

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, January 12, 2026

Public Hearing:

To consider an amendment to the contract establishing and governing the City of Medina-Montville Township Joint Economic Development District to add certain properties to the district. To add district to the JEDD territory and for consideration are four parcels. Two are owned by Cobblestone Crossings LLC and the other two are owned by Lakefront Oho LLC, totaling 59 acres. Jedd Board met back in May to approve these four parcels coming into the district and as part of the process we needed to have this public hearing.

In favor of:

Katie Lancianese resides at 3200 West Market Street in Akron, OH and is the developer for Cobblestone Crossing. Katie brought an application before council to be considered on adding the 55 acres into the JEDD. There are projects in place, currently that they are working through final approvals on for multi-family rentals, a VA Clinic, and an assisted living facility. There is future development for an additional 21 acres for large commercial projects (to be determined). They are anticipating getting shovels in the ground this spring.

Kimbely added that Katie has also completed a traffic study for this site and has received approval from ODOT for a right-in off SR3 and with full access on SR162.

No one spoke against.

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 12th, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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, and C. Simmons.

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

Reading of Minutes:

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meetings on December 8, 2025, January 6, 2026- Organizational and January 6, 2026- Special as prepared and submitted by the Clerk of Council 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, 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 next year,

Public Properties Committee: Ms. Haire had no report.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Ms. DiSalvo had no report.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo stated that there will be a meeting scheduled soon and will have some things to report. Please check out the City Website. President Coyne stated that the Emerging Technologies Committee will be chaired by the new Ward 4 Council person.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 26-001-1/12 – GAAP Conversion Contract w/ Reah and Associates 2025-2207
- 26-002-1/12 – Authorize sale of 5.4235 acres of former Bennett Lumber property
- 26-003-1/12 – Expenditure – Best Equipment – Street Dept.
- 26-004-1/12 – Expenditure – Signal Service Co. – Street Dept.
- 26-005-1/12 – Expenditure – Lake County Sewer – Street Dept.
- 26-006-1/12 – W. Liberty Street Zoning Map Amendment C-1 to C-3
- 26-007-1/12 – Grant Approval 2024 Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Partnership – Police
- 26-008-1/12 – Grant Application – 2025 Bureau of Justice Assistance – Officer Ballistic Vests
- 26-009-1/12 – Budget Amendments
- 26-010-1/12 – Transfer Request – MCRC Capital Contribution
- 26-011-1/12 – Transfer Request – Railroad Fund
- ~~26-012-1/12 – Then & Now – Flock Safety – Police Dept. Pulled from meeting~~
- 26-013-1/12 – Purchase 2026 Ford F-250 – Cemetery
- 26-014-1/12 – Amend Code 133.01 – Association Memberships, CUE-COG – Service
- 26-015-1/12 – Medina Municipal Courthouse – Change Order #01
- 26-016-1/12 – FMVE’s for S. Huntington Street Bridge
- 26-017-1/12 – Railroad Crossing Agreement and Letter Agreement – Prospect St. Bridge
- 26-018-1/12 – Accept Donation – Sign Purchase Agreement – 338 Foundry St.
- 26-019-1/12 – Petitions to Join JEDD – Cobblestone Crossings LLC & Lakefront Ohio LLC
- 26-020-1/12 – Electric Aggregation Pricing

Special Legislation Committee

- 26-021-1/12 – Modify Current Deer Abatement Ordinance

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

- 26-022-1/12 – Modify Current Sidewalk Program
- 26-023-1/12 – Modify Parking Around the Square
- 26-024-1/12 – Traffic Signal Timing Throughout the City

Reports of Municipal Officers:

James Shields, Mayor,

Mayor welcomed everyone back to Council.

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The leaf program is now complete. The trucks made a final pass from one end of the city to the other.

Saturday, January 10th the America 250 Medina Program has their first event at the library with a great turnout. Roger Smalley and Chet Simmons were very instrumental in a really interesting program that was the Declaration of Independence through early federal legislation.

