



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, December 15, 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 President John Roskovics. 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

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

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to excuse Vice President Russell Simeone.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to excuse Vice President Russell Simeone; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

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.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 209

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE REV. PETER W. NIELSEN, III ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ST. PETER CHURCH

President John Roskovics and Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio presented the resolution.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to accept Resolution No. 2025-209.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to accept Resolution No. 2025-209; 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 210

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE ASHTABULA CHAPTER OF ZONTA INTERNATIONAL DURING THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo and Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills presented the resolution.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to accept Resolution No. 2025-210.

Motion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo moved to accept Resolution No. 2025-209; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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.

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes, December 1, 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

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

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

Organization Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2025

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; 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

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, December 1, 2025

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio 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

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

Administrative Reports

President John Roskovics stated that a Work Session will be held before the January 5, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to discuss changes to Council Rules and changes to the meeting agenda format for Pre-Council and Regular Council meetings.

City Manager

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance to enter into two agreements with the Ashtabula County Board of County Commissioners for the purpose of providing public transportation services and lease for the operations center. Funding for the expense of the City's contribution for this effort will be taken from Fund 101.

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio 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.

An ordinance to enter into an agreement with the Ashtabula County Animal Protective League for the purpose of intake of animals for the City of Ashtabula in an amount not to exceed \$24,200. Funding for this expense will be taken from Fund 101.

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

An ordinance to enter into a contract for the purchase of sodium aluminate with USALCO for the City of Ashtabula for an amount not to exceed \$133,000.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; President John Roskovics 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.

An ordinance to enter into a contract for the purchase of Clarifloc with Polydyne Inc. for the City of Ashtabula for an amount not to exceed \$55,000.

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

An ordinance adopting a Cybersecurity Policy in accordance with the recently enacted Ohio Revised Code.

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

An ordinance repealing Ordinances 2012-144, 2012-145, and 2012-171 for the purpose of eliminating the 5% pension pickup to be discontinued beginning with the third payroll period of 2026.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman noted that the exhibit with Ordinance No. 2025-218 was incorrect.
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.

An ordinance to enter into three contracts with USA Waste Geneva Landfill, Inc., for receipt and treatment of leachate, disposal of sludge, and disposal of solid waste. The contracts shall extend for a period of five years commencing January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2030.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; 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

Motion passed.

An ordinance to enter into a contract with Schultz Fluid Handling for the purpose of providing a replacement Moyno feed pump and various components for the centrifuge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. This expense will be paid from Fund 504.

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

Discussion: City Manager James Timonere explained that since the pump went down, the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been utilizing the back-up pump. Since the cost is more than \$10,000, the pump could not be replaced until Council approved it due to the proposed Charter amendments not passing in November.

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.

An ordinance accepting and ratifying the terms of a tentative agreement with AFSCME Local 1197, FOP Lodge 26, and IAFF Local No. 165 and authorizing collective bargaining agreements incorporating said terms effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

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

Discussion: President John Roskovics thanked City Manager James Timonere for his work negotiating the union contracts, acknowledging the extensive work involved in handling five separate contracts simultaneously. City Manager James Timonere acknowledged his Executive Assistant Kelli Jones, as well as Finance Director Vladimir Kan, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper and Assistant Solicitor Catherine Colgan for their assistance with the negotiations.

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.

An ordinance approving and adopting pay rates and other terms and conditions of employment for current non-union personnel employed by the City of Ashtabula.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the City Manager's request; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo 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.

City Manager James Timonere announced that City Hall and the courts would close at noon on Christmas Eve and all day on Christmas Day and December 26th. The same schedule would apply for New Year's. He added that the sanitation department would run one day late after the holidays due to not operating on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. He also informed Council that third shift had begun for Public Works on Sunday night at 11:00 PM, earlier than in previous years.

City Solicitor

City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper reported that the city had filed for injunctive relief against Harbor Ridge Apartments for repeated alleged violations of housing code and city ordinances. She expressed hope that the court would find in the City's favor to provide relief for residents. She acknowledged the efforts of Ms. Colgan, Steve Nelson, Steve Chase, Antonio Feralo, Jason Faulkerson, the fire department, and Mary Church in trying to work with Harbor Ridge to avoid legal action.

City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper and Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero also cautioned residents about telephone scams, including utility shut-off scams and fake court summons scams. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper advised residents to verify any suspicious calls by looking up the correct number independently before sending money or providing information.

Finance Director

The following legislation was formally requested:

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CPA firm Ciuni and Panichi CPAs for the GAAP Conversion for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the preparation of the report for the Board of Health.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; President John Roskovics 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.

