



City of Ashtabula
Ashtabula City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, July 6, 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

Vice President Russell Simeone 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 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman, Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills, Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo
Absent:

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, City Solicitor Cecilia Cooper, Finance Director Vladimir Kan and 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.

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 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman moved to approve the order of the agenda; Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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: None

Motion carried.

Special Items

Former Ward 1 Councilor Kym Foglio was presented with a plaque recognizing her years of service with the City of Ashtabula.

Communications

Citizen Comment and Community Announcements

Liz Penna, of Lake Avenue, addressed Council in support of extending curbside recycling to all wards, citing its potential to improve community pride and reduce the scense of disparity among wards.

Bobby Keene, of W. 15th Street, inquired whether, if the moratorium on accessory structures over 200 square feet

were repealed, he would be able to proceed with building a garage. President Roskovics confirmed that upon passage of the repeal resolution, he could obtain permits from the City and proceed under current zoning regulations. Mr. King also asked about the sidewalk replacement reimbursement program. City Manager James Timonere explained that sidewalk maintenance is the property owner's responsibility under the Ohio Revised Code, but the City offers a reimbursement program for a portion of concrete material costs. Property owners must submit a form, have the area measured by City inspectors, and submit itemized invoices. Mr. King thanked Public Works Superintendent John Melnik and staff for their work resolving a drainage ditch issue on his property. He also reported a dilapidated property adjacent to his brother's home on E. 23rd Street, describing it as structurally unsound, infested with pests, and potentially lacking power. City Manager James Timonere agreed to follow up after obtaining the precise address. A second property at 14th and Pennsylvania was also referenced. City Manager James Timonere indicated charges have been filed on that one.

Councilor Comments, Liaison Reports and Meeting Announcements

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing Minutes, June 15, 2026

Motion: President John Roskovics 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, 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: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2026

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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, 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: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2026

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to waive the reading of the minutes in their entirety; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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: None

Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

After the minutes were approved, Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman requested a minor correction to the Regular Council Meeting Minutes on page 9 of the packet. In the section regarding a discussion between herself and the City Solicitor about a law enforcement request, she requested that the minutes reflect that she spoke as "a volunteer sharing her experience" rather than "the volunteer," as no names had been mentioned in the original exchange, and she had not known at the time to whom the solicitor was referring.

Resolutions

New Business

For Passage

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 121

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DISPOSE OF OBSOLETE AND UNNEEDED VEHICLES ROUND 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 122

A RESOLUTION REPEALING 2025-83 PERTAINING TO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES OVER 200 SQUARE FEET

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -123

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH EPLS, LLC FOR PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT CONSULTANTS SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 124

A RESOLUTION OF ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE ASHTABULA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 125

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PURCHASE RECYCLING AND RUBBISH CONTAINERS FROM WASTEQUIP, LLC, TO COMPLETE THE CITY'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 126

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGES TO APPROPRIATION 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, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 127

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2026 - 88 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENACTING REPLACEMENT LEGISLATION PROVIDING COMPENSATION AND WAGES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ASHTABULA CITY MUNICIPAL COURT AND PROBATION DIVISIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 128

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 129

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF ASHTABULA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO BUDGET COMMISSION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 130

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR HVAC REPAIRS AT THE ANNEX BUILDING WITH ZIEGLER HEATING AND COOLING

President John Roskovics requested that Ordinance No. 2026-125 be considered separately from the rest of the legislation.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to dispose of the Regular Business Legislation by consent agenda for Ordinance No. 2026-121 through 2026-124, and 2026-126 through 2026-130.

Motion: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman 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 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 reading of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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: None

Motion passed.

Motion: Ward 2 Councilor Terence Guerriero moved to waive the Charter Requirements of two readings of the legislation; Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman seconded.

Discussion: None

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: 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: None

Legislation passed.

President John Roskovics asked for a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2026-125.

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 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; Vice President Russell Simeone seconded.

Discussion: None

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: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: 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: President John Roskovics

Legislation passed.

First Reading(s)

Continuing Business/Public Hearings

Second Reading(s)

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 97

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 759.08 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A COMPLETED FBI (NATIONAL) AND BCI (OHIO) BACKGROUND CHECK

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 98

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 759.08

Motion: President John Roskovics moved to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 2026-97 and 2026-98; Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills seconded.

Discussion: None

VOICE 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: None

Motion passed.

Adoption of legislation

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Legislation passed.

Administrative Approval Votes

Re-Appoint Len Jury to Parks Board

President Roskovics asked for a voice vote to re-appoint Len Jury to the Parks and Recreation Board.

VOICE 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: None

Motion carried.

Tell Us Something We Don't Know

Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo announced that a free movie night featuring *A Goofy Movie* will be held at West 38th Street Park on July 17th, from 7 to 11 p.m., with the movie beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills announced the Harbor Night Market on July 17th from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Harbor, featuring music by Smooth Jazz Trio, street vendors, food trucks, and extended merchant hours. She also noted a Bike Safety Story Time event at Red Brook Metropark on July 24th, open to children in kindergarten through fifth grade, offering a free bike helmet from Ashtabula County Metroparks, stories, and a ride through the park. Registration is encouraged through the Ashtabula Library. She additionally reminded residents that Bands on the Beach continues with Swamp Rattlers performing from 7 to 9 p.m. on July 9th, and noted the upcoming Wine and Walleye Festival, with volunteer signups available at wineandwalleye.com.

President John Roskovics commented on the recently concluded Beach Glass Festival, noting large and enthusiastic crowds and the positive impressions visitors expressed about the City.

Executive Session (if needed)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. by Council President Roskovics.

Ashtabula City Council will meet again on Monday, July 20, 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:

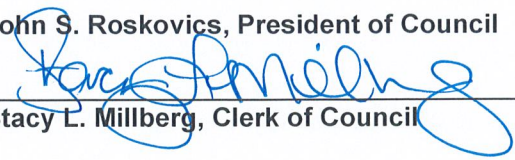
July 20, 2026

ATTESTED BY:

John S. Roskovics

John S. Roskovics, President of Council

ATTESTED BY:


Stacy L. Millberg, Clerk of Council