

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 27, 2026

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 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: N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

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 April 13th as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yeas of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

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 stated the next meeting will be held prior to the finance meeting on June 8th at 5:30 p.m. We will get updates from the Police, Sanitation, and Fire departments.

Special Legislation Committee: Ms. DiSalvo asked Bill Lamb to speak on the deer review. Bill stated they have determined this year to make sure that we (council) better understand the issue and the way to effectively improve the overall ecology in the parks. Discussing with other communities to try and come up with a formal plan. Ms. DiSalvo stated they are not trying to put this on the back burner but are doing this with a lot of background research and as soon as we get all our information together, we will have another Special Legislation meeting set up.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Isabella stated they had a meeting on April 20th discussing mostly our sidewalk repair program. We've got some help from our engineering and service departments. We tried grinding some sections of sidewalk to see if that helped in certain areas and looking into different avenues on how to identify the sidewalks that need repaired. Still working through a process on a grant or reimbursement program to pay for sidewalk repairs.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 26-088-4/27 – Authorize/Accept Body Armor Grant Application – Police
- 26-089-4/27 – Authorize/Accept 2026 MCDAC Grant Application – Police
- 26-090-4/27 – Accept FMVE Estimates & Easements – N. Huntington Street
- 26-091-4/27 – Bids, 2026 Concrete Street Repair (Job #1199)
- 26-092-4/27 – Authorize Law Director to File an Appropriation – S. Huntington Bridge
- 26-093-4/27 – MCRC Lobby Tile & Entrance Renovation – Medina City Schools

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Proclamation by Mayor Shields for Small Business Week and Economic Development Week

Mayor Shields reported the following:

America 250:

This past Saturday the America 250 Committee and MCRC hosted a Touch a Truck Event. It was an overwhelming success and despite a so-so weather day there was excellent attendance. The Mayor thanked the MCRC, Barb Dzur, Police, Fire, LST, Streets, Sanitation, Forestry and the Park Departments for making this day such a huge success. Special thanks to Huntington Bank for providing and sponsoring the Old Phoenix Stagecoach appearance and rides. It was incredibly popular and had the longest line the entire day.

Small Business Week and Economic Development Week May 3-9, 2026

- City is proud to be home to a vibrant community of small businesses
- Our small businesses help build a strong local economy
- Working hand in hand with our small business is our Economic Development Department.
- We are providing a proclamation celebrating the efforts of our Economic Development Dept. as well as celebrating the contributions of small businesses to Medina.
- I want to take time tonight to celebrate one of our small business The Coffee Colony. 40 years in business in a house built in 1846.

Police Department Honors

On April 15th Chief Kinney and Lt. Wagner attended the Pathways to Excellence award presentation in Columbus. This is the event where agencies receiving Department accreditation are formally recognized and presented with their certificates. Accreditation is awarded through the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) under the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

This year, 14 agencies received accreditation. In addition, one agency is selected annually for the Outstanding Agency Award, and I'm proud to share that the Medina Police Department was chosen as the 2026 Outstanding Agency.

This recognition reflects the work of every part of the Medina PD, from records, dispatch, and property to sworn personnel alike. It is the result of multiple on-site assessments, detailed audits, and direct conversations between the accreditation team and our staff. This was not a surface-level review; it was a comprehensive evaluation of how the MPD operates day in and day out.

Accreditation matters. Medina is one of only 24 state-accredited agencies in Ohio, which puts us in a very select group. It also strengthens our eligibility for future grant funding through OCJS, which administers most law enforcement grants in the state.

More importantly, it sends a clear message to our community: we are confident in how we operate, and we are willing to open our doors to an independent, objective review of everything we do. It

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confirms that we not only have strong policies in place but also consistently follow and apply those best practices. That kind of transparency builds trust within our community, and trust is everything when it comes to policing.

Congratulations to all employees of the Medina Police Department on this recognition. We have a very special department and a department all of us and our residents can be very proud of. Well done Chief and MPD!

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report but congratulated Chief Kinney. Greg stated in his office they watch hours and hours of body camera footage involving the interactions between the police officers and individuals on arrests and what a strong group of individuals this police department has onboard, they are intelligent and work hard to deescalate tense situations time and time again. The people we have are chosen carefully and that's attributed to Chief Kinney and the people who work with him in the selection process for our police officers.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated in addition to our Small Business Week next week, we have the Economic Development Committee. We also have Akron Crew organization coming. Working on the itinerary and it will take place in the afternoon. May 15th – next round of ribbon cuttings with two new businesses. Rios Guitar Company and Music store located at 645 Lafayette Road at 2 p.m. CC Hair Salon located at 754 North Court Street at 3 p.m.

Work will be starting back up at the Yost Sunoco former gas station site.
Congratulations Chief Kinney on the award – it's well deserved.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino expressed his congratulations to the Police Department. The Service Department is working on some of the streets that need to be paved and asphalted and cleaned up from winter.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick also congratulated the Police Dept. Pat gave an update on Blake Ave, stating the street has been poured, and starting tomorrow driveways will be replaced to all the properties.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report. Congratulated Chief Kinney and his department on their award and accreditation.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, Andrew echoed congratulations to the PD and he had no other report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, was not in attendance.

Dan Gladish, Building Official – was not in attendance.