January 24th, 2026, another America 250 Program will present a presentation at 1 p.m. in the Community Room at the Medina Library.

Monday, the 19th is Martin Luther King Day and City Hall will be closed. Trash pick-up will remain on regular schedule. There is a MLK Program presented by The Medina County churches at Second Baptist Church, 51 Bronson Street 7 p.m. Six different pastors from the community that will speak.

January 24th, Medina City Schools will host a community pancake breakfast and spotlight on students from 8 a.m. to noon at the MHS main cafeteria. Breakfast is \$5 and free for 60 and over. Student performances from 9 a.m. to noon.

United Way of Summit/Medina County – Households here in the city earning less \$67,000.00 per year are entitled to free tax prep services as well as households earning less than \$84,000.00 can access free tax preparation software.

Thanked public for stopping in and welcoming him during his first week, he has met a lot of great people. Thanked all department heads and the employees here in the city. Everyone's been so welcoming and helpful.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated there are a couple of things that originated with Finance on the agenda and he will address those when we get there.

Greg Huber, Law Department, Greg had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated the Yost-Sunoco site is stabilized for the winter. There is still more work to do with the grading of the site. There is a concrete block that needs to be removed. Barricades are in place so no one can drive through. Grant extension was requested through June 30th, 2026.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Chief Kinney updated everyone on the deer hunting program stating that 98 deer have been harvested and the archery season ends February 1st.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Blake Road reconstruction update is as follows: it has been awarded and anticipate it starting the first week of February and will be reaching out to all the property owners with information.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, Had no report.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, Andrew stated in 2025 all jurisdictions in Medina County partnered to submit one single Community Housing Impact and Preservation, or CHIP Grant application with the county serving as the administrator. Medina is estimated to

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receive approximately \$370,500.00.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen stated that they kicked off sledding under the lights at Reagan Park and this will continue on Fridays and Saturdays between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Stop into the Rec Center if you haven't been there in a while as there are more new programs and events.

Dan Gladish, Building Official – not present.

Confirmation of Mayor's appointment

George Sam – Historical Preservation Board (2nd Alternate) – Exp. 12/31/26

Ms. Haire moved to approve the mayor's appointment, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was call and the motion passed with the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Motion by Council to authorize designee for public records training.

Motion to designate Clerk of Council and/or Deputy Clerk of Council, to act as the Mayor, the Director of Finance and City Council's designee to attend public records training as required by sections 149.43 and 109.43 of the Ohio revised code. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business

There is none.

Introduction of visitors

Janet Newcomer is the Executive Director of Feeding Medina County and she came tonight to thank City Council, the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs and all volunteers who came out to the city distribution on December 30th. Distributed 3,125 pounds of food.

Ben Rudnick resides at 730 Fairfax Dr. in Medina. Ben spoke of data privacy and security as he has 10 years of experience in audit primarily focusing on IT systems. His concerns are long term implications of the government lease FLOCK safety surveillance cameras currently implemented in our city. We are heading towards a future where privacy becomes an illusion and every movement is monitored.

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. 3-26, Ord. 4-26, Ord. 5-26, Ord. 6-26, Ord. 7-26, Ord. 8-26. Motion passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Res. 3-26

A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2026 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 003-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated this a formality, but we have to make this request in order to get these advances. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 003-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, and E. Isabella.

Ord. 4-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Job Creation Grant Agreement for Sandridge Food Corporation. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 004-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Marshall stated this is for the purpose of renovating a newly acquired facility located at 111 Commerce Drive. Sandridge Food Corp. will have a total investment of \$5.3 million for the facility and improvements. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 004-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, R. Haire, E. Isabella, and C. Simmons. N. DiSalvo abstained.

