

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday August 24, 2026

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 2026, at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III, who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Shields, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Greg Huber, Chief Kinney, Chief Walters, Dan Gladish, Kimberly Marshall, Jansen Wehrley, Kim Leightner, Andrew Dutton and Jarrod Fry.

Reading of Minutes:

Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on Monday, July 13th, 2026, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to council this evening and will meet again in 3 weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Ms. Haire had no report.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Ms. DiSalvo stated they will be addressing the deer ordinance.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report. They will be discussing the city website soon.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

26-157-8/24 – Then & Now – American Fireworks

26-158-8/24 – Increase Exp. to HSH Excavating – Service Dept.

26-159-8/24 – 2026 JAG Grant Application / Acceptance

26-160-8/24 – Increase Exp. to Rocco Masonry – Service Dept.

26-161-8/24 – 2026 City Auction

26-162-8/24 – Accept Grant Funds for Veteran's Treatment Court

26-163-8/24 - Budget Amendments (2% wage increase)

26-164-8/24 – Budget Amendments

26-165-8/24 – Fund Transfer Requests

26-166-8/24 – Resolution – Random Acts of Kindness Day
26-167-8/24 – Repeal Ord. 98-26 Replace Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule
26-168-8/24 – Bids, Job #1136; South Elmwood Ave. Parking Lot Reconstruction
26-169-8/24 – Increase P.O. #26-0395 – Davis Tree Farm – Forestry
26-170-8/24 – 406 S. Broadway Street Discussion
26-171-8/24 – Accept Donation – JUMP Playground
26-172-8/24 – RFQ's JUMP Playground Replacement
26-173-8/24 – Spring Grove Cemetery Columbarium Wall Phases 4-10

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Mayor Shields reported the following:

America 250 Kids Fitness Challenge

The America 250 Kids Fitness Challenge ran from June through August 15, 2026, encouraging children age 10 and under to complete 25 monthly fitness activities. Prize drawings were held at the Farmers Market on August 15. Winners were Claire Lynch (age 6), who completed the challenge in July and August, and Chase Sinick (age 9), who completed the challenge in June, July, and August. Each received a \$500 gift certificate toward a new bicycle from Spin Bike Shop, sponsored by Akron Children's Hospital. Appreciation was extended to ACH, Community Outreach and Education Manager Courtney Hudson, and Spin Bike Shop owner Ray Wagner. Council was also reminded of the upcoming Fall Prevention Fitness Challenge for residents age 65 and older, sponsored by America 250 and Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital.

Falls Hollow Fest

Black Cat Books and Oddities hosted its annual Falls Hollow Fest on August 15, 2026, drawing more than 14,300 visitors. Peak attendance reached 8,900 visitors at 5:00 p.m., with an average stay of 61 minutes. Approximately 91% of attendees came from outside Medina. City staff have met with event organizers and will coordinate future festivals similarly to other major downtown events.

Summer Recap

Council received a brief recap of significant summer activities and projects, including community events, business openings, infrastructure improvements, recreation center upgrades, ongoing construction projects, public safety milestones, America 250 programming, and various community celebrations and ribbon cuttings.