Jarrod Fry, Communications Director, had no report but congratulated the chief and police department.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Liquor Permit:

Ms. Haire moved not to object to the issuance of a New C-1 permit to Morkva LLC West to West, 503 S. Court Street Unit B, Medina, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Unfinished Business

There was none

Introduction of visitors

Stan Scheetz resides at 342 E. Liberty St. with concerns. Stan is very happy that council is moving forward with the OHM Study, it is long overdue. Why are we not trying to implement some things yet this summer rather than waiting 16 to 20 more weeks before we even have suggestions of what should be done around Public Square. We can spend some money on repainting all crosswalks and enhance with hashmarks across them for visibility. His wife was hit in a crosswalk three years ago and was in a coma for a month with almost \$400,000 in medical bills and therapy for over two years. There are some things that could be done during this summer including painting and potentially eliminating two parking spaces at each of the crosswalks. The Mayor mentioned reconstituting a commission we used to have that was active but over ten years ago.

Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.

Ms. Haire moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the tonight's ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson.: Ord. 62-26, Ord. 63-26, Ord. 64-26, Ord. 65-26, Res. 66-26, Res. 67-26, Res. 68-26, Ord. 69-26, Ord. 70-26, Ord. 71-26, Ord. 72-26. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Ord. 62-26

An Ordinance authorizing the hiring of OHM Advisors for assistance in the preparation of a Medina Public Square Improvements Study. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated this came about as Mr. Scheetz was eluding to, of the issues that plague the square in a certain regard since the addition of many more events happening on the square with more pedestrians from N.E. Ohio visiting. The repainting of the crosswalks will occur, and we are going out to bid currently to repave SR 42 around the square this summer. John wholly supports having OHM advisors. Bill Lamb stated we are committed to improving safety on the square before anything else. Mayor Shields would like to talk about getting the committee in place for the OHM. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb

Ord. 63-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intracounty Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire and EMS. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 063-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Walters explained this is a revised mutual aid agreement put together by the county chiefs, reviewed by the county prosecutor and Mr. Huber's office. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 063-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Ord. 64-26

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 22-26, passed January 26, 2026 relative to the Purchase Agreement for the property located at 338 Foundry Street, Medina, Ohio. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the ordinance that authorized this purchase authorized the purchase of property for \$65,000 and the payment of the closing costs by the city but the amount of money authorized was only \$65,000 so we need additional money to pay the closing costs. Emergency clause is needed as we already paid. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 064-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 65-26

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 624-P Tier Wheel Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the Street Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 065-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated their current wheel loader is almost 30 years old and has served the city well. If approved, it will be purchased through the Sourcewell contract, which is national. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 065-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Res. 66-26

A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt). Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 066-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino explained this was their annual bid for winter season 26/27 for 3,000 tons of salt. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 066-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Res. 67-26

A Resolution accepting the donation of \$30,000.00 from the Medina Youth Baseball Association to use for renovation to three baseball fields. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 067-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Shields stated the donation will go towards redoing two fields at Mellert Park and one at Reagan Park. The roll was called and

Ordinance/Resolution No. 067-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Res. 68-26

A Resolution accepting the donation of \$29,000.00 from the Medina Girls Softball Association to use for renovations to two softball fields at Fred Greenwood Park. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 068-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor explained this is the same process but with the girls' softball association. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 068-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 69-26

An Ordinance amending Sections V, (B)(2) & (B)(3) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations of the City of Medina relative to Later Transfer applicants for the Police Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 069-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this request would allow them to change the Civil Service rules so they can consider out of state police officers for their lateral transfer program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 069-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Ord. 70-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the South Huntington Street Bridge Replacement Project, Job #1150. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 070-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this would replace the bridge on South Huntington St. total cost of the project is a little over \$1.6 million dollars and we received a \$1.573 million dollar grant from ODOT Municipal Bridge Program for this project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 070-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 71-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the FMVE (Fair Market Value Estimate) appraisal(s) and accept the Easement(s) for the North Huntington Street Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 071-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 071-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is another easement needed to do the N. Huntington St. reconstruction project. Asking for the emergency clause as we need this signed and recorded as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 071-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 72-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preliminary Engineering Agreement between the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company and the City of Medina, Ohio

pertaining to the State Road Reconstruction Project. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 072-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this agreement will allow Wheeling to review and approve our plans so we can get permission to complete the project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 072-26 passed by the yeas and nays of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Council Comments:

Dennie stated we have all been affected nationally because of what is happening around the world. Please keep our armed forces in your thoughts. Feeding Medina County fed a lot of people in our own community that are suffering, help out where you can. Be kind to one another.

Ms. Haire wants to encourage people in our community to support the small businesses because they are vital to our economy here in the city. Congratulations to Chief Kinney and his department on your award and your professionalism and keeping our community safe. As a council member she really appreciates and looks forward to seeing new faces in our audience and thanked Evan for coming tonight.

Mr. Simmons echoed congratulations to the Chief and department. He also thanked Mr. Piccoli and the Street Dept. as they took the sidewalk grinder out, the paint removal grinder out and we had a participating experience working on concrete sidewalk leveling and he now understands the process much better. Thanks to all the city employees that came to Feeding Medina County, 101 families with 271 people served! 32 new families that participated.

Ms. DiSalvo – Congratulations Chief Kinney! Be aware that Prom is approaching and be aware we will have a lot of young people out there. May 16th Farmer’s Market opens. Please come see City Council, serve food and coffee at Cups Café May 4th.

Mr. Isabella – Congratulations Chief Kinney and Police Dept.

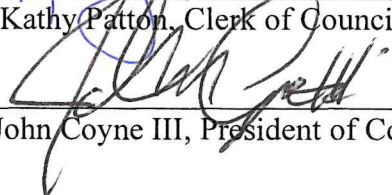
Mr. Lamb echoed congratulations to Chief Kinney and Department. He appreciates the mayor focusing on small businesses.

Mr. Coyne – Congratulations Chief on a job well done. Congrats to Drew Aller!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council

