

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

**Call to Order:**

Medina City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Regi Haire Pro-Tem, who lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

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

**Reading of Minutes:**

Mr. Simpson moved that the minutes from the meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>,2026 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, and D. Simpson.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Coyne was absent. The next Finance Committee meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will get updates from the Police, Sanitation, and Fire departments.

**Special Legislation Committee:** Ms. DiSalvo stated they are still working on plans for the deer issue. Bill Lamb stated their objective is a long-term management plan that would bring the herd down to a sustainable maintenance level.

**Streets & Sidewalks Committee:** Mr. Isabella was absent.

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

**Emerging Technologies Committee:** Mr. Lamb had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

Finance

26-101-5/26 – Budget Amendments

26-102-5/26 – Advance Request

26-103-5/26 – Expenditure – Crossroads Asphalt – Police Dept.

26-104-5/26 – Increase Exp. – Dileno Law LLC – Law Dept.

26-105-5/26 – Purchase 2024 MV607 International CDU Truck – Sanitation

26-106-5/26 – Accept Bid for City-Owned Property at 410 E. Smith Rd.

26-107-5/26 – Amend Code, Contractor Registration, Building & Planning Fees

26-108-5/26 – Increase Exp. – Atlantic Emergency Solutions – Fire Dept.

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26-109-5/26 – OPERS Resolution for Teamster Pension Pick-Up  
26-110-5/26 – Memo of Understanding – City of Medina Railway - Engineering  
26-111-5/26 – Engineering Design Services – Medina Railway Improvements  
26-112-5/26 – Increase Exp. Wintrow Construction – Engineering  
26-113-5/26 – SWOMA Agreements – 1080 Branch Rd. – Engineering  
26-114-5/26 – Axon Taser 10 Deployment & Subscription Plan – Police  
26-115-5/26 – Purchase 2026 Ford Explorer – Police Dept.  
26-116-5/26 – Amend Ord. 57-26, Bids for US 42 Resurfacing

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

Mayor Shields presented a proclamation to Bennett Garcia, Claggett Student Leader Team, Recycle and Ride Initiative.

**Mayor Shields** reported the following:

**Bike Rodeo** - The Medina City Schools, City of Medina, Medina Kiwanis and Eddy's Cycle Shop put together a Bike Rodeo for Medina kids at Ray Mellert Park to celebrate National Bike to School Day. Despite chilly weather, there was a great turnout of families who enjoyed bicycle activities and other fun. There were free bike helmets distributed, free food and ice cream and prize drawings featuring six new bikes. The other very special event was the give-away of free refurbished bikes by a Claggett eight grader- Bennett Garcia. I would like to ask Bennett to join me for a special recognition this evening.

**OACP** - On Sunday May 3, 2026, Chief Edward Kinney was sworn in as the president of the Ohio Association of Chief's of Police for the second time! The other Chief was Homer Davis in 1982. It is rare for a chief of a smaller city to hold this esteemed position. Congratulations Chief Kinney.

**Northrop Elementary School** - On May 13, 2026, The City paired up with the 5th graders at Northrop Elementary School at Shotwell Gardens - 5th graders presented their problem-based learning projects to city administration. The students spent time investigating environmental issues around our community. Topics include deforestation, salt on roads, recycling and plantings. Students who presented were Nick Glass, Samuel Ockunzzi, Maxwell Reinartz and Meadow Blomquist. Special thanks to Nino, Jansen and John for being part of the presentations.

**Graduation** - Seniors at Buckeye High School graduated on 5/15 and seniors from MHS graduated on 5/21/26. Congratulations to all graduates in the Class of 2026.

**Memorial Day Weekend** - This past holiday weekend was one of those weekends where I feel so blessed to live in Medina. Despite some challenging weather, there were many wonderful events happening in our city.

**Medina Half Marathon and 5K races on Saturday 5/23/26** - which bills itself as celebrating success, community and the spirit of running. Congratulations to Kyle Yates from our water department and to all the runners for braving the elements early on Saturday morning.

**Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade** - Special thanks to the various veteran organizations and to Dave Taylor and Scotty Kopfstein for organizing a very special wreath ceremony at the municipal courthouse, the parade and the ceremony at Spring Grove cemetery. The speaker at the ceremony was Medina native Troy Giles retired US Army Master Sergeant who gave a very moving speech reminding us of the sacrifice our veterans make to protect our freedoms.

Many thanks to our parks, cemetery and street employees for all the work that goes into preparing

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for the weekend. Everything was perfect and looked beautiful.

**Pool and Splash Pads** - City Pool and Splash Pads are now open. The pool is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director**, had no report.

**Greg Huber, Law Department**, had no report.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, Kimberly noted on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ribbon cutting joint collaboration with MainStreet Medina and Medina Chamber of Commerce. First one was 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.

The next ribbon cutting event is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>.

We were awarded \$242,360 from the Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Remediation Assessment Grant for the South Elmwood parking lot to complete phase 1 & 2 environmental assessments.

Former Yost Sunoco site is winding down with the work there.

**Chief Kinney, Police Department**, had no report.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, was absent.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, Patrick had no report.

