REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 – 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:01 PM. City Council convened for a regular meeting in Council Chambers – Courtroom #1.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Nick Augustine, Lori DiNallo, Jim Fodor, and Christine Shoop were present. Paul Hach was not able to attend. Mario Rodriguez arrived at 7:07 pm.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to excuse Paul Hach from tonight's Council Meeting.

Mr. Augustine moved to excuse Paul Hach seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, Law Director Jim Lyons, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken, Water Superintendent Orin McMonigle, Police Chief Dan Waterman, City Engineer Leanne Exum, Electric Superintendent Joe Price, Public Information Officer Kathleen Sullivan, Public Lands & Recreation Director Michelle LaPuma, Public Service Director Jarod McCrone, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Lori DiNallo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 01.06.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 6, 2025, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ray Sternot, of Birchwood Lane, addressed council regarding the snow ban. He summarized his following points: I have heard that the city has gotten some complaints from Heisley Park residents about the street parking ban during a storm event. And I understand these residents complaining about being ticketed. But equally many residents have also complained that the city does not adequately enforce the parking ban and street not being cleared of snow resulting in inadequate access to mailboxes or driveways. Some on the council may know the history of our development. I think we can blame this issue on the narrow street plans being approved by Rita McMahon, former City Manager, Planning Commission and members of council at the time of development approval. Clearly neither the garages nor the driveways were adequately sized and have thus contributed to this complaining. But that's old news and cannot be fixed! Mr. Lewis and subsequent Planning Commission members did better with Encore Estates. As a resident of Heisley Park and member of the current HOA board, I am in favor of the enforcement of the parking ban, and ticketing where necessary for the adequate cleaning of Heisley Park streets during a snow emergency. Additionally, I suggest that to avoid a ticket for street parking during a parking ban, residents should know that they can: a.) clean out their garage so that it can used purposely for vehicle; move trash bins out of their garages to the sides of the residence (with proper blockage from view from the street); install a shed on the property, or install a driveway extension as some residents in Heisley Park have already done.

Email submitted: *Below is a post that I've placed on both The Heisley Park Facebook Page and NextDoor Heisley Park. As a resident of Heisley Park and member of the current HOA board, I am in favor of the continued enforcement of the parking ban and adequate cleaning of Heisley Park streets during a snow emergency. This post is being offered as a public service*

announcement to residents in Heisley Park. I have heard that the city has gotten some complaints from some Heisley Park residents being ticketed for cars parked in the street during a snow storm event and an instituted street parking ban. I understand these residents complaining about being ticketed. Many other residents have also complained that the city does not adequately enforce the parking ban. The result is that the streets are not being adequately cleared of snow and in some instances this has resulted in inadequate access to mailboxes because of the poor cleaning. As many of those currently in Heisley Park or on City Council might not know the history of this development, I am of the opinion as a former Planning Commission member, that we can blame this issue on the narrow street plans approved by Rita McMahon, a former City Manager; members of a former Planning Commission; and members of council at the time of development's approval. Clearly neither the garages nor the driveways were adequately sized and have thus contributed to this complaint about being ticketed. But what is done is done and things have been learned from past design deficiencies! The current City Manager and the Planning Commission members did somewhat better with the design of Encore Estates with driveways longer with garages set back from the road! So, what can Heisley Park residents do in order to avoid a ticket for street parking during a parking ban? Residents can: a.) clean out their garage so that it can used purposely for vehicle; move trash bins to the sides of the residence (with proper blockage from view from the street in accordance with HOA guidelines); or install a driveway extension as some residents in Heisley Park have already done. And that is about it. Because I'm told that the city will be enforcing the no parking ban during a storm emergency.