Ord. 5-26

An Ordinance amending Sections 31.02 (B)(9), 31.05 and 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio, relative to abolishing the Cable TV Department, creating a Communications Department, and accepting the new updated job descriptions. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 005-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jarrod Fry stated he is looking forward to this opportunity with an affirmative vote this evening. There are no wage adjustments at this time. The new job descriptions were approved by Todd Hunt as well as Greg Huber our Law Director and by the Civil Service Commission. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 005-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 6-26

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. 006-26, seconded by Ms. Haire. Keith stated these are adjustments to the budget as discussed at the Finance meeting. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 006-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 7-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated there are two transfers, one is the city's contribution to capital for the recreation center and the other is the city's contribution to the city owned railway. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, C. Simmons,

D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 8-26

PULLED FROM AGENDA – NEVER PASSED

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina, Ohio, certifying that when a municipal obligation was incurred sums were lawfully appropriated in the funds to satisfy the obligation and sufficient sums currently exist to satisfy this obligation.

Mr. Coyne stated this ordinance is withdrawn from the agenda.

Council comments.

Mr. Simpson welcomed Mayor Shields to his first week in office.

There is so much going on in the world and our country, and for him personally it is embarrassing but in saying that, we have to deal with what life throws at us so just try to be kind to one another, it will make a difference.

Mr. Simmons thanked Janet Newcomer and Feeding Medina County for partnering with the City for the food distribution. Great outpouring of support, thanks to all that helped. Pick up your America 250 brochure here in City Hall.

Mr. Isabella congratulated Mayor Shields. Thank you to the residents and voters of the City of Medina for putting their faith in him. Ed thanked his mother for her support during campaigning.

Ms. DiSalvo congratulated Mayor Shields and she looks forward to working with him and our new councilperson Ed Isabella.

Mr. Coyne stated we have a vacancy for Ward 4 Councilperson, and we have an obligation to fill this seat.

Ward 4 Vacancy Interviews: (Interviews conducted in order they were received)

- Donald E. Williams
- Bruce G. Gold
- Matthew R. Gregory
- John J. Stanko - Candidate withdrew application
- Bill Lamb
- Janice Jokkel

Questions that the council had for the candidates:

Coyne – what do you think is the most important issue facing the City of Medina?

Simpson – Our city charter states that the council members and the seats they were elected for are non-partisan. Do you agree or not and why?

DiSalvo – How would you handle a situation where a vocal minority strongly opposes something that appears to benefit the community.

Simmons – Leadership rises and falls with relationships. As Ward 4 City Council you will be representing a specific population of Medina City residents. Relationships with them will grow with perspectives, feelings, judgements, opinions and experiences. Please give a couple of examples of relationships you have cultivated that would demonstrate your ability to lead.

Regi Haire – What does diversity and inclusion in the City of Medina look like to you and how do you respond when someone says “That doesn’t represent me and that is not what my Church/Religion says”

Ed Isabella – Medina City’s motto is Preserving the past. Forging the future. How would you balance those objectives and do you have any particular items that you feel the city needs to progress or change on?

Executive Session.

To consider the employment of a public employee or official.


Ms. Haire motioned to move into executive session at 9:31pm. to discuss the Ward 4 vacancy choice and selection, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion to move into executive passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Motion to approve Bill Lamb as the Ward 4 Council Person.

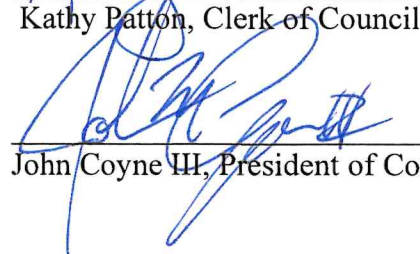
Ms. Haire motioned to appoint Bill Lamb to Ward 4 vacancy on Medina City Council, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and motion passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella.

Executive Session adjourned at 9:56 p.m. and the Council meeting readjourned to announce the Council’s selection. The roll was called and the appointment of Bill Lamb to the Ward 4 vacant seat was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council