**Chief Walters, Fire Department**, had no report.

**Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director**, Andrew stated planters were recently installed along South Court St. which are part of Street Scape Improvements in South Town. They will also include illuminated entrance features.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery and Recreation Director**, was absent.

**Dan Gladish, Building Director**, not in attendance.

**Jarrold Fry, Communications Director**, Reminded public about some upcoming events.

Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rec Center Fireworks Festival food & festivities and the fireworks celebration – special thanks to Montville Township, Medina Township and Murray and Susan VanEpp Foundation for their generous donations. This will now be one of the longest and best fireworks shows that we have here in Medina.

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – American 250 Spirit of 76 Celebration at the Old Town Graveyard 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The annual Fourth of July Parade will kick off at 4 p.m.

Medina Community Band will play in the evening.

Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> - Car Show. Administration Bldg. parking lot.

**Notices, communications and petitions**

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Simpson moved not to object to the issuance of a new D-1 permit to Cellar Stage, 120 W. Washington Street, Medina, Ohio, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of R. Haire, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and N. DiSalvo.

**Unfinished Business**

There was none

**Introduction of visitors**

There were none.

**Introduction and consideration of ordinances and resolutions.**

Mr. Simpson moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simmons.: Ord. 81-26, Ord. 82-26, Ord. 83-26, Res. 84-26, Ord. 85-26, Res. 86-26, Ord. 87-26, Ord. 88-26, Ord. 89-26, Ord. 90-26. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 81-26**

**An Ordinance approving the three-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Medina Community Recreation Center and authorizing the expenditure of the current cash balance of the fund to the Medina City Schools in accordance with the Joint Operating Agreement.**

Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mayor Shields spoke for Jansen stating the Capital Improvement Plan was approved by the Rec Advisory Board on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 82-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for Job #1180: Uptown Loop Multi-Purpose Path Project.**

Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Patrick explained the city received a grant of \$396,000 to complete Phase 1 of our Uptown Loop Multi-Purpose Path. East side of Broadway stretching from West Smith Rd. to Friendship. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 83-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with IamGIS for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services for the City of Medina.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Patrick stated the city first started our GIS program in 2020 with IamGIS and renewed it in 2023 for 3 years. This will be our second renewal. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 083-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson.

**Res. 84-26**

**A Resolution accepting the donation of \$28,000.00 from the Medina Soccer Association to use for the purchase of one (1) Tioga precast double vault restroom at Huffman Cunningham Park.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mayor Shields expressed thankfulness of all our sports associations and our partnerships with them. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 084-26 passed by the yea votes R. Haire, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and N. DiSalvo.

**Ord. 85-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) Tioga precast concrete double vault restroom from CXT, Inc. for the Parks Department.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mayor Shields stated this authorizes the actual purchase of the vault. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 085-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Res. 86-26**

**A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation Office of Aviation for the FY2027 Direct Grant to complete an Obstruction Removal Study at the Medina Municipal Airport.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Patrick Patton stated in essence it is an ariel survey to point out potential obstructions. It is a 95/5 grant and application is due June 1st. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 086-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 87-26**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 218-25, passed December 8, 2025. (Amendments to 2026 Budget)** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Keith Dirham explained the first line is removed as per finance committee, the rest of this is pass throughs and grants. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 087-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Ord. 88-26 -PULLED**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund advances.** This ordinance was removed from the agenda.

**Ord. 89-26**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 57-26, passed April 13, 2026, pertaining to Job #1151, US 42 Resurfacing Project.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Patrick Patton stated they bid this project on May 8<sup>th</sup> and received 3 bids. The lowest bid was a little over \$1.9 million. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we've bid this out and have resigned to the thought that rebidding will not result in a lower price. We are asking for the emergency clause because they did receive a \$902,000.00 grant and are up against a deadline. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was

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approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 089-26 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

**Ord. 90-26**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford Explorer from Montrose Fleet Services for the Police Department.** Mr. Simpson moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. Chief Kinney explained this purchase will be replacing a vehicle that was totaled over a week ago. The officer that was driving was not at fault; he was rear ended on interstate I-95. The vehicle was totaled and we are expecting an insurance payout. The emergency clause is requested as we are now short one administrative vehicle. Mr. Simpson moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-26, seconded by Mr. Simmons. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 090-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

**Council Comments:**

Mayor Shields thanked Parks, Cemetery, Streets Department, and the Police Department. With the races being held on Saturday and the Parade it was all hands-on deck for all the events.

Mr. Simpson thanked all veterans for their service. Grateful for our city staff and their hard work as they always go above and beyond. Be thankful for what you have, help people when you can and be kind to one another.

Mr. Simmons shoutout to Valerie Freeman - Gospel Fest on the square, great job.  
Medina Community Band Friday night Concerts start in June and July & Ice cream Social  
Friends of The Cemetery – Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m. – Historical Walk, 2 p.m. – unveiling mausoleum.


Ms. DiSalvo congratulated the Chief and Bennett.

Mr. Lamb stated he appreciates the work and knowledge of Police Chief and Engineers.  
Working on comprehensive plan - parking based on safety and movement of vehicles in the square.

Ms. Haire – we are fortunate to live in Medina with such great administrative personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

  
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John Coyne III, President of Council