Email submitted: *Hello, my name is Jeff Hope. My address is 301 Hayer Drive on Green Court. The last couple heavy snowfalls the plows push the snow up onto the sidewalk making it hard to get thru the sidewalk. Plow didn't even go down the court. There is a elderly woman and two houses have school age kids. In the past they were putting the snow in the middle and come back later for the snow. Also they put snow in front of my back driveway. Why can't they put it in the middle? Just so you know its only two feet of grass to the street. Thank you.*

Mr. Fodor suggested if residents have a concern, know who your ward councilperson is and the nearest councilperson-at-large, and direct your email to them personally to get a response, call administration, or the department responsible. Mr. Lewis commented if the city does receive complaints, the bobcat with a snow blower would have been sent to clear the sidewalk. He explained the main interest is that all the snow is off the road, and then the sidewalks are cleared. Due to the large amount of snow, it was necessary to push snow into some crossings and then come back to clear it.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Finance Committee

Planning Commission

Mr. Lewis gave the report for this meeting which was held on January 9, 2025. The following items were presented to the Planning Commission for consideration: Refusal No. 2456: The City of Painesville has received an application from Grand River Walk LLC requesting a modification to the established CUP and CCR's. The modification is a result of a change in the configuration of the first-floor floor-plan. The previously proposed bike storage room is now being proposed as a 1-bedroom apartment. By a vote of 5-0 the modification requests to the CUP and CCR's were approved; Refusal No. 2457: An application was submitted by Steele Mansion Suites LLC requesting an extension of their Conditional Use Permit for an additional 5-years. By a vote of 5-0 the request to extend the Condition Use Permit an additional 5-years was approved; Refusal No. 2458: The City of Painesville has received an application from Erin Bishop requesting the installation of an 8.00kW roof mounted solar array system. Section 1119.18(d)(2) gives the Design Review Board, which is the Planning Commission, the authority to review renewable energy systems for compliance with design standards with the Unified Development Code. By a vote of 5-0 the request to install a roof mounted solar array system was approved.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Mrs. Shoop gave the report for this meeting which was held on January 14, 2025. The following items were discussed: Our first order of business was to welcome two new Commission Members. Maggie Runyon and Greg Miller are new to our Commission. We introduced them to the other members in attendance and thanked them for their interest and commitment to our Commission; Justin Gollin shared our 2025 Recreation Events and Programs. He stressed the need for Sponsorships for our events and let the Commission members know that we have started 2025 off with positive responses to our sponsorship requests; Justin also noted a few changes to our events/programs in 2025: Our Farmers Market will have new hours. The market will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will see how the public responses to the change. This change was made to accommodate earlier lunches. The vendors believe the change is a good thing. We decided to try combining the Police and Fire Story Times – making it a

Safety Forces Story Time. This change is to hope to increase attendance. We will also be introducing some different activities for the children to interact more with the officers. New to 2025 will be a celebration for Painesville's 200th Birthday. Details are still being worked out. Another new event will be a Shred Day this fall – giving residents an opportunity to clear out old documents. This will replace fall clean-up and it was suggested to have a dumpster available; and the next meeting will be April 8, 2025 at 4:30 at 54 Mentor Ave. All commission members are encouraged to attend. Mrs. DiNallo shared that she liked the idea of shred day because it will make a difference and residents will appreciate it.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Shoop gave the report for this meeting which was held on January 16, 2025. The following items were discussed: Mr. Aiken reviewed the Ohio Department of Development grant and loan application for the Water Pollution Control Plant blower replacement with the Committee. The cost of the project is estimated to be $600,000; $200,000 would be covered by the grant and the remaining $400,000 by the loan. The Committee asked if there were any other funding alternatives outside of obtaining a loan, and if so, return that information prior to the Council February meeting. The Superintendent will move forward with the pre-application process, and if necessary, bring forward any required legislation to Council for consideration at a future meeting date; The Finance Director reviewed the projected 2024 ending fund cash balances, and estimated budget forecasts; The Committee discussed future needs, to include adding new funds, and possible funding mechanisms; suggestions included additional fire personnel & facilities, electric at the hospital site, utility pole replacements, Bank St., Jackson St. Interchange, the CRE facility, and Parks, Rec. & Public Lands; The Committee reviewed and discussed funding for street improvements; The Committee reviewed and discussed the costs related to the Facility Study; a final report is expected by the end of next month; The Committee reviewed and discussed the costs related to the Comprehensive Plan; $75,000 is currently budgeted; other municipal comprehensive plans & costs were discussed; a RFQ was sent out to 12 firms; The Committee discussed and will move forward with the Sidewalk Assessment Program; and the Committee discussed scheduling future meetings at regular intervals; and reviewed the budget timeline and dates.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

