

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 9, 2026

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Coyne, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

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

Reading of Minutes:

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on February 23rd as prepared and submitted by the Clerk of Council be approved, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Ms. Haire had no report.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson was absent.

Special Legislation Committee: Ms. DiSalvo had no report. Natalie stated they had a Special Legislation informational meeting today regarding the deer population and no action was taken. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 5 p.m. The cities of Parma and Mentor will provide representatives to describe what their deer remediation plan is and how it works.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Isabella had no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Simmons had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb stated that he has a meeting scheduled for March 12th at 5 p.m.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

26-055-3/9 – Amend 133.01 Association Memberships – Police

26-056-3/9 – Expenditure, i2c Technologies – Police

26-057-3/9 – MOU for Medina County Transit Services

26-058-3/9 – Purchase (2) 2026 F-150 Pick-Up Trucks – Water

26-059-3/9 – Budget Amendments

26-060-3/9 – FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Grant Requests

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- 26-061-3/9 – Medina Municipal Court Change Order #2 – Amend Ord. 23-26
- 26-062-3/9 – Accept Easements for S. Huntington St. Bridge
- 26-063-3/9 – Increase Expenditure – American Fireworks – Parks/General Admin.
- 26-064-3/9 – Implement Roth 457 Option for Employees, Authorize Agreement
- 26-065-3/9 – General Liability Insurance Renewal

Reports of Municipal Officers:

James Shields, Mayor reported the following:

On Thursday February 26, 2026, Second Baptist Church, 451 Bronson St. Medina, held the annual Black History program featuring the Claggett Middle School choir, and a narration on the Porter's Shoe Shop and related family businesses presented by our own Medina TV's Miles Reed. Mrs. Phyllis Porter and her family members were in attendance and thanked both the City and City Council for all the help and support the family received.

On Thursday March 5, 2026, Ex Mayor Dennis Hanwell was honored with the Medina County Excellence in Leadership Award for his 26 years of service with the MPD and 16 years of service as Mayor for a total of 42 years of service to the City of Medina. Mayor Hanwell's deep commitment to public safety, community collaborations and thoughtful governance was celebrated.

Mayor Shields presented two proclamations:

March is Athletic Trainer Recognition Month

45,000 Athletic Trainers nationwide

3,000 Athletic Trainers in Ohio

2-Excellent Cleveland Clinic Sports Medicine Trainers located at MHS- Luis DeJesus and Marianne Chiara who take care of our student athletes and handle important services such as concussion protocols and rehab services.

Medina County Career Center:

I am very proud this evening to talk about one of Medina County's greatest assets and it is located right here in the City of Medina. Last month I had the incredible experience of attending the 25th "From the Heart Scholarship Dinner" put on by the Chef and Restaurant Program at the Career Center. Joining me this evening is Tony Stanislo otherwise known by his superstar celebrity chef name of Chef Tony.

This annual fundraising dinner over the last 24 years has provided 90 scholarships to students amounting to over \$320,000 in financial support.

The guests, the donors and all the Chef and restaurant students put their everything into making this the perfect event. However, the one constant in this event's success over 25 years is this incredible instructor and wonderful man- Chef Tony! On behalf of the City of Medina, please accept this proclamation in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the "From the Heart" Scholarship Dinner.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated the City of Medina is an America 250 community and we are doing a lot of events for this. Saturday after next they have Glitz and Glamour and the White House luncheon, and there are events throughout the year for that. He also wanted to remind residents that we have a municipal income tax, so when you are doing your taxes do your municipal taxes too.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated on Friday, March 20th is the next ribbon cutting day with two events scheduled; starting at 11 a.m., Legacy Insurance Advisors – Located at 225 East Liberty St. Suite 106, and the next one is at 3 p.m. Mindful Mercantile located within the Common Ground 220 N. State Rd. Unit #43.

Kimberly received a call from the State of Ohio about the ODOD Brownfield Assessment Grant, and they are in their final reviews. They wanted to modify her request for the grant.

