Finance Committee
Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m. Medina City Hall – Council Rotunda

In attendance: John Coyne – Chairman, D. Simpson, C. Simmons, R. Haire, E. Isabella, and N. DiSalvo.

Also present: Mayor Shields, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Kathy Patton, Chief Walters, Jansen Wehrley, Andrew Dutton, Kimberly Marshall, Sarah Crawford, and Kayleigh Keller.

1. <u>Assignment of Requests for Council Action</u>

2. <u>26-006-1/12 – West Liberty Street Zoning Map Amendment</u>

Andrew stated this was reviewed by the planning commission. Some alternate routes were discussed for rezoning but the most plausible is to amend the C-1 zoning code sections so it's currently zoned C-1 this would add three uses to that zoning district to restaurant with a drive through, a retail business less than or equal to 20,000 square ft. and a conference center, banquet facility or mini hall, less than or equal to 5,000 square ft. in size. These would be added as conditional uses in the C-1 zoning district. This would allow the proposed project for the two properties to go ahead. This would also open any other C-1 properties to those uses as conditional uses.
John stated he spoke to Andrew about the text amendment and it seems the most plausible, the neighbors already agreed to the use that is going there and gives the neighbors some of the protection that if it doesn't go there then nothing else can go there that is in a C-3.
Ms. Haire commented on the traffic in that area and how congested it is. Is there anything in the plans to relieve any of that? Andrew feels it is the responsibility of this project to solve existing traffic problems. The traffic will be looked at when the site plan is submitted. Patrick Patton will decide if there is a need for traffic analysis or study.
John stated they vote against this as it is a recommendation from the Planning Commission.
Andrew stated the next Planning Commission meeting is February 12th and we would take this amendment to them at that time for recommendation, then bring back to the next finance.
Kimberly asked if council is going to require three readings or can we do this with the emergency clause?
Kayleigh stated she needs to be able to break ground in July of 2026 to keep things moving forward.
John explained to Kayleigh that on May 14th is when she can start getting her permits.
Ms. Haire moved to approve amending the zoning map from C-1 to C-3, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion failed 0-6.

3. <u>26-025-1/26 – Budget Amendments</u>

<u>#2026-002 – Contribution to Police Dept.</u>
Chief Kinney stated this is a pass-through, a donation from Mr. Park. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

<u>#2026-003 – Professional Training Funds from Attorney General</u>
Keith stated that when they get a contribution or a grant, they have to appropriate the money in order to spend it and that is what all three of these are. Ms. Haire moved to approve,

seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

$2026-004 – Donation from Park Foundation
Jansen explained that the Park Foundation has made numerous donations to the Police and Fire Departments. They had a feasibility study done for a turf addition at the rec center about a year ago and have started to apply for funding from some local foundations to support that project. The Park Foundation generously gave us a check for $50,000 to help with fundraising and we are very appreciative. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

4. 26-026-1/26 – Then & Now – Ohio Edison
Keith stated the December 2025 electric is paid on a 2025 P.O. but paid in January 2026 and we did not have enough money on that 2025 P.O. to pay for it so this is a new P.O. Emergency clause is needed because we have to pay the bill. Ms. Haire moved to approve with the emergency clause, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 5-1. John Coyne abstained.

5. 26-027-1/26 – Expenditure – Kokosing Materials – Street Dept.
Nino Piccoli explained Kokosing has materials that we use for hot mix for smaller jobs that the Streets Department can perform outside of a larger contractor as well as the cold patch material that we use year around for potholes. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

6. 26-028-1/26 – Discussion – Amend 161.13 Allocation of Income Tax
John Coyne stated that they just received from Deputy Finance Director Lori Bowers the carryforward for 2026 that we will be going through. You can see the amount of carryforward that each of the funds will be taking over. We have to consider how we are going to cover that 4% raise across the board. $1.89 million dollars for that extra 2% for raises. Should we allocate money differently? Need to be concerned about the 301 account because we have to pay our share to the court. John's suggestion to this situation is to lower the Police from 40% to 38%, which still gives them around $8 million dollars a year and they will still save money. We have other needs in the city, specifically looking at General Purpose Capital and the General Fund to cover the raise increases. John's recommendation would be to make a modification with the Police going with 38% and putting 1% more in the General Fund and the other 1% into the General Purpose Capital.
Chief Kinney pointed out that over the past several years the Police Department has been cut. Chief Kinney explained they have been trying to be responsible with their spending and trying to save the 106 account for new building/more space.
John explained that any facility upgrades for the police would come out of the 301 account.

- Hold until next meeting

7. 26-029-1/26 – Amend Sec. 133.01 – Association Memberships
Keith Dirham explained that they would like to be authorized to join this Human Resource Management. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

8. 26-030-1/26 – Ratify Collective Bargaining Agreement, Teamsters Local 436
Mayor Shields explained this covers our employees in the Streets, Sanitation, Water, Parks, Cemetery, Building, Engineering and Service Departments and is a three-year agreement. The amounts proposed for 2026 is 2% and in 2027 and 2028 it is a 0% raise. In 2026 the city

would agree to pick up 2% of the pension contribution that the employees make and then in 2027 it would increase to 4% and then another 4% in 2028.
The Mayor stated this is an incredible group of employees who do a lot of work for us and really take care of us and our residents. Union voted in favor. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

9. <u>26-031-1/26 – Expenditure – Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.</u>
Nino Piccoli stated they receive great service from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

10. <u>26-032-1/26 – Adopt Changes – Job Descriptions – Water Dept.</u>
Nino explained they had a retirement with a backflow coordinator, and they reviewed that position and job description. Looking to change licensing from a two to a one. The Operations Technician is a union position and currently has a distribution license one requirement and will have the ability to obtain a water two license per the EPA regulations. The only addition we have with that is they will be required to have a CDL. Our Law Director looked at the job descriptions and were approved by him and Civil Service. Ms. Haire moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed 6-0.

John Coyne stated last year they had three members of council serve on the Salaries and Benefits Compensation Committee and we now have just Chet Simmons left. We need two more members on that committee. Would anyone else on council like to be on that committee? Natalie DiSalvo and Ed Isabella volunteered for the two vacant positions.

11. <u>Executive Session: (imminent litigation / land acquisition)</u>
It was moved by Ms. Haire and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding because premature disclosure would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is averse to the general public interest. The second item is for Conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the city which are the subject of pending or imminent court action. To include the mayor, the law director and city engineer. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, E. Isabella, J. Coyne, D. Simpson, R. Haire, and C. Simmons.

Executive Session: (contract negotiations)
It was moved by Ms. Haire and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for contract negotiations to include the Service Director, Law Director and Parks & Recreation Director. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of DiSalvo, Isabella, Coyne, Simpson, Haire and Simmons.

Executive Session adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and Finance Committee reconvened. There being no further business, the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

John Coyne III, Chairman