An ordinance to make an advance from the General Fund to the Sanitation Fund in the amount of \$216,000 as well as year-end supplemental changes to appropriations in the General Fund, and all other funds listed on Exhibit A for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, State of Ohio, for the period January 1 through December 31, 2025.

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

Discussion: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo asked how long the Sanitation Department had been operating in the red. City Manager James Timonere explained that the Sanitation Department was operating in the red for the first time this year due to an accounting error where delinquent garbage rates certified to the county were overestimated in the budget. The recent increases in sanitation rates should cover the deficit, and he hoped to repay the general fund loan sooner rather than later.

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.

An ordinance to provide for appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Ashtabula, Ohio from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the Finance Director's request; President John Roskovics 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.

Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg reminded councilors of a ribbon cutting ceremony at Big Dog Bounce's new location at 4322 Park Avenue on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 4 p.m.

City Council Committee Reports

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

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 1

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 16

February 20

March 20

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

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

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

NO DECEMBER MEETING

January 27

February 24

March 24

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Guerriero, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

January 8

February 12

March 12

April 9

Committee Chair Terence Guerriero provided the report.

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

President John Roskovics stated that the Planning Commission would meet on December 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The Historic Preservation Committee did not meet.

Presentation of Legislation

President John Roskovics previewed the legislation

Additional Formal Requests

City Manager James Timonere stated that Ordinance No. 2025-213 and 2025-214 need to be formally added to the agenda.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to add 2025-213 and 2025-214 to the agenda; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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.

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 - 203 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 951.03, ENTITLED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, RATES, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, FOR THE PASSAGE OF REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE NEW CHARGES FOR RUBBISH DISPOSAL IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 204 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 951.03, ENTITLED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL RATES, COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL, IN ORDER TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND IMPOSE NEW CHARGES FOR RUBBISH DISPOSAL IN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 205 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.09 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR LEASING COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 206 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.09 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR LEASING COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 207 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION ENACTING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR TRANSFER STATION RATES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 208 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 951.10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING NEW RATES AND CHARGES FOR TRANSFER STATION RATES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

Ordinance No. 2025-203, 2025-204, 2025-205, 2025-206, 2025-207, and 2025-208 were presented for a second reading.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2025-203, 2025-204, 2025-205, 2025-206, 2025-207, and 2025-208.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio 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, 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 reading of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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.

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 211

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO TWO AGREEMENTS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 212

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-213

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 191.062, 191.094, and 191.10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION HARMONIZING THE ASHTABULA CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 214

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REPLACEMENT CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 191.062, 191.094, and 191.10

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 215

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLARIFLOC WITH POLYDYNE INC. FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 216

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM ALUMINATE WITH USALCO FOR THE CITY OF ASHTABULA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$133,000

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 217

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 218

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2012-144 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING THE 5% PENSION PICKUP FRINGE BENEFIT OF POLICE DIVISION EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED BY THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 219

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2012-145 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING THE 5% PENSION PICKUP FRINGE BENEFIT OF FIRE DIVISION EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED BY THE OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 220

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2012-171 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING THE 5% PENSION PICKUP FRINGE BENEFIT OF EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED BY THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 221

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THREE (3) CONTRACTS WITH USA WASTE GENEVA LANDFILL, INC., FOR RECEIPT AND TREATMENT OF LEACHATE, DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 222

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CPA FIRM CIUNI AND PANICHI CPAS FOR THE GAAP CONVERSION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 223

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SCHULTZ FLUID HANDLING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A REPLACEMENT MOYNO FEED PUMP AND VARIOUS COMPONENTS FOR THE CENTRIFUGE AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 224

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN ADVANCE FROM GENERAL FUND TO SANITATION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$216,000.00 AS WELL AS YEAR-END SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND ALL OTHER FUNDS LISTED ON EXHIBIT A FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 225

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 226

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND RATIFYING THE TERMS OF A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THREE EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS INCORPORATING SAID TERMS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 227

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING PAY RATES AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CURRENT NON-UNION PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF ASHTABULA

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2025-211 through 2025-227.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; 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 reading of the legislation; President John Roskovics 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 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

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.

