

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, May 11, 2026

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John Coyne, who requested Sarah Crawford to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance as it is her last Council meeting.

Roll Call:

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

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

Reading of Minutes:

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on April 27th, 2026 and Special Meeting on May 4th, 2026, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yeas of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

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 on the Tuesday after Memorial Day.

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 had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Isabella stated they have received some information from the Law Director with some example ordinances from other cities on their sidewalk program and the Engineer is working on some proposals for surveying our sidewalks.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance

26-094-5/11 – Advance Request – Prospect St. & S. Huntington St. Bridges

26-095-5/11 – Budget Amendments

26-096-5/11 – Capital Improvement P.O. for Medina City Schools

26-097-5/11 – Purchase Vault Restroom/Accept Donation – Medina Soccer Assoc.

26-098-5/11 – Grant Application – Airport Obstruction Removal Study

26-099-5/11 – Renew agreement for GIS System – Engineering

26-100-5/11 – Bids, Job #1180: Uptown Loop Multi-Purpose Path

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Mayor Shields reported the following:

Cups Café - On Monday May 4, 2026, City Council and City Administration had the privilege of volunteering to serve community residents dinner at Cups Café. Thank you council for spending the evening at Cups helping community members in need. Great experience and was nice talking with the residents who attended. Cups Café is a 501 c3 non-profit where hope is served daily with no cost and no conditions located at 126 N. Court Street.

Crew - Commercial Real Estate Women of Akron did a bus trip to Medina on Wednesday May 6, 2026. They toured Castle Noel, Farmers Exchange Building, Black Cat Books, Legacy Hotel and H2 Wine Bar. I was fortunate to be with them to start their tour and to accompany them on a hard hat tour of the Legacy Hotel. The group was extremely impressed by the City and made several comments on how friendly everyone was to the group. Thank you Kimberly Marshall and the Medina County Convention Bureau for putting this together.

Economic Development/SBA - On Tuesday May 5, 2026, in celebration of Economic Development and Small Business week, the City of Medina hosted the US Small Business Administration here at city hall for our monthly city Economic Development Committee meeting. We were proud to highlight two small businesses - Partake Kitchen and the Coffee Colony.

National Treatment Court Awareness Month - On May 6, 2026 in honor of National Treatment Court Awareness Month the city helped sponsor an event at Memorial Park. Organized to share the Medina County Common Pleas court programs and participants success stories to the public and encourage community outreach. The Specialized Docket programs are certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio and consist of Judge Joyce V. Kimbler's Mental Health Intervention Program (Mental Health) & Medina Intervention Program (Drug Court) along with Judge William F. Hutson's Medina County Recovery Court (MCRC).

National Day of Prayer - Several events in honor of National Day of Prayer were held on Thursday May 7th. There was a prayer breakfast hosted by Medina United Methodist Church, followed by an ecumenical prayer service at St. Francis and then a community prayer service held at the Gazebo. Special thanks to Pastor Michael Wilson, Pastor Arthur Ruffin and Deacon Paul Kipstuhl and Jennifer Webb from St. Francis for organizing these services and for making me feel so welcome.

Mayor Shields spoke on Sarah Crawford and her career at the Gazette, stating it has been an honor to work with her, he always felt she was fair, thorough, honest and kind-good person.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, had no report.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report, wished Sarah best regards.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly expressed congratulations to Sarah on her new position expressing her gratitude for all her coverage on the many ribbon cuttings.

Friday, May 15th ribbon cutting joint collaboration with MainStreet Medina and Medina Chamber of Commerce. First one is at 2 p.m.- Rios Guitar Company and Music Store located at 645 Lafayette Rd. and at 3 p.m.- Cici's Hair Salon located at 754 N. Court St.

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Lt. Wagner, Police Department, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino expressed well wishes to Sarah Crawford.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick echoed his wishes to Sarah stating she will be missed.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, Andrew appreciated the work Sarah Crawford did and wished her well.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen stated Memorial Day is quickly approaching and they are working hard to make sure that everything is ready in the Park Dept. including splash pads and swimming pools. Check out www.medinarec.org for updates on Memorial Pool hours and season membership rates. Congratulations to Sarah on her new opportunity.

Dan Gladish, Building Official – was not in attendance.

Jarrold Fry, Communications Director, reminder that next week are commencement ceremonies and you can watch it on Medina TV. The Medina County Career Center awards Ceremony on Wednesday evening livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Friday is Medina High School Graduation. Best Wishes to Sarah.

Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments

Richard Reeder – Recreation Center Advisory Committee – Exp. 12/31/28
Ms. Haire moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Motion to remove RCA 25-205-10/14 from the Pending Matters (Simmons)

Ms. Haire moved to remove RCA 25-205 from the Pending Matters, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Simmons stated this item came before council in late 2025 as Mr. Rose headed up that committee at the time. They had one committee meeting and several department heads were asked questions about their roles and responsibilities and after Mr. Rose departed, it fell on his shoulders. He feels the setting of salaries, review of department heads and trickling down to review of supervisors really is not the role of City Council to be played out and should be done by the Administration. Chet is asking that it be removed from Council and given to or back to Administration through the normal process. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business

There was none

Introduction of visitors

There were none.

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.: Res. 74-26, Res. 75-26, Ord. 76-26, Ord. 77-26, Ord. 78-26, Ord. 79-26, Ord. 80-26. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Res. 74-26

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and to accept the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Award for the purchase of bulletproof vests for the Medina Police Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lt. Wagner stated these grant funds would be used to offset the cost of purchasing 7 replacement ballistic vests for the department personnel. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-26 passed by the yeas of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 75-26

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission (MCDAC) for funding to support the Medina Police Department School Resource Officer Program. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lt. Wagner stated this would support salaries and benefits through the school resource officers. The grant would support continued collaboration efforts and continue to enhance safety within our schools. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-26 passed by the yeas of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 76-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept the FMVE's (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. 076-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick Patton stated in order to complete the project Phase 3 we do need to acquire a number of easements. Asking for the emergency clause as we would like to get this project moving forward. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-26 passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Ord. 77-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a

contract to the successful bidder for the 2026 Concrete Street Repair Program. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Patrick stated this is their annual program for concrete street repair where they replace entire panels in need of replacement. Asking for \$700,000 this year, which is an increase of \$50,000 from the last couple of years as the cost of concrete has gone up significantly. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 78-26

An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure to Medina City Schools for renovations of the Medina Community Recreation Center's lobby tile and entrance. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley is requesting a purchase order from Medina City Schools in the amount of \$225,000 for renovations to the rec center's main lobby concourse and redesign of the front desk area. Like most recent building renovations, the recreation center is requesting to pay for 100% of the project utilizing the city school district as a passthrough the project was discussed with the school board and approved. Looking to completing this the first week of August. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Ord. 79-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated these are advances to cover the grant share of the projects. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 80-26

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. 080-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained there are a number of adjustments, the big ones are for the advances that we just passed. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson – Be kind to one another.

Ms. Haire – Spoke of the Cups event and how she learned a lot about the program there and was really impressed with what they do. Regi thanked the mayor for asking council to come volunteer as she really enjoyed participating that night and sign her up again.

Regi volunteered for the Beer Fest with MainStreet Medina on Saturday, and it was well attended and well-run fund raiser.

Treat people the way you want to be treated.

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Mr. Simmons – Shout out to Jenny Goe – LST open house.
America 250 – first Farmer’s Market this Saturday, May 16th.
Friends of the Cemetery – May 30th – Historical Walk
Thank you to Sarah Crawford for the excellent coverage.

Ms. DiSalvo spoke of Prom Season – Congratulation to MHS 2026 Seniors

Mr. Isabella – Thanks to Sarah Crawford for her work at the Gazette. Congrats to MHS Seniors.

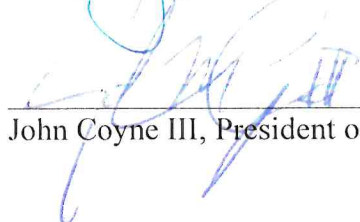
Mr. Lamb – So many good things going on in the City of Medina – lucky to live in this community.
Working hard on improving safety on the square – Getting together a truly comprehensive program
for the deer. Need to review comprehensive plan / guide that we follow for what we intend to do
with the community moving forward. – Sidewalk program being discussed. So many local
newspapers have gone – thanks Sarah for your work at the Gazette.

Mr. Coyne – had opportunity to walk through the Court facility in the 1969 building to see the
progress being made for our Municipal court – Still a beacan of the square. Move to begin in June.
We’ve been talking about a new courthouse since way back in 1990’s.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council