



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Pre-Council Agenda
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
4230 Lake Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Minutes

Opening of a Pre-Council Meeting

Call to Order

The Pre-Council meeting of the Ashtabula City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President John Roskovics.

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

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

President's Report and Regular Meeting Review

Councilors' Concerns

Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman invited council members to participate in the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation.

Administrative Reports

City Manager

City Manager James Timonere presented several items for Council's consideration.

- A contract with Columbiana Chrysler Jeep Dodge for a Dodge Ram 5500 dump truck for the Water Pollution Control Plant, not to exceed \$67,339 and paid from Fund 504.
- A contract with Tusing Builders and Roofing Services to replace the northern roof section of City Hall for \$29,110 from Fund 412. City Manager James Timonere explained this was needed due to peeling and leaking issues in the Finance Department area of the building. He noted that only ceiling tiles had been damaged inside the building.
- Final legislation for participation in the reconstruction of W. 48th Street/Collins Boulevard (S.R. 84) project from Park Avenue to East 46th Street, using standard language from the Ohio Department of Transportation. City Manager James Timonere indicated that the project was expected to be sold in April with construction beginning later this summer.

City Manager James Timonere also discussed future ordinances to be brought to Council at upcoming meetings:

- A contract with Envision Group to update the zoning and planning code as follow-up to their current work on the City's master plan, with payments to be spread across 2026 and 2027.

- A contract with Lampian Companies for \$11,900 to repair and replace traffic signalization at E. 25th Street and Harbor Avenue that was damaged in an accident. City Manager James Timonere noted he expects reimbursement from the responsible party's insurance.
- Two CRA tax abatement applications from Scott and Linda Lester at 1021 Michigan Avenue, and from Damon Harris at 3348 Brianna Court. City Manager James Timonere noted that these represented approximately \$800,000 in investment in owner-occupied housing.

City Manager James Timonere also requested approval for the following board appointments/reappointments:

- Mary Church to the Port Authority (term expiring January 22, 2029)
- Mark Brockway to the Port Authority (term expiring April 1, 2029)
- Barry Shick to the Planning Commission (term expiring August 12, 2027)

President John Roskovics asked for a voice vote to approve the appointments. Motion carried 6-0.

City Manager James Timonere announced that the second public forum for the master plan would be held March 26th at 6 p.m. in the Blue and Gold Room at Kent State University Ashtabula. He also provided an update on efforts to address railroad underpass issues. City Manager James Timonere explained that despite working with Congressman Joyce's office and the Surface Transportation Board, CSX was unwilling to address concerns about the Lake Avenue bridge, stating they believe it is safe. City Manager James Timonere expressed frustration with CSX's uncooperative attitude but noted that Norfolk and Southern Railroad has been much more responsive about issues with the Center Street and Main Avenue underpasses. He clarified that when Lake Avenue is eventually paved, work will deliberately stop short of the bridge area to avoid any liability issues.

Finance Director

Finance Director Vladimir Kan presented three items for Council's consideration:

- An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 2026-02 and adopt a new ordinance (2026-38) reflecting updated salary ranges for part-time deputy clerks.
- An ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 2026-10 and replace it with Ordinance No. 2026-40 to correct an error that mistakenly excluded elected officials from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System pension pickup.
- A second reading of the Memorandum of Understanding for restructuring the Finance Department.

City Solicitor

No report.

Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Stacy Millberg announced a ribbon cutting ceremony at Shenanigan's scheduled for March 4th at noon.

City Council Committee Reports

Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio reported that the Memorial Naming Committee met on February 10 and was ready to bring two items to Council for consideration.

Motion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to bring a request to add the Morrison Corvette sign to all City entrance signs, alongside the existing Urban Meyer and Connie Schultz signs, out of committee; 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: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio moved to bring a request for a dedication plaque from the Maunus family to be placed at the pickleball courts in honor of Jerry Maunus out of committee; Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero seconded.

Discussion: Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio noted that the Maunus family would pay for everything and requested

bypassing two readings to ensure installation by the June 20th pickleball tournament, as the plaque would take approximately 10 weeks to order.

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

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

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

Finance & Personnel

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

Members: Chair Foglio, Vice Chair DiGiacomo, Roskovics

February 20

March 20

April 17

May 15

Public Works/Public Utilities/Cable/Schools

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

Members: Chair Mills, Vice Chair Guerriero, Roskovics

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 26

Safety Forces

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

Members: Chair Guerriero, Vice Chair Foglio, Roskovics

March 12

April 9

May 14

June 11

Committee Chair Terence Guerriero provided the report.

Planning Commission and Ashtabula Historic Preservation Commission

Discussion of New Business/Proposed Legislation

Discussion of Old Business/Legislation on for 2nd Reading

Discussion for the Good of the Order

City Manager James Timonere warned residents about ice safety concerns, noting that the fire department had just rescued a father and three children from the ice behind the hospital. Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio added that she had seen someone walking on the lake with a stick the previous day, and cautioned that the ice was becoming increasingly unstable with warming temperatures and wind.

Adjournment

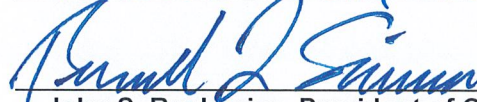
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

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, 2024

ATTESTED BY:



John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:

Russel Simeone, Vice President of Council


Stacy L. Millberg, Clerk of Council