Lt. Marcum, Police Department, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Absent.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen explained their registration software at the rec center was down for numerous days about a week and a half ago. Jansen thanked his staff as they worked through those issues with the vendor.

Dan Gladish, Building Official – Dan stated the Building Dept. is off to a very busy start in the first quarter of the year. 12 commercial projects underway, 8 of the larger projects include Target’s interior alteration, Starbucks new building, Medina Metro Housing, Northfield Manner Independent Senior Living Facility, Medina County Career Center – Health and Pre-Nursing program, The Medina County Career Center Construction Trade Academy – new stand-alone building, Five Below interior alteration to a vacant store front in Medwick Plaza. Dunkin Donut interior alteration, and The Legacy Hotel Event Center – new stand-alone building located behind the hotel.

They are just finishing up with the plan approval process, five have been approved and construction has started on three. Total investment into the community is \$22.3 million dollars.

Confirmation of Mayor’s appointment.

Linda Long – Charter Review Committee (Mayor Appt.) – Exp. 12/31/30
Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Notices, communications and petitions

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the issuance of a NEW D-5L permit to Conrique Valadez, LLC, Casa Conrique, 111 West Liberty Street, Medina. Ms. Haire moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called and motion passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire,

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E. Isabella and B. Lamb

Unfinished Business

There is none.

Introduction of visitors

Visitors spoke on House Bills 26, 42, 281 and Ohio Senate Bill 172, pertaining to ICE.

Lucas Wagner – 808 Gates Mills Blvd.
Jacklyn Fister – Lodi
James Thorns – 1131 Hillview Way
Clinton B. - 4783 Stockbridge Drive
Keith Davey - 990 Shorewood Drive
Laura Lane - 34 Esquire Court
Danielle - 3993 Erhart Rd.
Jake Underwood - 602 W130th
Lisa Hester - 221 N. Broadway St.
Kay Alexander - 966 Beachwood Drive
Kathy Jones - Wadsworth
Pat Walker - 523 Friendship St.
Nola Loether - 3425 Forest Lake Drive
Pauline Chapman - 7328 Wooster Pike, Seville
Pam Miller - 450 Woodland Drive
Raymond - 282 Highland Ave., Wadsworth
Scott Quade - 7717 Hartman Rd.
Elaine Stone - 1151 N. Jefferson St.
Bill - 372 Chippewa Lake

President John Coyne clarified to the public that here is nothing on the agenda regarding these bills, but they do appreciate the comments.

Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.

Ms. Haire moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Ord. 36-26, Ord. 37-26, Ord. 38-26, Ord. 39-26, Ord. 40-26, Ord. 41-26, Ord. 42-26, Ord. 43-26, Ord. 44-26, Ord. 45-26, Res. 46-26, Ord. 47-26. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, and C. Simmons.

Ord. 36-26

An Ordinance authorizing the payment of \$40,000 to Main Street Medina for the City's 2026 Membership Renewal. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 036-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mayor Shields stated this is our annual renewal to be part of MainStreet Medina. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 036-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 37-26 (FIRST READING)

An Ordinance amending Section 1133.04 of the Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Conditionally Permitted Uses. Ms. Haire moved for the first reading of Ordinance/Resolution No. 037-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Dutton stated this would add three conditionally permitted uses. Conference Center / Banquet Facility, Restaurant with drive through and retail business less than or equal to 20,000 sq. ft. in size. Zone C-1. Public Hearing scheduled April 13th, 2026.

Ord. 38-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP's) to lease the City owned building located at 406 S. Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 038-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 038-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Dutton stated this is a property that the City of Medina owns and entered into an agreement with Peaceworks in 2014 for a lease to operate as a Spokes Café. The City has received other requests to lease the property from both non-profit and for-profit institutions; this will allow the City to put out a request for proposals. The emergency clause is requested as the timeline is a little bit longer than expected. Mr. Lamb spoke of the history of saving the building at 406 S. Broadway. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 038-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 39-26

An Ordinance authorizing the public sale of City-owned real property by competitive bidding. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Dutton stated this property is at 410 East Smith Road that the City purchased in 2012 and is used for city storage. We have had a couple proposals to develop it residentially, however, there have been some obstacles to development including Champion Creek bisecting the property, adjacent railroad tracks and substation, and difficulty connecting to utilities. Council would like to bid the property out for purchase. Bid document includes items such as easement language for creek maintenance and temporary easement during the East Smith Rd. project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella. Bill Lamb cast a nay vote.