3rd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Chapter 929 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to Electric Service and Rates.** ***(1st Reading 12.16.24, 2nd Reading 01.06.25)

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this legislation is the culmination of the Rate Study performed by USF that recommended the rate increases for the next three to five years. Over the next three years, the City will have information regarding the impact of solar and battery project, review it, and hope to hold the increases for year four and year five.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 02-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution approving the creation of the Land Acquisition Fund for the 2025 Operating Budget, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.06.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this legislation is the proposal of creating a Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of economic development. The next piece of legislation (Item #3) talks about the financing.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #3 ORDINANCE

2nd Reading* – An Ordinance to authorize additional inter-fund transfer of funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 01.06.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this legislation for consideration is to move a million dollars from the General Fund to the Land Acquisition Fund and to move $25,000.00 from the General Fund to the Senior Services Fund.

This is a separate fund established by Council earlier. Funds will be moved after this, and the previous mentioned funds, are passed by Council.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #4 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 937.57(a) of the Code of Ordinances relating to Sewer Rates, and declaring an emergency.**

Water Pollution Control Superintendent Kevin Aiken spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an ordinance proposing for a rate increase for the next five years. A presentation was given at a prior Council Meeting.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #5 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 933.19 of the Code of Ordinances relating to Water Service Rates, and declaring an emergency.**

Water Superintendent Orin McMonigle spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the City had a study done to determine a rate increase. There will not be a rate increase year one and two, but will have a slight rate increase in year three to five. The presentation is on our website.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for the 2025 Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads Project, and declaring an emergency.**

City Engineer Leanne Exum spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated the City will be resurfacing a portion of Bank Street from South State Street to the asphalt (this is the concrete section of pavement at the intersection of South State Street); Harmon Avenue has a pavement from Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) to West Jackson Street; Liberty Street from Washington Street to Mentor Avenue; Liberty Street Extension from Liberty Street to East Erie Street; Lincoln Avenue from Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) to West Jackson Street; North St. Clair Street from East Erie Street (U.S. 20) to Main Street, and Valley View Drive from East Walnut Avenue to the cul-de-sac. Staff is requesting approval of the Resolution to advertise for bids and enter into a contract including any and all ensuing change orders with the lowest and best bidder for the 2025 Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads.

Mr. Abney moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.
On roll call, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.
On roll call, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.
RESOLUTION 07-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #7 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with the lowest and best bidder for the Elm Street Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Installation, and declaring an emergency.**

City Engineer Leanne Exum spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated in 2022, the City applied for a grant through ODOT for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for the installation of sidewalks along Elm Street from Lighthouse Pointe to the bridge on Elm Street Elementary. The City received this grant and has completed the design of the project. The sidewalks along Elm Street will be installed in the public right of way. Staff will be conducting meetings with the residents because it will require the removal of trees and other items that residents have installed in the public right of way. An informative meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM in Courtroom #1 regarding this and the impact to the residents. Information about this meeting was sent directly to the residents. The cost associated with this

project is $400,000.00 and is accounted for in the Engineering Capital budget under a SRTS grant from ODOT. Staff is asking approval of the resolution so to start the advertising and bidding process. The construction of the project would begin in April.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 08-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #8 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve remaining funding needed to complete AMI deployment including the Master Services Agreement and Amendments for participation in the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Program by and between American Municipal Power, Inc. and the City of Painesville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this original purchase order was approved in December 2019. Due to various delays occurs (COVID) the purchase order had to be closed. For transparency, it was thought best to bring this before council to re-appropriate the funds, not exceeding what was originally left in the purchase order ($900,000.00) and then enter into an agreement, which is the 4th amendment, with AMP. It was asked to be passed tonight because some deadline which funds need to be spend.

