

Public Hearing:

To consider amendments to Section 1133.04 of the Codified Ordinances to allow the following Conditionally Permitted Uses in the C-1 zoning district: (1) Conference Center, Banquet Facility or Meeting Hall less than or equal to 5,000 square feet in size. (2) Restaurant with Drive-In or Drive-Through, and (3) Retail Business less than or equal to 20,000 square feet in size. These amendments would make the three Conditionally Permitted Uses available to all properties zoned C-1.

Andrew Dutton stated the original proposal was a request to rezone properties on West Liberty Street from C-1 Local Commercial to C-3 General Commercial, council directed staff to instead create this zoning amendment which caused the three noted conditionally permitted uses in the C-1 Zoning district so it would be applicable to the subject properties on West Liberty as well as all the C-1 zone properties as a conditionally use these require review by the planning commission and a public hearing before they are established. The Planning Commission reviewed these amendments at their February 12th meeting and recommended approval.

No one spoke in favor of the proposed amendment, and no one spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment. Public hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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: D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

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

Reading of Minutes:

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

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 is looking at holding a meeting the second week in May before the Finance meeting with Police Chief, Fire Chief and Service Director for an update.

Special Legislation Committee: Ms. DiSalvo is potentially scheduling a meeting for April 27th regarding the deer population.

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Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Isabella stated they had a meeting on April 7th and will have another follow up on April 20th at 5 p.m.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

26-073-4/13 – Budget Amendments

26-074-4/13 – Intra-county Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS

26-075-4/13 – Increase P.O. #2026-258 – Huntington National Bank – IT Dept.

26-076-4/13 – Amend Ord. 22-26 – Closing Costs for 338 Foundry St.

26-077-4/13 – Amend S&B Code 31.07 – Updated Municipal Court Job Descriptions

26-078-4/13 – Purchase 2026 John Deere 624-PTier Wheel Loader – Street Dept.

26-079-4/13 – Cooperative Purchase – ODOT Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt)

26-080-4/13 – Amend Civil Service Rule V (B)(2) & (3) – re: Lateral Transfers

26-081-4/13 – Accept Donation – Medina Youth Baseball Association

26-082-4/13 – Accept Donation – Medina Girls Softball Association

26-083-4/13 – Bids, Job #1150 – S. Huntington St. Bridge Replacement

26-084-4/13 – Bids, Job #1062 – Propsect St. Bridge Replacement

26-085-4/13 – FMVE's for North Huntington Street

26-086-4/13 – Engineering Agreement w/ Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway – State Rd.

26-087-4/13 – Discussion City Hall and Police Dept. Needs Assessment & Facility Study

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Mayor: Jim Shields

America 250 Upcoming Events

Saturday 4/18/26

Veteran's Plaque dedication at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 210 Northland Drive next the Medina County Veterans Services Building. We will be honoring all veterans from 1776-2026 who have provided our country with 250 years of freedom.

Saturday 4/25/26

Touch a Truck at MCRC from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Huntington Bank will also be sponsoring free Old Phoenix stagecoach rides from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Medina County Veteran's Lunch

Local veterans in assisted living facilities were invited to a special Spring luncheon at the Medina County Veterans' Memorial Hall on Thursday April 9, 2026.

The luncheon event happens twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. This gathering allows Veterans from the facilities to enjoy the company of other Veterans who have had similar experiences serving our country.

At Thursday's luncheon, over 50 veterans came from six Medina area assisted living facilities. The volunteers who served the lunch were veterans from the four organizations that meet at the memorial hall: the American Legion Post 202, American Veterans 1990, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 72 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 385.

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Feeding Medina County

There will be a no cost food distribution for City of Medina residents at the Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center on Tuesday April 21, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. sponsored by the City of Medina in conjunction with Feeding Medina County. Volunteers from City Council, the City administration and Feeding Medina County volunteers will be present to help pack and load vehicles. Those in need or those experiencing food insecurity who are Medina residents are encouraged to attend the food drive on April 21, 2026.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated that the City of Medina has an income tax, you can get forms and pay online at www.rita.ohio.com

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated they got the official approval grant extension for the Yost Sunoco site. They are still waiting to hear on the Department of Development grant for the South Elmwood parking lot.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino stated the yard waste program started last Monday and runs through November. Electric aggregation letter is out and our broker was able to secure a price for two years and will run through this June 2026 through June of 2028 and the price is 9.65 cents per kilowatt hour. We were at 7.37 cents.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick stated we are scheduled this week to place the concrete pavement on Blake Ave. weather dependent.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, Andrew stated the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) funds will still be available to all residents of Medina County. These funds assist low- and moderate-income homeowners with home rehabilitation and home repair assistance. Free application and more information is available at www.medinaco.org/planning/CHIP .