Spirit of '76 Event Recognition

Council recognized the success of the Spirit of '76 event held on July 4, 2026, at Old Town Graveyard, honoring Revolutionary War patriots buried there. Special appreciation was expressed to the Friends of the Cemetery, volunteers, and committee members. Teresa Merkle was recognized for her leadership of the project. To honor her contributions, a Frontier Elm tree and commemorative plaque will be placed at the north end of Old Town Graveyard. The Spirit of '76 Committee also donated the book *Declaring Independence: Why 1776 Matters* by Edward Larson to the Medina Library.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, no report but stated he has four items on the agenda.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, submitted final report to State of Ohio on the former Yost Sunoco gas station site. Reimbursement request has been submitted; next step is working on having property transferred over to the City of Medina. Received assessment grant for South Elmwood parking lot.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, was not present.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick reported that the US 42 resurfacing project with the intersection work stretches from Homestead to Lafayette and the first phase is complete. Today they started on the landscaping for that section. Next phase the concrete crew will return to the city in September to do the intersection improvements in the southern half from Friendship to Lafayette, including the square area. Asphalt and milling work will begin in the second or third week of September.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, spoke on the 25th anniversary remembrance ceremony events for 911 will take place on Friday, September 11th at 10 a.m. at Fire station #1.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery and Recreation Director, stated that the Memorial Pool is now only open on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. The splashpads will also continue to be open through Labor Day. Jansen thanked Council for approving wage adjustments for seasonal employees. This year they had a great group of kids, adults & students, most of them have returned to school but they were very appreciative and all positions were filled that we needed and a good portion plan to return. Jansen thanked the patrons of the rec center for their patience and our staff for working tirelessly through what is normally their shutdown week to clean everything. Wrapped up another successful summer camp with over 125 children participating.

Dan Gladish, Building Director, had no report.

Jarrold Fry, Communications Director, spoke on the city website stating that you can now go to the home page and click the Resident section where you will see the deer management page. You can currently sign up through Constant Contact to receive emails to keep up with the latest news regarding the deer management program.

They will be starting a program now that if you have a question or want to know the answer to anything that is happening in the City of Medina, we now have an email address for that. You can go to askmedina@medinaoh.org

Notices, communications and petitions

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the issuance of a Stock-LLC D-5 permit to Suen Corp. House of Hunan, 18 Public Square, Medina. Ms. Haire moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yeas and nays of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N.

DiSalvo.

Liquor Permit:

Not to object to the issuance of a NEW D-5L permit to Boss ChickNBeer LLC, 117 Public Square, Medina. Ms. Haire moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion passed with the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Unfinished Business

There is 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: Ord. 118-26, Ord. 119-26, Ord. 120-26, Ord. 121-26, Ord. 122-26, Ord. 123-26, Ord. 124-26, Res. 125-26, Ord. 126-26, Res. 127-26, Ord. 128-26, Ord. 129-26, Ord. 130-26, Ord. 131-26, Ord. 132-26. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Ord. 118-26

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$12,000.00 to the Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for animal related services for the year 2026.

Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Simmons stated the city has supported them for many years and is at \$12,000 per year. Mr. Lamb suggested checking into the list we received since they were all cats and no dogs. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 119-26

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 F-350 4X4 Ford Pickup Truck from Montrose Ford for the Street Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor spoke for Nino stating this is a replacement vehicle for the Streets Department utilizing the Community University Education Program, this purchase will be made through Montrose Ford. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Ord. 120-26

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2026 Mack Front Load Sanitation Truck from Environmental Equipment for the Sanitation Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Shields stated this is a purchase for a 2026 front loader sanitation truck from Environmental Equipment Sales and Services utilizing the Sourcewell Program. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C.

Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 121-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority to act as the responsible party for Environmental Review pertaining to their project "The Lafayette" located at 881 Lafayette Road. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated they are currently applying for project-based voucher contract assistance or PBVC assistance through HUDD for rental assistance for those units. They must conduct an environmental review of this site and need a responsible party which the city can be. This is an MOU for us to enter into an agreement to act as that responsible party. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 122-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services, for assistance with the baiting and sharpshooting portion of the White-Tailed Deer Management Plan of the City of Medina. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this is a cooperative services agreement to target deer removal for the city which will run in conjunction with our hunting program. The plan is to remove up to 200 additional deer depending of the success of the hunting program, so that number can change. This also includes the processing costs and to distribute to either the Feeding Medina County or another local food bank. This will run from January to March of 2027. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 123-26

An Ordinance amending Section V (D) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations of the City of Medina relative to Filing of Application. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kim Leightner stated the Civil Service Commission is requesting an update to rule 5D it pertains to how applications are submitted. This comes as they are working to implement new software that is going to streamline the hiring process for applicants and the hiring teams. Commissioners want to make sure this rule reflects the electronic filing process, the law director was included in this, and the new language be advised to explicitly includes the electronic filing of applications. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 124-26

