



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Opening of Regular Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President John Roskovics. Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero offered the opening prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Members Present: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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: None.

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Vladimir Kan, Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg

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.

Presentations/Announcements

Approval of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2025

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

Public Hearing Minutes, May 19, 2025

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Hearing no corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

Administrative Reports

President John Roskovics stated that there are petitions going around the state to do away with property taxes. He stated he does not believe it is a wise idea and will not be supporting it.

City Manager

City Manager James Timonere asked for a voice vote to approve the lateral hiring of Jay Janek as a Patrol Officer at the Step 4 Pay Grade for the City of Ashtabula Police Department.

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to enter into a partnership with the County of Ashtabula to file an application with the Ohio Development Services Agency to apply for Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) grant funds.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

A resolution to apply for, accept, and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the City of Ashtabula for the design of WPCP Improvements - Phase 1, Scope of Work; and designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan. The loan amount shall not exceed \$700,000 and the fund dedicated for repayment shall be the Water Pollution Control Capital Fund 504.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: City Manager James Timonere stated that this loan is for the design phase of the Water Pollution Control Plant improvement project. Most of the work will be done at the plant. Once the project is out to bid, and a bid is accepted, officials will apply for a construction loan. This loan will then be rolled into the construction loan and extends the repayment time period and balances out the cash flow while the work is being done.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with Capp Steel Erectors to construct ADA parking at Walnut Beach. The cost of this project would be funded through a \$10,000 grant awarded from the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities and costs not covered by the grant award would be paid from Fund 233.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with Site Technology, Inc. to convert an existing tennis court into two pickleball courts on Walnut Boulevard. The cost of this shall not exceed \$23,458.00 and payment would be made from Fund 233.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Folgio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

A resolution accepting the donation of the inclusion playground at Walnut Beach from the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The project was made possible with funding from the

American Rescue Plan Act awarded to the State of Ohio to enhance services and community inclusion opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: City Manager James Timonere thanked the Ashtabula County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the project. The project cost was approximately \$500,000 which was funded through a grant. The City did some concrete work, which was an additional cost. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman commended the ACBDD for the language used in the resolution, which promotes diversity, equity and inclusion.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into Change Order #1 with Rocky Road Paving for an additional \$3,100.00 to complete road restorations from various projects. Funding for this additional expense will be paid through Fund 503.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to approve the City Manager's request; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with Koski Construction for street restorations on West 6th Street. The cost of this project is not to exceed \$19,975.00 and payment will be made from fund 209.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: There are some large patches that are beyond the scope of what the City staff can fix. One of the issues is the road is pavement over brick and there is a lot of separation.

Motion passed.

An ordinance declaring an emergency and authorizing a contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant air line repair/replacement with Koski Construction Co. for the City of Ashtabula in an amount not to exceed \$38,500 without the need for competitive bidding. Payment for this expense would be made from Fund 504.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: The air line is a critical asset that needs to be repaired quickly. The staff secured three proposals, but there was not time to go through the bid process.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with Jefferson Health Plan for the purpose of providing employee group health, dental and vision insurance for city employees for a period of one year to commence on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with AM Ford for the purchase of three (3) sport utility vehicles, 2025 Ford Explorers, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000. The expenses for this purchase would be through funds 412 and 504.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed.

This is the last week for curbside leaf bag pickup. It will not resume until September. Leaf bags can still be dropped off at the transfer station.

City Manager James Timonere stated he was in contact with CSX regarding the Lake Avenue underpass. CSX came out last week and inspected the bridge and will report their findings to the City. City Manager James Timonere thanked Anthony Oquendo and other members of the public for getting involved.

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo asked about stump removal when the City cuts down a tree. City Manager James Timonere stated that depending on staffing and scheduling, the stumps should be removed within a week or two after the tree is cut down. She also asked about the timeframe for resolution of complaints. City Manager James Timonere stated that compliance will depend on the individual receiving the complaint. The City will issue a violation including a certain timeframe to comply. If they do not comply, they will be referred for charges.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked about the times paving crews can work. City Manager James Timonere stated that the noise ordinance allows for contractors to work until 7 p.m., but the ordinance also states that if work is being done for the City, there is no time limit.

Council President John Roskovics asked for a voice vote to prepare a resolution for Lt. Will Parkomaki, who recently retired from the police department.

