



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Roskovics.

Prayer

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills offered the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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
Absent: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo
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 Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to excuse Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo; 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

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.

Reading of Legislation

Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg read the legislation titles to be considered at the meeting.

Motion to Approve the Order of the Agenda

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to approve the order of the 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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Special Items

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 33

A RESOLUTION HONORING CHRISTINE L. HILL ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE ASHTABULA CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

City Manager James Timonere and Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills presented the Resolution.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to accept Resolution No. 2026-33.

Motion: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills moved to accept Resolution No. 2026-33. 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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 34

A RESOLUTION HONORING EARL TUCKER FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CITY OF ASHTABULA PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

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

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to accept Resolution No. 2026-34.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to accept Resolution No. 2026-34. 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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Communications

Citizen Comment and Community Announcements

Sarah Brower, of Ward 2, representing a group called Betsy's Beed, addressed concerns about immigration enforcement, specifically 287(g) agreements between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement. She expressed concern about constitutional violations in immigration enforcement and requested Council consider a resolution similar to one passed in East Cleveland to limit local participation in federal immigration enforcement.

Andrew Holden, of Pierpont Township, also spoke on behalf of Betsy's Bees. He urged Council to consider the community impact of such agreements.

Haroldine Scruggs, of Cleveland Avenue, acknowledged Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills' recent engagement with senior citizens at the Ashtabula Senior Center recently, and encouraged Council members to also visit the center to connect with elderly residents in their wards.

Gary Stuyvesant, of Columbus Avenue, raised concerns about road conditions, particularly Columbus Avenue. He suggested the City consider tar and chip resurfacing as a cost-effective approach for certain streets, noting it could save streets for five to eight years at 40 to 50 percent less cost than complete resurfacing. He also mentioned safety concerns regarding the traffic light at Columbus Avenue and Lake Road. He also praised the Public Works and Sanitation staff for all of their hard work, especially during the winter months. City Manager James Timonere explained that the City had previously tried the chip and tar method but encountered mixed public reception, and noted that many of the streets mentioned were beyond the point where that approach would be effective.

Councilor Comments, Liaison Reports and Meeting Announcements

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills stated that she emailed the Ashtabula Senior Center with answers to questions raised during her visit there.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2026

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

Nays: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2026

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Nays: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Resolutions

New Business

For Passage

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 35

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COLUMBIANA CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A DODGE RAM REGULAR CAB 5500 DUMP TRUCK FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 36

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TUSING BUILDERS & ROOFING SERVICES TO REPLACE THE NORTHERN ROOF SECTION OF CITY HALL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 37

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2026-02 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 38

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION, SALARIES AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ASHTABULA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AND PROBATION DIVISIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 39

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2026-10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 40

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF ASHTABULA WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414(h)(2)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 41

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING FINAL LEGISLATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PID 120923 FOR

RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST 48TH STREET/COLLINS BOULEVARD (S.R. 84) FROM PARK AVENUE TO EAST 46TH STREET

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2026-35 through 2026-41.

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

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, Vice President Russell Simeone, Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio, Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

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

Nays: None

Legislation passed.

First Reading(s)

Continuing Business/Public Hearings

Second Reading(s)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 27

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING EXISTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 913.11, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 28

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING REPLACEMENT CODIFIED ORDINANCE 913.11

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 29

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 959, ENTITLED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE A PROVISION WHICH REQUIRES A TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM BE ENACTED WITHIN CITY PARKS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 30

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO AMEND THE JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND LOCAL 1197 OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OHIO COUNCIL 8, AFL-CIO ("1197") FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 31

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2021-87 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP AND FILE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF WASHINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN BUNKER HILL ROAD AND WEST 58TH STREET

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2026-27 through 2026-32.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda; 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

Nays: None

Motion passed.

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

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

Nays: None

Legislation passed.

Administrative Approval Votes

Liquor Permit - Kwick Mart, 1123 Lake Avenue

The business is located in Ward 2. There were no concerns.

Liquor Permit - Harbor Gardens, 1022 & 1024 Bridge Street

The business is located in Ward 2. There were no concerns.

Reappoint Cheryl Guyton, George Toth and Bonnie Cannon to the Planning Commission

President John Roskovics asked for a voice vote to reappoint Cheryl Guyton, George Toth, and Bonnie Cannon to the Planning Commission.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero announced that Garden Trails Garden Club had been awarded a National Garden Club's Plant America grant of \$1,990 to replace trees destroyed at Lakeshore Park during the 2024 winter storm. He noted the club is celebrating 25 years of community service in Ashtabula.

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio announced that fish dinners at Our Lady of Peace Parish will start on Friday at the community center from 4 to 7 p.m. They are held every Friday during Lent. Both dine-in and carry-out are available. Winter on the Water will be held on February 28 from 2 to 8 p.m. starting at Carlisle Pavilion in the Harbor. On March 2, the Lift Bridge will be lit orange in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. There will also be a soirée at the River Bend Hotel in the Lift Bar.

City Manager James Timonere thanked the Ashtabula County Treasurer's Office for conducting remote tax collection at Council Chambers, serving over 300 residents. As a result, the City also saw an increase in people paying their income tax at City Hall.

City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper announced that she had obtained bike safety information cards from the Department of Transportation. The cards were given to Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman and Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills for distribution to residents. Anyone interested in obtaining the information cards is asked to contact those councilors.

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman announced that the Hubbard House Underground Railroad and Museum will be having an annual recognition event on February 28 at 11 a.m. as part of Black History Month.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills announced the NEO Fund monthly networking meeting scheduled for February 18 at Council Chambers from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. City Manager James Timonere and Mary Church, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development, would be discussing "Effectively Working with Ashtabula City for Your Small Business."

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by President John Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, March 2, 2026 in Council Chambers. The Pre-Council meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DATE APPROVED:

March 2, 2026

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Russell Simone *sm*

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