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Wintrow Construction for the Engineering Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they have

experienced additional maintenance due to emergency repairs to our railroad. Hoping this will cover us for the rest of the year. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Res. 125-26

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the 2028 Miscellaneous Asphalt Street Resurfacing Program. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated we should receive \$585,000.00 from OPWC. We are recommending the Miscellaneous Asphalt Street Resurfacing Program. There are seven streets within the city that haven't been resurfaced in over twenty years, and we would like to move forward with that as our project for this year's round. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Ord. 126-26

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept one (1) Sanitary Sewer Easement on Wadsworth Road. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the developer doing the housing development on Wadsworth Rd. across from Fire Station #3 has granted a sanitary easement to the city and this is us accepting that easement. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Res. 127-26

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Ohio Department of Transportation Department of Aviation (ODOT) for the Runway Edge Lighting Replacement Project at the Medina Municipal Airport. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the existing edge runway lights at our airport were all installed in the 1980's and have difficulty finding replacement part. The FAA is open to us designing a project to replace those edge lights. This grant will provide 95% of the funding to do that design so we can later do the project in 2027. We are also eligible to submit a request to the Ohio Department of Transportation Department of Aviation to cover the extra 5%. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 128-26 – HELD UNTIL NEXT MEETING

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Parking Lot Funding Agreement with Autonomy Capital to redevelop the South Elmwood Parking Lot.

Ord. 129-26

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. Ms. Haire moved for

the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 129-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained this is to cover the upcharge for the fireworks because they were moved to a different date and the emergency clause is needed because the work has already been performed. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 129-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 129-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons

Ord. 130-26

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 218-25, passed December 8, 2025, regarding the 2% wage increase. (Amendments to the 2026 Budget) Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 130-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained when the budgets for 2026 were done during 2025 we budgeted based on 2% raises; we actually are doing 4% raises so he needs the difference. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 130-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 131-26

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 218-25, passed December 8, 2025. (Amendments to the 2026 Budget) Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there is a grant that the municipal court gets each year that the fiscal year for the grant starts in July, so he has to do an adjustment midyear only when the grant comes through. The rest is fuel adjustments as fuel is more than it was budgeted for. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 132-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson – Welcomed everybody back, hope everyone enjoyed their time off. Be Kind.

Ms. Haire – Ditto.

Mr. Simmons – July 18th America 250 event took place, shout out to business and property owners as well as the guides and the hosts who spoke. Shout out to the Engine House, Huntington Bank, Medina Hardware, the Odd Fellows and PJ Marleys.

On Sunday, August 30th at Ray Mellert Park – 4th annual Family Fun Day.

Ms. DiSalvo – Affair on the Square and Falls Hollow Fest two great events. September 12th - Medina Band Show.

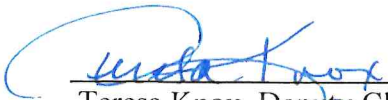
Mr. Isabella – Best wishes to all students going back to school this fall.

Mr. Lamb Ward 3 & 4 meeting September 8th at Ella Canavan. Thanks to Friends of Cemetery for all you do.

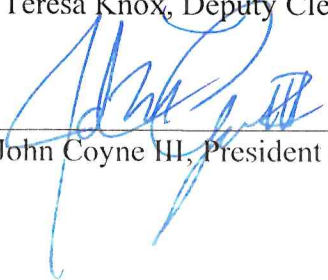
Executive Session

It was moved by Ms. Haire and seconded by Mr. Simpson to enter into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. for conferences with the City's Law Director concerning disputes involving the City which are the subject of pending or imminent court action and to review and for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment, to include the Mayor and Law Director. The roll was called and passed with the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, and C. Simmons. Dennie Simpson abstained.

Executive session adjourned at 9:05 p.m. At that time, Council reconvened and adjourned.



Teresa Knox, Deputy Clerk of Council



John Coyne III, President of Council