MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2026, Tuesday
Special Session - Organizational Meeting
Council Rotunda

Opening:
After due notice according to law, Medina City Council met in special, open session Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Invocation:
The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon, Medina United Church of Christ.

Oaths of Office were administered to the following:
James A. Shields, Mayor by the Honorable Judith Cross, Bible held by Dennis Hanwell.
Keith H. Dirham, Director of Finance by the Honorable Gary F. Werner, Bible held by wife Deonna Dirham and children.
Chet Simmons, Ward 1 Councilman by daughter Quinn Behler and grandchildren.
Regina Haire, Ward 3 Councilwoman by husband Norbert Manz, Bible held by Dennie Simpson.
Edwin Isabella, At-Large Councilman by Jessica Schmidt, Bible held by mother Barbara Isabella holding his grandfather's service flags.

Roll Call:
President Coyne called for the roll call and the following members of Council were present: J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Confirmation of Council Committee Appointments by President of Council: (Exh. A)
Ms. Haire moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the appointment was confirmed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Confirmation of other Council Committee Appointments: (Exh. B)
Ms. Haire moved to approve the committee appointments by Council, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the appointments were confirmed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Confirmation of President of Council Pro-Tempore: Regi Haire
Mr. Simpson moved to approve the Council appointment of President of Council Pro-Tem (Regi Haire), seconded by Ms. DiSalvo. The roll was called and the appointment was confirmed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Confirmation of Mayor's Director Appointments:

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director
Dan Gladish, Chief Building Official
Gregory Huber, Director of Law (Exp. 12/31/27)
Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director
Nino Piccoli, Service Director

Jansen Wehrley, Director of Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Forestry

Ms. Haire moved to confirm the Mayor's director appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the appointments were approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments: (Exh. C)

Ms. Haire moved to confirm the Mayors appointments as listed on Exh. C, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the appointments were approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Consideration of Council Rules:

Ms. Haire moved that Chapter 111, the Rules of Council be re-adopted as they stand, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the amendments were approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Kathy Patton

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council

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Exhibit A

2026 MEDINA CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES by President of Council

FINANCE
John Coyne, Chair (27)
Regina Haire (29)
Chet Simmons (29)
Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo (27)
Ed Isabella (29)
Dennie Simpson (27)
Ward 4 (27)

SPECIAL LEGISLATION
Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo, Chair
Regi Haire
Ward 4

HEALTH, SAFETY & SANITATION
Dennie Simpson, Chair
Regi Haire
Ed Isabella

STREETS & SIDEWALKS
Ed Isabella, Chair
Chet Simmons
Ward 4

PUBLIC PROPERTIES
Regi Haire, Chair
Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo
Dennie Simpson

WATER & UTILITIES
Chet Simmons, Chair
Ed Isabella
Dennie Simpson

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
Ward 4, Chair
Chet Simmons
Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo

OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS by President

Community Investment Corp. (CIC) – Regi Haire & Ed Isabella (Exp. 12/31/27)

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Exhibit B

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS by Council

ACCESS Commission – Chet Simmons (Exp. 12/31/27)
Ward 4 Representative (Exp. 12/31/27)
Archive Commission – Chet Simmons (Exp. 12/31/28)
Archive Commission – Beth Biggins-Ramer (Exp. 12/31/28)
Audit Committee – Regi Haire (Exp. 12/31/27)
Planning Commission – Regi Haire (Exp. 12/31/29)
ESID (Energy Special Improvement District Board) – Chet Simmons, W & U Chair
Firemen's Dependents Board – Chet Simmons
Medina County Planning Commission – Chet Simmons (Full Member) – Exp. 12/31/28
Natalie Harjar-DiSalvo (Alternate) – Exp. 12/31/28
Charter Review Commission:
Beth Biggins-Ramer – Ward 1 (Council's Appointment) Exp. 12/31/30
Phebe Simpson – Ward 2 (Council's Appointment) Exp. 12/31/30
Staci Baker – Ward 3 (Council's Appointment) Exp. 12/31/30
Sandra Baker – Ward 4 (Council's Appointment) Exp. 12/31/30
Norbert Manz – At-Large (Council's Appointment) Exp. 12/31/30

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Exhibit C

Mayor's 2026 Appointments

Airport Commission

Greg Huber – Airport Manager

Gary Baker – Pilot for Ed Farnham's term – 12/31/2027

Board of Zoning Appeals

Kyle Funk – Full Member – 12/31/2029

Logan Johnson - Full Member – 12/31/2029

Paul Roszak – Full Member – 12/31/2029

Charter Review Commission

Ashley Powell – 12/31/2030

Erica Graffein – 12/31/2030

Paul Rose – 12/31/2030

Bruce Gold- 12/31/2030

Community Investment Corporation

Jim Shields – 12/31/2029

Economic Development Committee

Jim Shields – 12/31/2029

Julie McNabb – 12/31/2029

Historic Preservation Board

Kevin Hutchinson – Full Member – 12/31/2029

Planning Commission

Jeremy Sack – Full Member - 12/31/2029

Nathan Case – Alternate Member - 12/31/2029

Paul Rose – Alternate for Bob Thompson - 12/31/2028

Records Commission

Jim Shields – 12/31/2029

Bob Starcher – 12/31/2027

Recreation Center Advisory Committee

Keith Sooy – 12/31/2028

Suzanne Swain – 12/31/2028

Shade Tree Commission

Richard Melzer – 12/31/2029

Strategic Plan Advisory Committee

Jim Shields – 12/31/2029

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Opening:
Medina City Council met in special open session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III.

Roll Call:
The roll was called with the following members of Council present N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Notices, communications and petitions:
Ms. Haire moved not to object to the issuance of a NEW C-1 permit to Morkva LLC, East to West, 837 North Court Street, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Introduction of Ordinances and Resolutions:
Ms. Haire moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on tonight's ordinances, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 1-26
An Ordinance ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Medina and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the Patrol Officers and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 1-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 1-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella. D. Simpson abstained.

Ord. 2-26
An Ordinance ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Medina and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the Communication Officers and authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 2-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called, and Ordinance/Resolution No. 2-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and E. Isabella.

There being no further business before council, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Kathy Patton

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John M. Coyne, President of Council