



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Opening of Special Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Council President John Roskovics. Council President John Roskovics offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Absent: Vice President Russell Simeone, City Manager James Timonere, Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin

Officers Present: City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to excuse Vice President Russell Simeone; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

The motion to excuse the absence was adopted

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Statement of Purpose

A Special Meeting is being held for the purpose of Personnel and Employment.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Presentation of Legislation

Council President John Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Public Communications on Legislation

Overview / Discussion

Reading of Legislation

Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg presented the following legislation for the council's consideration.

Legislation - Enactment, Passage or Adoption

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 61

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JAMES GOFFE AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING ON May 19, 2025, AND AUTHORIZING A WRITTEN CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero asked about the 90-day probationary period in the contract. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that 90 days is usually standard. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that it can be changed if Council prefers a longer probationary period. It was decided to keep a 90-day probationary period. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that a request was made to include four part-time days in the contract. Rather than do that, she suggested asking the current finance director to hire Mr. Goffe as a part-time employee of the Finance Department for those four days at a pay rate agreed upon by Council. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that the hiring committee suggested the part-time days to give him additional training with the current finance director. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked what was afforded to the current finance director as far as onboarding when she was hired. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that when Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin was hired, Assistant Finance Director Carolyn Sheldon was in the position of Finance Director, so she had her predecessor working with her throughout her tenure. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked if a decision had to be made now about the part-time days. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated she did not need a decision today. It would just require a conversation with Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin to add the new finance director to the Finance Department's payroll for those four days. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that she would contact Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin to discuss the matter with her. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked if Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin had been included in the discussion regarding the part-time employment of the new finance director. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that Finance Director Marie Yvrose Augustin has not been in the office recently to allow for any discussion. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated that today was the first time any discussion of hiring the new finance director part-time had taken place. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman requested a debrief of the entire hiring process after it has concluded.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane

DiGiacomo
Nays: None
Legislation passed.
Motion: None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.
Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, May 5, 2025, in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

May 5, 2025

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics
John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Stacy L. Millberg
Stacy L. Millberg, Clerk of Council