Res. 202-23**

**A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for the 2024 State Capital Grant for funding to construct a Multi-Use Path known as Phase 1 of the Uptown Loop.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 202-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 202-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is a resolution to apply for \$480,000 of 2024 State Capital Grant Funding to be utilized to construct a section of multi-use path known as Phase 1 of the Uptown Loop. Running from East side of Broadway from the end of the Champion Creek Trail to East Friendship Street. It's likely the city will need to contribute funds or services to the project. Emergency clause is requested as application is due December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 202-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 203-23**

**An Ordinance adopting a New Chapter 162 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio regarding Municipal Income Tax.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 203-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 203-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham thanked the Law Department for looking this over and putting it together. The emergency clause is requested due to it being effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. This is in response to the changes the State of Ohio made. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 203-23 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 204-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Flock Safety Agreement for the license plate scanning system for the Police Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 204-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 204-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated Flock Safety has increased the prices to our existing Flock License Plate Reader Cameras. They offered to lock in the pricing if we sign a 5-year agreement with them. The emergency clause is requested as the quote is good up until December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 204-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 205-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 42-23, passed February 27, 2023 relative to the expenditure to Signal Service Company for the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 205-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 205-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Piccoli stated this request is the result of a motor vehicle crash that happened in 2022 at the intersection of West Smith and Huntington where there was significant damage to a city traffic signal cabinet. Total amount of the invoice came to \$51,024.00 and the responsible party's insurance paid for damages. Emergency clause is needed to pay the vendor. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 205-23 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 206-23**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 221-22, passed December 12, 2022. (Amendments to 2023 Budget.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 206-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are a lot of adjustments tonight due to the end of the year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 206-23 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

**To be Added to the Agenda: Ord. 207-23**

Mr. Shields moved to add Ord. 207-23 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Coyne. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 207-23**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Connected Electrical LLC for the PY20 CHIP Rehabilitation at 30 Circle Drive.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 207-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 207-23, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this is to increase an existing P.O. The increase will be from \$18,400.00 to \$39,500 due to the need to repair damage to basement walls and foundation. Emergency is needed as this is critical to the safety of the home. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 207-23 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Council comments.**

John Coyne presented a plaque to Bill Lamb on behalf of Council for his retirement.

Mr. Simpson stated it was an honor to serve along side Mr. Lamb for the last 12 years. Wished Bill and his wife Elaine the best in their future.

Ms. Hazeltine appreciated Bill being there for her as a mentor and friend, and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Shields stated Mr. Lamb was his 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Thanked him for being his teacher, mayor and 12 years serving on council together.

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Mr. Rose wished Bill Lamb good luck in his retirement and good luck to Elaine.

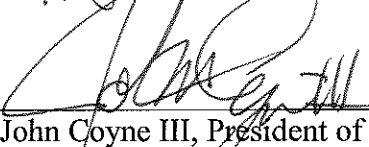
Mr. Lamb stated he appreciated everyone's comments. He stated he has thoroughly enjoyed being on city council. In appreciation to some of the people he has worked with over the years, he hopes he and they have worked together with a sense of purpose and a sense of passion.

Mr. Coyne stated throughout the time that members serve on council they generally want to be remembered by the things that they do, but it's more important to be remembered by the things that they don't do. John feels there were things that Bill Lamb didn't do that might have taken the city in a different direction which wouldn't have been a direction we would want to be in.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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John Coyne III, President of Council