Law Director clarified and provided additional information regarding the 4th amendment that would need to be approved by council. He suggested making amendment to this existing resolution to incorporate the language Section 1 authorizing the City Manager to approve the 4th amendment to the original AMP agreement. It was decided to bring the amended resolution with the additional language and the 4th amendment attachment to the next council meeting.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #9 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution of the City of Painesville, located in Lake County of Ohio, supporting the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (AMERICA250-OH), and declaring an emergency.**

Public Information Officer Kathleen Sullivan spoke on this piece of legislation. She asked for a resolution supporting making Painesville an American 250 community which allows us to apply for grants for the celebration in 2026 of the anniversary of the 1776 Revolution. The city is applying through the Ohio Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (250). The grant is specifically for local city and communities. The grant is for $5,000.00 with no match requirement. These grants will assist with activities being planned at the local level to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States during 2026. The grant, if awarded, is up to $5,000 with no local match is required. Funds would be available for use from April 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. The money would be used for the city's 225 anniversary on May 1, 2025 with General Paine at Charter Oak Park, then go to next year which would celebrate America's anniversary. Becoming an official "America 250-Ohio Community" means receiving special recognition and designation including signage, event promotion, resources, storytelling and education initiatives and the ability to apply for grants to help fund local celebrations. It was recommended the Resolution be passed on first reading in order to meet the January 31, 2025 grant deadline.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 09-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #10 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease with Vic Place, LLC ("Lessee") to lease approximately 0.94 acres of real property, with an option to purchase same, located at 66 South St. Clair Street in order to provide parking for the renovation and redevelopment of 100 South Park Place into a mixed use residential and retail restaurant building, and declaring an emergency.**

Jarrod Teeter, Development Associate for Renew Partners, LLC, stated this is a request from the lender that they lease the parking lot with the option to purchase instead of buying it at closing. This was so it would not put down as collateral along with the building. This has been agreed upon by Painesville Council and the Bank's council. The purchase price has not changed, just when the purchase of the land occurs.

Mr. Augustine moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 10-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Lodging Tax

Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro gave an update that the administration is working on a new chapter and will submit a model ordinance that will define the city's process on collecting the tax at the February 18th council meeting. The legislation will go three reads so residents have an opportunity to respond before being voted upon.

NEW BUSINESS: Snow Ban Parking, Police and Fire Dispatch

Snow Ban Parking

Police Chief Dan Waterman stated there have been a number of calls to dispatch from individuals who were frustrated about car left in the street and snow in the driveways. During the November's snow storm, the tow truck was overwhelmed with responding to so many calls. 14 vehicles were towed over the four day period. Chief Waterman did clarify that the police do make an effort to knock on doors, when possible, but can be difficult and complicated due to car registered to different street addresses. Therefore, parking tickets will be issued. During January's snow storm, the police received quite a few complains. Narrow streets with several inches of snow can cause a struggle for the fire department vehicles. So, parking tickets will be issued by the police department. There was a drama reduction in the number of vehicles parked in the street after the January event. The police did issue a few citations throughout the city. The police are finding only half of the vehicles that are tickets are registered to the street they are on, making it challenging to locate the owners in a short notice. It was noticed that many driveways are not full and have available parking. Parking in the street is a conscience choice. Chief Waterman encouraged residents to park in their driveway or make arrangements. The snow ban goes into effect, automatically, when there is more than two inches of snow. A number of residents did move their cars when asked and this avoided having to tow vehicles. The fine is $50.00 which changed in February 2014, and many residents have paid their fines and are apologetic.

Police and Fire Dispatch

Police Chief Dan Waterman, along with Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, explained they received their new contract from central dispatch. Normally, it is a three year contract, but this year, it is a one year contract. There is a cost increase due to the new Next Gen 911 Compliance, which will require new equipment in the dispatch centers. One projection that was concerning was the cost per population. This would make the cost astronomical. Discussions and due diligence of gathering facts and figures have taken place and administration would like Council's opinion regarding this. A request for a change in the dispatch contract has been asked regarding a six month opt-out that either side could give notice. The question of other options was brought forth about contracting with other dispatch groups. The administration will look into those options. Legislation will come before council for this current year's contract with the new terms. Council agreed for administration to investigate other alternatives as well as the current one.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

