MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday September 14, 2026

Call to Order:
Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 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: N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Shields, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Greg Huber, Lt. Wagner, Cindy Lastuka, Nino Piccoli, Chief Walters, Kimberly Marshall, Jansen Wehrley, Andrew Dutton and Matt Tomek.

Reading of Minutes:
Ms. Haire moved that the minutes from the meeting on Monday, August 24, 2026, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Reports of Standing Committees:
Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to council this evening and will meet again in 2 weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Ms. Haire had no report but will be scheduling a meeting to tour the Spring Grove Cemetery specifically the site of the columbarium wall project.

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: Mr. Lamb held meeting with discussion on City website.

Requests for Council Action:
Finance Committee

26-175-9/14 – Increase P.O. #26-0896 – Roetzel & Andress – Law Dept.
26-176-9/14 – Increase Exp. P.O. #2026-1029 – Weller Truck – Sanitation
26-177-9/14 – Enhanced Public Decorations for 2026 Holiday Season – Main Street Medina
26-178-9/14 – JUMP Playground Grant Application – Land & Water Conservation Fund
26-179-9/14 – Budget Amendments
26-180-9/14 – Exp. – Inspection Services, CTL Engineering – Prospect St. Bridge
26-181-9/14 – LPA Project Agreement w/ ODOT – SR 3 & SR 57 Resurfacing
26-182-9/14 – Donation to Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry
26-183-9/14 – Special Energy Project & Adopting of Levying Special Assessments

26-184-9/14 – Medina Municipal Courthouse Change Order #04

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Mayor Shields reported the following:
Fenn Elementary Time Capsule Fenn Elementary students and staff recently opened a 1976-time capsule, discovering artifacts that provide a glimpse into student life from 50 years ago. Selected items are now on display at City Hall, offering the community a unique connection to the school's history.
25th Anniversary of 9/11 Commemoration The City of Medina and Medina Rotary Club hosted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the memorial beside Fire Station #1. Thanks were extended to the Fire Department and Parks Department for their support. Featured speakers, United Airlines Captain Casey Keibler and Fire Chief Larry Walters, delivered moving remarks honoring those affected by September 11. Medina remains committed to remembering and honoring the victims and heroes of that day.
Tunnel to Towers Run Medina proudly hosted the 13th annual Tunnel to Towers Run on September 13. The event honors the lives lost on September 11, first responders, veterans, and firefighter Stephen Siller. The foundation has provided extensive support to veterans and first responders nationwide through mortgage-free homes and housing assistance. Appreciation was expressed to race director Mark Phillips and the many volunteers who make the event possible each year.
Medina Municipal Court Move
Final day in the current courthouse (1982 building): September 16, 2026
Move to the new facility begins: September 17, 2026
Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new courthouse, 93 Public Square: 10:00 a.m., September 25, 2026. New courthouse opens to the public: September 28, 2026

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, mentioned Ohio Supreme Court case involving initiative referendum petitions and the number of signatures required. The number is the lower number, 10% of the number of voters in the last initiative in the municipal election for municipal petition now. We sent a substantial memo to the County Budget Commission when we sent our tax budget in. They had a meeting to discuss that, but Keith was not in attendance as he was not informed but will be at the next meeting on September 24th.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Lt. Wagner, Police Department, Informed the public that Ohio Bow Season starts September 26th this year and they have issued 23 hunting permits with 3 additional being permitted on Wednesday.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, stated court will be closed starting September 17th for the move, and they are all very excited, nervous and anxious to get over there as it has been a long wait for all of them. Cindy thanked Tracy Eckert for helping them do a ribbon cutting.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, spoke about the annual auction scheduled for October 17th at the City Garage located 781 West Smith Rd.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated crews will be returning to the US 42 resurfacing program this week from Liberty to Lafayette. The 2026 Concrete Street Repair Program will start this week.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, stated yesterday afternoon at 1:04 p.m. the department was dispatched for a residential fire in the city and arrived 4 minutes later at 1:08 p.m. and had water on that fire less than 1 minute later. Their efforts saved the occupants' home and all of their belongings as the fire was contained to the garage.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, the Building Department will be implementing a new online permitting system for all building permits and beginning on October 1st, building permit applications will only be accepted online.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks, Forestry, Cemetery and Recreation Director, expanded on the deer management program informing all that the utility billing notification went out to residents in the September due bills and that was information on how to access the city website as well as sign up for notifications and carcass pickups. As of today, there are 131 people that signed up for notifications.

Dan Gladish, Building Director, was not in attendance.

Notices, communications and petitions
Liquor Permit:
Not to object to the issuance of a NEW D-1 permit to Courthouse Pizzeria LLC, 2 Public Square, Medina. Ms. Haire moved not to object, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the 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
Karen Thorne resides at 3677 Falcon Ridge Dr. – represents the Medina Mavins a nonpartisan group of Medina County residents focused on civic engagement and informed dialog. Shared two upcoming events being held at the Medina Library.
1) Voter Information Fair and Candidate Forum – Thurs. Sept. 17th 5:30-8:30 p.m.
All candidates appearing on the ballot for Medina County voters have been invited to participate in the candidate forum and more than half have accepted.
2) Reconnecting Across Political Differences – in person workshop facilitated by Graver Angel a national organization – Tues. Sept. 29th 6 – 8 p.m. at the Medina Library.