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

City Solicitor

City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper asked for a voice vote to allow her to express support for the City of Cincinnati's position in a pending Ohio Supreme Court lawsuit, Miller v. Cincinnati, and once the brief is received and reviewed, she would ask Council to consider a resolution allowing her to sign on to the amicus brief on behalf of the City of Ashtabula.

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper reminded residents that fireworks are illegal in the City and officials will be enforcing that this summer. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked if stores were permitted to sell fireworks. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated it is not permissible to sell fireworks as it is illegal to possess them in the City.

Finance Director

Finance Director Vladimir Kan stated the Finance Department has been busy working on the 2026 tax budget as well as the job description for the Assistant Finance Director position. He will be putting together a search committee for that position.

Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg stated the resolutions to proceed for the two renewal levies that were passed on April 21, 2025 are back on the agenda again due to a mathematical error by the Ashtabula County Auditor's Office.

City Council Committee Reports

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated that the Ad Hoc Committee: Exploring Racism as a Public Health Crisis is still interested in having a work session to discuss its recommendations.

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation (1st Wednesday @ 5:30 p.m.)

Members: Chair DiGiacomo/Council Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board; Vice Chair Mills; Holman

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 3

The committee is canceling its July 2 meeting.

Finance & Personnel

(3rd Friday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to bring ordinances 2025-102, 2025-103 and 2025-104 out of committee; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: The Charter requires Council's approval on purchases over \$10,000. Most, if not all, purchases are more than \$10,000. The Ohio Revised Code allows for entities to spend \$75,000 and, in some cases, more. City Manager James Timonere stated he is not advocating for that much of an increase, but he is comfortable requesting the \$50,000 increase to assist with the day-to-day operations. He provided the air line repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as an example of how the increased spending limit would be helpful. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked if it was possible to call a special meeting in the event of an emergency. City Manager James Timonere stated a special meeting is an option, but there would still be a delay as special meetings require at least 24 hours notice and, depending on schedules, it could be longer.

Motion passed.

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

(4th Tuesday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

June 24 - CANCELED

July 22

August 26

September 23

Committee Chair Jodi Mills provided the report.

Safety Forces

(2nd Monday @ 8:30 a.m.)

Members: Chair Guerriero, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

Presentation of Legislation

Council President John Roskovics previewed the legislation.

Additional Formal Requests

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 83

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON ACCESSORY STRUCTURES OVER 200 SQ/FT

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of the legislation for Resolution No. 2025-83.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Legislation passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 84

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON AUTO AND/OR TRUCK RENTALS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 85

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON BOARDING/ROOMING HOUSES

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 86

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON CHECK CASHING AND/OR PAYDAY LENDING

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 87

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON E-CIGARETTE, VAPING AND/OR TOBACCO SALES

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 88

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON FOOD TRUCKS WITH PERMANENT LOCATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 89

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON JUNK AND/OR SCRAP YARDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 90

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL DISPENSING

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 91

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON SMALL BOX RETAIL/DISCOUNT STORES

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Resolution No. 2025-84, 2025-85, 2025-86, 2025-87, 2025-88, 2025-89, 2025-90, and 2025-91.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 92

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THRIFT AND/OR SECONDHAND STORES

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2025-92.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 2 Councilor Terence

Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio

Legislation passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 93

A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON USED AND/OR NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Resolution No. 2025-93.

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

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo asked for an explanation of a moratorium, so the public knows what council is voting on. City Manager James Timonere stated that, basically, it is putting a pause on these items until the city's zoning code is updated. The moratoriums do not affect existing businesses or anyone that has submitted an application to the city. Vice President Russell Simeone asked if an existing business would be able to relocate with the moratoriums in place. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that relocating would be prevented by the moratorium.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Nays: Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Legislation passed.

Effective in 30 days due to a 4-3 vote count.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 94

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA AND ESTABLISHING A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-94.