Unfinished Business

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked about the status of the proposed tree legislation from the Parks and Recreation Board. City Manager James Timonere stated that it was referred to the Community Development / Economic Development / Parks & Recreation Committee for further review and discussion.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman raised concerns about the council roster list and her private phone number. She noted that after researching the ORC, council rules, city charter, and Robert's Rules of Order, she found no requirement to list her private number. She had previously requested using the Clerk of Council's office phone number instead, similar to the County Commissioners' practice. She mentioned consulting with an attorney who advised against listing her private number. President John Roskovics stated that council had voted to approve the roster as it stood, and that publishing contact numbers was a long-standing practice to allow residents to reach councilors directly with concerns. Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked if this was something that could be discussed at the upcoming work session, since there are no specific council rules about providing phone numbers for councilors. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper confirmed that there is nothing in the rules requiring specific phone number listings, and the matter could be discussed at the upcoming work session.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman also mentioned wanting to discuss the selection process for special committees to ensure fair representation from all wards, suggesting this could also be addressed at a work session.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills asked for a status update on the proposed legislation to transition the Ad Hoc Committee: Exploring Racism as a Public Health Crisis to an advisory committee. Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman stated that she consulted with the Solicitor's Office and new draft legislation had been created and would need additional review before it was brought back to Council. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio questioned whether there was enough support for the advisory committee to continue working on it and asked if Council could vote whether to move forward. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper explained that since there was no legislation on the agenda, there was nothing to vote on, but if council wanted to vote on the previously drafted ordinance, it would need to be added to a future agenda.

New Business

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills announced that the RAM USA free medical, dental, and vision event would be held at Lakeside Junior High on April 11 and 12, 2026. She encouraged people to spread the word about this service for uninsured or underinsured residents.

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo shared that she had toured the Shays Theater, which was expected to begin operating in March 2026 with the first phase including a coffee shop, meeting room, and rented office space. She expressed excitement about the project and also mentioned looking forward to Shenanigans opening as well.

President John Roskovics praised the recent activity on Bridge Street, noting how crowded and lively it was with horse and buggy rides, an ice skating rink, and costumed characters. He congratulated the merchants and LBCA for planning such a nice weekend for the community.

Public Communications on General Matters

Blake Hinklel, of Ward 1, thanked the City for their efforts on the Hulbert Avenue grant and for taking action against Harbor Ridge Apartments. He mentioned having family friends with children living there who had sent him concerning pictures of backup issues and limited heat.

Steve Chase, of Arlington Avenue, apologized for any perceived rudeness at the previous meeting. He stated his intent was to challenge the Council to do better.

Anthony Oquendo, Ward 1, stated that he attended the Ashtabula Township Parks Commission meeting that morning regarding homeless encampments in the Gulf. He expressed concern that Ashtabula Township Parks Commissioner Brian Hubbard had doubted the City was taking action. City Manager James Timonere confirmed that notices had been issued to the encampments and that the fire department, police department, and housing department had been involved. Steve Chase added that he had recently hiked the Gulf and found four encampments remaining, all outside the City limits. The City had cleaned up encampments within its jurisdiction.

Cindy Pajak, of Saybrook Township, expressed concerns about code enforcement of rental properties, noting that after sending information about problematic properties in September, she had seen little action. She questioned the effectiveness of the code enforcement department and asked why it took so long to address violations. City Manager James Timonere and City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper explained that with only two code enforcement officers, one that was just recently hired, they must prioritize the most serious violations. City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper added that they currently have over 20 properties referred for injunctive relief and that the code staff works diligently, often responding after hours and on weekends for emergencies like the Harbor Ridge situation.

JP Ducro, of West Prospect Road, thanked Anthony Oquendo for sharing video of the Township Park meeting. He commended Mr. Chase for monitoring the Gulf, and encouraged Council to allow Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman to list the Clerk of Council's office number as her contact. He also mentioned the warming house issue that had been discussed on social media, hoping a solution could be found.

Patrick Haywood, of 15th Street, also spoke about the warming house and expressed concern for homeless individuals during cold weather. He reflected on the transformation of Bridge Street from its troubled past to its current vibrant state, noting that positive changes take time. He encouraged putting humanity first.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, January 5, 2026 in Council Chambers. A Work Session will be held at 5:30 p.m. 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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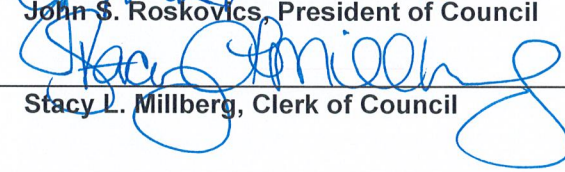
January 5, 2024

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John S. Roskovics, President of Council

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Stacy L. Millberg, Clerk of Council