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. 133-26, Ord. 134-26, Res. 135-26, Res. 136-26, Ord. 137-26, Ord. 138-26, Res. 139-26, Ord. 140-26, Ord. 141-26, Ord. 142-26, Res. 143-26, Ord. 144-26, Ord. 145-26. The roll was called and motion passed with the yea votes of B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and E. Isabella.

Res. 133-26
A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an Application for Grant Assistance from the 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), for the Police Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Lt. Wagner stated the amount being requested is $46,357.60 if awarded the funds will support the department's replacement and upgrade for the current taser inventory which is nearly end of life. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 134-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for the auction, sale or disposal of City equipment and vehicles no longer used. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. This auction is planned for October 17th at the City Garage. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons.

Res. 135-26
A Resolution accepting the grant award from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services Specialized Docket Subsidy Project Funding Grant for the Medina Municipal Court Veteran's Treatment Court. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy Lastuka stated the Veterans Treatment Court received another $75,000 for the grant cycle for July 1st to next year of June 30th, 2027. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Res. 136-26
A Resolution declaring March 6, 2027, as Random Acts of Kindness Day in the City of Medina, Ohio. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 136-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor was approached and asked if the administration and council would sign on to this Random Acts of Kindness Day for March 6th, 2027. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 136-26 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 137-26
An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the South Elmwood Avenue Parking Lot Reconstruction. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 137-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to

Ordinance/Resolution No. 137-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they are asking for the emergency clause as they would like to move forward with this as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 137-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 138-26

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 98-26, passed June 9, 2026, and Adopting the New Planning and Zoning Code Fee Schedule for the City of Medina, Ohio. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 138-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 138-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dutton stated this ordinance will correct some errors. 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. 138-26 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Res. 139-26

A Resolution accepting the donation of $20,000 from Murray and Susan VanEpp to assist the City of Medina with the redesign and reconstruction of the JUMP Playground. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 139-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this donation is the first installment of $40,000 that the VanEpps pledge to reconstruct JUMP playground. Jansen thanked the VanEpps and their continued support to the city. Dennie Simpson echoed what Jansen said and is very grateful. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 139-26 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons

Ord. 140-26

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) from qualified design-build contractors for the replacement of the JUMP Playground at Memorial Park. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 140-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated this is the first step to rebuild JUMP playground. Looking to find qualified design build contractors for a site-built playground to resemble the fort theme the current playground has. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 140-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 141-26

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to HSH Excavating for the Service Department. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated a recent rain event resulted in a 36-inch storm sewer pipe collapsing behind Halifax in an easement the city has and had to call in a contractor for this emergency. Asking to increase the P.O. by $18,000 to cover the expenditures for the contractor and the emergency clause is to pay the contractor. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on

adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-26 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 142-26
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. 142-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is a couple of pass throughs and a number of minor adjustments to various lines. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 142-26 passed by the yea votes of E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Res. 143-26
A Resolution approving a Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects and a Supplemental Plan or Public Improvements under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710; and declaring the necessity of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements described in the Supplemental Plan for Public Improvements in cooperation with the Medina County Energy Improvement District. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Marshall stated this is for special assessments for energy efficiency improvement projects of white LED lighting and roofing at Spray Products at 1000 Lake Rd., also improves supplemental plan. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 143-26 passed by the yea votes C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella and B. Lamb.

Ord. 144-26
An Ordinance determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in the City of Medina, Ohio in cooperation with the Medina County Energy Improvement District. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Marshall stated this is to authorize them to proceed with those special improvements. Emergency is so they can try to get under construction quickly. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb and C. Simmons. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 144-26 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 145-26
An Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Medina, Ohio in cooperation with the Medina County Energy Special Improvement District, approving the C-PACE Assignment Agreement. Ms. Haire moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Haire moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-26, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly stated this is the final ordinance of this project.

Emergency is so the company can get started on the project. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, E. Isabella, B. Lamb, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 145-26 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 – spoke about 911 and the 25 -year remembrance and thanked everyone.
Be kind at all times.

Ms. Haire – Political sign season has started, do your homework on who is running for office.
Early voting begins October 6th at the Board of Elections.

Mr. Simmons – Spirits of the Past – great job at every station.
Friends of the Cemetery – photo contest
Voter Information Fair – Medina Library on Thursday, September 17th 5:30pm.

Mr. Lamb – Courthouse – some history behind it.

Mr. Isabella – Thanked residents that attended Ward 3 & Ward 4 meeting.

Ms. DiSalvo – spoke on 911
Wished students a safe and happy Homecoming.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John Coyne III, President of Council