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 95

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF ASHTABULA TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM (CHIP) GRANT FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 96

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR DESIGN OF WPCP IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1, SCOPE OF WORK; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 97

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY Y.M.C.A. FOR LIFEGUARDS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 98

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CAPP STEEL ERECTORS, INC. TO CONSTRUCT ADA PARKING AT WALNUT BEACH

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 99

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SITE TECHNOLOGY, INC. TO CONVERT AN EXISTING TENNIS COURT INTO TWO PICKLEBALL COURTS ON WALNUT BOULEVARD

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 100

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF THE INCLUSION PLAYGROUND AT WALNUT BEACH FROM THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 101

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH ROCKY ROAD PAVING FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$3,100.00 TO COMPLETE ROAD RESTORATIONS FROM VARIOUS PROJECTS

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2025-95, 2025-96, 2025-97, 2025-98, 2025-99, 2025-100, and 2025-101.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 102

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 61 OF THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES OR MATERIALS UP TO \$50,000 ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-102.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 103

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 63 OF THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY, AND REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF COUNCIL IF THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE WILL BE GREATER THAN \$50,000

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-103.

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 104

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTION 64 OF THE MUNICIPAL CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO, TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOW AWARDS OF CONTRACTS AS LONG AS THE AWARD IS NOT IN EXCESS OF 10% OF THE ESTIMATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT CONTEMPLATED

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-104.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: The current legislation states that if a bid comes in over the engineer's estimate for the project, it has to be rebid. This amendment would allow bids to be accepted as long as the cost does not exceed 10 percent of the engineer's estimate.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 105

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR STREET RESTORATIONS ON W. 6TH ST.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 106

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AIR LINE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WITH KOSKI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500 WITHOUT THE NEED FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 107

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JEFFERSON HEALTH CARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EMPLOYEE HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE THROUGH THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 108

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX LEVY AT A RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF (1.5) MILLS PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 109

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, THE QUESTION OF A RENEWAL OF A TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE-TENTHS (0.3) MILLS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS, FOR EACH DOLLAR OF TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BY APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE ASHTABULA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC., A NONPROFIT OHIO CORPORATION WITH TAX-EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 5705.19, 5705.191 AND 5705.25 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; SAID LEVY TO APPEAR UPON THE TAX DUPLICATE OF SAID CITY OF ASHTABULA, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE TAX YEARS 2026 TO 2030, INCLUSIVE

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2025-105, 2025-106, 2025-107, and Resolution No. 2025-108, and 2025-109.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 110

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 380 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING LEGISLATION REGARDING THE APPROVED OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN ASHTABULA CITY

Council President Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-110.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked for clarification on the reference to the horn in the legislation. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated the horn is the audible horn that the driver can push. It is not referring to the sound made when the golf cart is in reverse, which is not a requirement. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated she is not in favor of allowing golf carts at this time, citing the vast area the legislation allows them to be driven in as a reason, as well as the passage of the DORA. She stated her main concern is safety. Vice President Russell Simeone stated that regardless of how the vote goes, he urged councilors to continue discussing the matter, especially if it passes and officials begin to identify issues that need to be addressed. President Roskovics stated that golf carts have been discussed for several years at Safety Forces Committee meetings and Regular Council meetings. The legislation that the Solicitor's Office drafted is very thorough and very inclusive. It is limited to an area in the city that makes sense. City Manager James Timonere stated that the matter had been discussed for a long time; however, it was not until recently that councilors requested that legislation be drafted. He stated that there are several things in the legislation that he finds concerning. The Police Department has not had the opportunity to go through the legislation nor does it have a procedure in place for the required inspections it will have to do. He stated that even though the legislation states golf carts are not permitted on any streets with a speed limit above 25 mph, portions of Lake Avenue are 25 mph as well as other busy streets, which could be an issue. He stated that he does not think the city is ready for golf carts. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated that when the discussion first began she was against allowing golf carts. She stated that people are driving them now in the city and not having rules is just as bad. City Manager James Timonere stated that because Council has been discussing the matter for so long, the police department has been lenient about it. He stated that officials want to be able to enforce it or police it. Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo stated she is also opposed to allowing golf carts. She stated she thinks the city is taking on too much too soon. She stated she has spoken to residents and business owners and an overwhelming number are opposed to golf carts. Vice President Russell Simeone asked if the city would provide stickers to show the vehicle had been inspected. He also asked whether the inspections could be scheduled or if owners could just show up at the police department and expect to get their golf cart inspected. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that these are all issues that will need to be worked out. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman asked how long the City Manager anticipated it would take for officials to be ready to enforce the legislation. City Manager James Timonere stated probably a month would be needed to get ready.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Nays: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Legislation passed.

Effective in 30 days due to a 4-3 vote count.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 111

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH BRIAN J. HAMILTON FOR TAX ABATEMENT AT 75% FOR 7 YEARS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS LOCATED AT 1022 OHIO AVENUE, ASHTABULA, OH 44004

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-111.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the legislation; President John Roskovics seconded.