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen stated as the weather is changing, activities are starting to pick up in our parks. Recently we turned the water on so all the restroom facilities are opened up and our sports associations are starting to ramp up as well. Keep in mind the increased traffic in a variety of different parks.

The Forestry Dept. recently completed their tree planting project for the spring and installed 100 trees throughout the town with a specific focus on some older trees. Thursday, April 23rd is Arbor Day. We plan to do tree planting on April 21st with the Kiwanis who are graciously donating 600 Norway Spruce trees to be distributed to 3rd graders.

Dan Gladish, Building Official – was not in attendance.

Jarrold Fry, Communications Director, had no report.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business

Ord. 37-26 (THIRD 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. Mr. Dutton explained this ordinance will amend our local commercial C-1 section of our zoning code to allow three new uses as conditionally permitted uses, a conference center, less than or equal to 5,000 sq. ft., restaurant with drive in or drive through and retail business less or equal to 20,000 sq. ft. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption and final reading of Ordinance/Resolution No. 037-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 037-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Introduction of visitors

There were no visitors

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. Simpson.: Ord. 57-26, Ord. 58-26, Ord. 59-26, Ord. 60-26, Ord. 61-26. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 57-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Job #1151, US 42 Resurfacing, and Repealing Ordinance No. 169-25, passed October 14, 2025. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated they received notice late last week they need to increase the budget estimate by \$42,000. This project is being paid for by a \$902,000 State of Ohio Grant. Ms. Haire moved to amend the Ordinance to include the increase of \$42,000, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and amendment passed by the yea votes J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 58-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Job #1062, the Prospect Street Bridge Replacement Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this will replace the Prospect Street Bridge located just north of West Smith Road. The total project is \$1.1 million dollars, and we have a \$754,000 ODOT Municipal Bridge grant that will pay for the cost. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and

E. Isabella

Ord. 59-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the State Road Project, Job #1099. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this project is very expensive and approaching \$5 million dollars. We have secured several grants and would like to manage and bid this project on their own and to do that we need to enter into this agreement with ODOT. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 60-26

An Ordinance amending Sections 31.02 (B)(1) and 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Parks Department Laborer Positions. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 060-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this ordinance converts two vacant part-time labor positions in the department to one full-time laborer. Peak season, April through October, the parks dept. has special events and often needs to run 7 days a week, and they struggle to provide adequate support for these activities on the weekends. This is part of the 2026 budget approval process, also included in Teamster's contract. Civil Service was also made aware of the conversion. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 060-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons

Ord. 61-26

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. 061-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there is unemployment, a number of passthroughs of grants, and some transfers related to court projects. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson stated a lot of people are being affected with the cost of this war. Healthcare costs have gone up and eliminated for a lot of people, let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Keep the military that is defending our country in your thoughts and prayers. Be Kind!

Ms. Haire echoed Mr. Simpson and said, be kind and treat people with respect.

Mr. Simmons echoed what Mayor Shields shared on America 250 and the Feeding Medina Co. Food Drive. Chet mentioned he attended the meeting of the Archive Commission this week.

Ms. DiSalvo - Please keep our service members at the top of your list. Prom Season is gearing up, be on the lookout for our young people as they go on their excursions over the next couple of weeks. Happy Birthday to her mother who turned 88 years old on the 9th of April!


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Mr. Isabella agrees with the sentiments of his fellow council members.

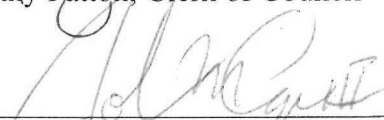
Mr. Lamb spent a day in Dublin for the ODNR discussion on Deer Management. This further convinced him that we have the ability here in our community to create our own deer management plan that will be safe and effective and have good results.

Mr. Coyne followed up on the Feeding of Medina County at the Fairgrounds on April 21st

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council