Mr. Fodor and Mr. Augustine presented Mrs. Shoop with a certificate for perfect attendance for 2024. Mr. Fodor also received a certificate for perfect attendance for 2024.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons had no report at this time.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: Administration: Meeting with various departments to review goals and objectives and assign priorities; and the Painesville Skateboard Association provided the City of Painesville with the proposed Concept plan for Phase I and Phase II of the Skatepark. Grindline prepared the Concept Plan. HR Department: There are a number of positions open with the City of Painesville and encouraged residents to go to the website and explore the various openings; Finance: Recently met with the Auditors regarding the 2023 Audit and Finance has started to prepare for the upcoming 2024 fiscal audit; Economic Development: Policy, Administration & Projects: Downtown Painesville Organization (DPO) is hosting its annual Wine & Chocolate fundraiser on Saturday, February 8, from 4 pm to 6 pm. Tickets are $50 and are available now. Link to purchase tickets is on organization Facebook page, Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual Meeting and Awards Reception is scheduled for January 29 from 5:00 – 7:30 at the Red Creek Bar & Grill, John F. Clair Award. Nominations are now closed but several nominations were received. Preparing information for consideration at Economic Development Committee meeting this month. Expect to present the award at the second Council meeting in February, Economic Development Committee is attempting to schedule meeting for Friday the 31st at 4:00 pm; working to get confirmation from all members, Rider's Inn met with owner to discuss closure of business and potential options for rebranding and reopening, Grand River Walk and City Manager signed ODOD Brownfield Grant Subrecipient Agreement. Provided information on original agreement, Crowley's has their permits and are moving forward, and Wing Stop received Site Plan approvals; Planning/Community Development: Planning Department/Code Enforcement: Staff sent a response letter to the Lake County Reutilization Corporation for 2025 demolitions. There are four properties on the list and one of them includes the dilapidated structure at the 285 Newell Street that is owned by the City. The remaining three properties have been cited for property maintenance issues and legislation will be brought before Council to demolish the properties, Staff finalized the zoning permit for Wing Stop and is awaiting payment to issue the permit, Staff approved the site plan for the new Public Safety Center. The zoning permit is awaiting the approval of a variance for the Sheriff's Garage and is pending receiving fees from Lake County, and Staff is getting inquiries from several consulting firms for the Comprehensive Plan Update and expects there will be at least 3 submittals for the RFQ/RFP by the deadline. Planning Commission: Received one case for review and that is the request to modify the CUP for the LayR Events Venue at 113 Main Street to allow for an additional hour of operation in the evening, and for the annual renewal of the permit. Board of Zoning Appeals: Received a variance request for a 3,288 square foot variance for the Lake County Sheriff's garage at the new Public Safety Center site. The garage is proposed to be 4,356 square feet and the maximum accessory structure size allowed is a combined 1,068 square feet for two accessory structures; Police Department: Personnel: Officer Petite and Officer Faller recently moved out of the FTO program and are on their own progressing nicely. Officer Cudnik is in his first phase of FTO training and is doing well. Officer Sarah Yeckley was sworn in and will begin the academy soon; Electric Plant and Distribution: Electric Superintendent: Received the study for the CRE Building and will be reviewing and presenting to City Council; Weekly Update Report: Anthony Botirus: Provided Doug Lewis with a map showing waterline size and location for a possible easement on North Ashwood Lane; and Parks and Public Lands: Recreation: Actively pursuing sponsorships for our 2025 Events, Booking bands for the Summer Concert Series, and Finalizing Summer Camp trips to complete the 2025 Summer Camp packet and have it available for parents by Monday, February 3rd.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM; and a February 4th Elm Street Sidewalk Public Meeting will be at 6:00 PM in Courtroom #1.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who attended and watched tonight's meeting.

Mr. Abney had no comments at this time.

Mr. Augustine had no comments at this time.

Mrs. DiNallo attended the NAACP event to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and commented on how moving the speakers were and how the members of the NAACP are to their commitment of providing good work and worship to our community, and the importance of our collaboration with them.

Mrs. Shoop had no comments at this time.

Mr. Fodor had no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Augustine motioned to move into Executive Session being held in accordance with Article II, Section 6(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official of the city; in accordance with Article II, Section 6(2) to consider the purchase or lease of property for public purposes if premature disclosure of information would be adverse to the public interest; and in accordance with ORC. 121.22(8) to consider confidential information related to marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance in accordance with section 3735.67 of the revised code, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 8:16 PM.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:24 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Mr. Abney moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:25 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council