Discussion: None.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: President John Roskovics stated that he would be voting against it. He is in support of giving the full 100 percent tax abatement. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills agreed with President John Roskovics and also supports the full tax abatement. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated that she appreciates the City Manager's flexibility in looking at the applicants through a broader lens rather than just uniformity.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo

Nays: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Legislation failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 112

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FOR THE COMPLETE RESURFACING OF HULBERT AVENUE SOUTH OF BRIDGE STREET

Council President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2025-112.

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to waive the reading of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion: City Manager James Timonere stated two public hearings were held, and now the city has to make application. The grant is a competitive grant.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio seconded.

Discussion:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: President John Roskovics, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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, Vice President Russell Simeone, 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.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio stated she was called by a county official regarding the Train Disaster bell and plaque in front of the fire department because the shrubs are overgrown and the bell and plaque are not visible. She stated she reached out to Chief Shawn Gruber and was informed that the shrubs would be cleared so the bell and plaque were visible.

Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero stated that there is a property on W. 7th Street that is a problem. There is a trailer on the property and there is no plumbing. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated the trailer is on private property and is not visible from the street. The housing inspector is

scheduled to do an inspection. Until that is complete, there is nothing criminal that can be charged. It is a violation of the housing code, but the owner has to be cited first and given the opportunity to remove the trailer. If it is not removed, it will be referred to the Solicitor's Office for a compliance citation. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that the maximum penalty is 30 days in jail.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated that the Ashtabula Arts Center has a community painting party on Sunday, June 8th at the Main Avenue crosswalk to freshen up the paint. Bands on the Beach is starting on Thursday, June 12 and will continue every other Thursday this summer. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio and Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills attended a ground-breaking ceremony at the Ashtabula Arts Center for the construction of the new ADA accessible bathroom.

Public Communications on General Matters

Michael Wagner, of Spencer Road, asked if the city had plans to pave Spencer Road between 38th and 41st streets. City Manager James Timonere stated it is not on the list to be paved this year. Mr. Wagner asked if chickens were allowed in the city. Council President John Roskovics stated that chickens are allowed. Residents can have up to six chickens in a fenced-in area. Roosters are not allowed. Mr. Wagner also asked about the city noise ordinance. City Manager James Timonere stated that noise is allowed until 10 p.m. in the summer, but if it is noise that is disruptive, it can be enforced any time.

Samuel Torres, 1619 E. 48th Street, read a letter that he sent to council members regarding the moratorium on drug rehabilitation facilities that was discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Torres stated that he lost his brother to drug addiction in April. He stated that he has witnessed issues with the over-saturation of rehabilitation facilities in the city, and he believes a temporary halt to these facilities would benefit the city. Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo stated that she agreed with him. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated that she agreed with him also and would have voted for the moratorium. President John Roskovics stated that Council did not move forward with the moratorium because it would have put the city at risk of legal issues.

Anthony Oquendo addressed Council regarding the CSX Railroad underpass on Lake Avenue. The comprehensive inspection done by the city was done in 2013. It was previously stated that the inspection was done during the COVID year. Mr. Oquendo asked if the city has the authority to shut down a road if it is deemed unsafe. City Manager James Timonere stated that the city does have that authority. Mr. Oquendo asked about that process. City Manager James Timonere stated that the railroad is required to inspect the bridge every year. If there was an issue, the city would be notified to close the road. He stated that the inspection done by the city was not a comprehensive inspection. It was more of an inspection to look over the condition of the underpass. It did not address any possible structural issues. There were repairs done to the bridge after that inspection. Mr. Oquendo asked if there are any ordinances in place that could be used to address the issue of repairing the bridge. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper stated that municipalities have no authority to direct the railroad or the federal government to do anything. President John Roskovics suggested Council consider a resolution expressing the concerns about the bridge.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, June 16, 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.

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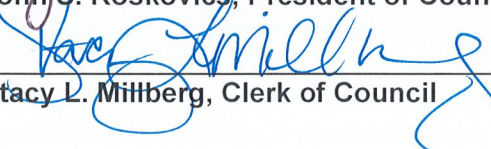
June 14, 2025

ATTESTED BY:



John S. Roskovics, President of Council

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Stacy L. Millberg, Clerk of Council