Ord. 40-26

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (A)(1) and 31.02 (A)(2) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Seasonal Employees for the Recreation Department and Service Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Wehrley stated this is to broaden the pay range for seasonal employees in the department. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 41-26

An Ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 73-24, passed April 9, 2024, pertaining to the Memorial Park Swimming Pool Rates. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Jansen Wehrley stated this is a request to raise the day pass individual rates for Memorial Pool. Proposed a \$50 increase to individual passes and family season passes, and reflecting change in our day pass punch card, increasing that by \$10. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, and C. Simmons.

Ord. 42-26

An Ordinance amending and Replacing Section 31.02(E) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio, relative to the Medina Community Recreation Center Part-Time Pay Scale, adding a Group 9 and abolishing the position of Activity Leader. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Jansen Wehrley stated this is to be able to pay a high-level program instructor at an increase pay rate of \$31.01 to \$39.59 and is necessary to attract new talent and be able to compete with other studios. We recoup these wages through program registration. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 43-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept eleven easements necessary for the South Huntington Street Bridge Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Nino stated that the city needs to accept the eleven easements so the project can move forward. The emergency is requested due to property owners signing their easements more than 30 days ago. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 44-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the Medina County Park District pertaining to the "BMW Trail". Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Wehrley stated this is for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Medina County Park District to provide partial funding for a trail consultant to determine a feasibility study for a recreational trail project that would link Brunswick, Medina and Wadsworth (BMW Trail). The project budget is \$180,000 and will be split equally between all three cities and the Medina County Park District. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Ord. 45-26

An Ordinance ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Medina and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association for the Communications Officers,

authorizing the Mayor to execute said agreement, and repealing Ordinance No. 2-26, passed January 6, 2026. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mayor Shields stated on January 6th they passed an ordinance where the OPBA represents their dispatchers, their communication officers and was a 3-year agreement on wages for 4% year one, 4% year two, and then 3% year three with 1% pension contribution. After this was passed, they realized the pension pick up was already at the maximum and needed to amend the ordinance that was passed on January 6th to reflect 4% for each of the three years. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 045-26 passed by the yeas votes of C. Simmons, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Res. 46-26

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending Applications to Senator Husted and Congressman Max Miller's offices. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Ms. Marshall stated this is for the following projects: South Elmwood Parking Lot renovation, the Medina recreation center turf field house expansion, and the State Road reconstruction phase 1 project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 046-26 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, and C. Simmons.

Ord. 47-26

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 218-25, passed December 8, 2025. (Amendments to 2026 Budget) Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Dirham stated this is a budget amendment, one is a pass through of a donation, the rest involves a pay increase for the IT person at the court that is paid out of two different funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 047-26 passed by the yeas votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

Ms. Haire on behalf of herself and Dennie that is not present tonight - Be kind and considering all that is happening in our country, please treat each other the way you would like to be treated.

Mr. Simmons – America 250 – Month of March at the Medina County District Library a traveling exhibit dealing with the First Ladies from the Museum of North Canton. Shout out to Pastors Tracy and Arthur Ruffin – wonderful Black History Event.

Ms. DiSalvo thanked the public for coming in this evening and expressing their opinions.

Mr. Isabella echoed Ms. Haire and Ms. DiSalvo messages.

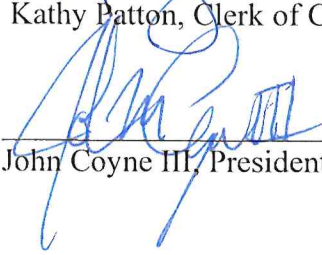
Mr. Lamb recognized all who came out tonight, it was great to see the engagement. Spoke on the open forum of council and how it operates.

Mr. Coyne wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council