REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 – 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Fodor called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 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, Mario Rodriguez and Christine Shoop were present. Paul Hach was not able to attend.

Mr. Augustine made a motion to excuse Paul Hach from tonight's meeting, 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, Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Water Superintendent Orin McMonigle, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

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

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 Christine Shoop.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 02.18.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 18, 2025.

Mr. Abney moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 18, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Shoop were in favor by answering "Aye". Mrs. DiNallo abstained. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: DPO

Renee Fitzgerald-Palacio, Executive Director of the Downtown Painesville Organization, gave an annual update presentation from the end of 2024 and into 2025. She discussed the following: Overview of projects and programs including 2024 highlights, stats regarding membership, events, and volunteer hours, and 2025 highlights events and community connections. See presentation slides. Mr. Fodor commented and thanked Ms. Fitzgerald-Palacio that the City is looking forward to 2025 by collaborating with the DPO and continuing the sense of community to move the city forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barry Uszko, of North Ave., addressed Council regarding the location of the Senior Center progress and asked for this to be moved along so the seniors can get together to benefit all the seniors. He suggested to work with the train station group to provide a space. Mr. Uszko has been in contact with one of the board members. It was clarified by Council that the board members did not want the City involved with them, and they wanted their independence. The City has been in contact with them and has been given numerous opportunities for them to partner with the City to provide a building in the city for many years. Many seniors attend the Fairport after the closing of our center. They have also been asked to give the money to the City for the seniors or give the money to the Fairport center. Mr. Uszko said he would approach the board and talk to them.

COMMITTEE REPORT: BZA, APPA Legislative Rally
BZA

Mr. Lewis gave a report for this committee which was held on February 20, 2025. The following item were discussed: The following item(s) were presented: An application has been submitted by Lake County Board of Commissioners requesting a variance to allow for the Sheriffs garage structure to be built at 4,356 square feet (~66'x66') in lieu of the permitted 1,068

square feet per the Unified Development Code. By a vote of 5-0 the variance request was approved to allow for the Sheriffs garage structure to be built. This increase of the garage structure is for additional storage and repairs of vehicles; and Swearing-In of Board Member: Mr. Brian Dunay was sworn in by City Engineer, Leanne Exum. Mr. Dunay will serve his term of office from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029.

APPA Legislative Rally

This item was tabled until a further time.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with Flock Safety, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 02.18.25)

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the second reading for the license plate readers cameras from FLOCK Safety. There will be ten cameras at strategic locations throughout the city to capture vehicles that are stolen and missing or wanted persons coming into the city. The cost will be $92,000, for a 3-year contract, and will be funded through the Police Levy. The company will be responsible for repairs or replacements. FLOCK Safety is a proprietary service and will not need to put this out to RFP. There has not been any response from residents regarding this. Law enforcement agencies are the only ones that have access to the data. Several cities in Lake County use this system, including Willoughby, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Willoughby Hills, Willowick, Mentor, Mentor-on-the-Lake and the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

Mrs. DiNallo 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.

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

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

RESOLUTION 18-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes, and declaring an emergency.**

Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an annual routine item so the City can collect taxes from the County Auditor.

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

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

Mr. Rodriguez 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.

RESOLUTION 19-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 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 East Walnut Avenue Water Main Replacement, and declaring an emergency.**

Water Superintendent Orin McMonigle spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated East Walnut has had a main with several breaks over the past several years and the City is planning to have it replaced. The engineering has been done and would like to bid it out as soon as practical. This replacement would be from Liberty to the bridge.

Mrs. DiNallo 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 20-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sidewalk Snow Plowing

This item was tabled until a further time.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Finance

Finance Director gave a presentation on the following items: He gave an overview of the Finance Department, an overview of the Utilities Department, and reviewed the City's revenues for income taxes, interest revenues, and the total revenue for the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and Electric Fund. Discussion about bond rating was brought forth. Mr. Parkinson clarified that the City's bond rating was upgraded which is favorable to the city, but does nothing for the current interest rates. If the City would enter into a debt arrangement in the future, that is where the city can take advantage of it. See slide presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons commented about the senior citizens. He clarified that the Senior Board is a private, non-profit corporation that has control of the money. It has nothing to do with the city. The city does not appoint that board, and there are four board members who control the money. It is not an operation of the city. It is independent and they have received money from the city and the county. Funding has stopped because they don't have a place to host seniors citizen activities.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: The Harvey High School internship program started on Tuesday. There are five students participating, and they have chosen to work with Community Development, Public Works, and Recreation and Public Lands. He gave an overview of the program. They will work along staff 2 hours a day, two days a week, until April 16th; Speaking of Painesville newsletters has been printed and sent to residents; 225th anniversary of the City of Painesville will offer a variety of events which will be posted on the website; The Finance Department is working with Tyler Munis to address payroll software issues and is providing information to the Auditor of State, who has begun the 2024 Audit. Ohio Brownfield Grant – 257 E. Main Street, the City anticipate signed Covenant Not to Sue soon; Business Retention/Expansion, the City met with Evolve Transporters Human Resources staff and TeamNEO representatives to discuss workforce needs. Evolve is currently hiring; Squad 2322 has arrived back from the upfitter and is in service. The ambulance body was recently re-mounted to a 2024 Ford E450 chassis by SIV and Pfund Superior. The City has returned the loaner squad to Fairport Harbor FD. 2312 remains out of service pending repairs or delivery to a re-mount service. On the 24th, 6 members of our fire department volunteered to cover Fairport Harbor's Fire Station so that their personnel could attend the funeral of an active-duty member. Thanks to LT. Chris Young and FF's Willie Horvath, Steve Tokish, Brennan Carden, Ryan Jeric and Joe Eckart for volunteering your time; Police Officers Mazza, Cruz, and Harris were sworn in this week and it's an honor to have them aboard. He recognized and congratulated Officers Jose Carrillo and Dallas McCloud for receiving the prestigious Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award by the Lake County Blue Coats. He thanked the Council Members who attended as well; South Park Place Streetscape: Phase 2 is complete. Phase 1 is on hold until Spring, when the plants will be planted; All cases for sidewalk violations have been dismissed in the courts. As discussed, will assess residents. The Engineering Department is working on updating Chapter 909 sidewalks to remove litigation from the ordinance language. The Engineering Department sent out bids for the bulk price and CDBG program. The City sent out bids to 10 different companies and received bids from 7 of them. The contract was awarded to Cooper Concrete Design, LLC with the following prices: 4" Sidewalk block $400.00, 6" Sidewalk block $500.00, and 8" Sidewalk block $600.00. SRTS Elm Street Sidewalks: Bids were opened on February 26th. The City received 3 bids all within the Engineer's estimate. The City is still reviewing the bids with ODOT; Parks and Rec are taking summer camp registrations, and interviewing for Summer Camp Counselors and Recreation Coordinator.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 17th at 7:00 PM; Painesville Police C.O.P.P. meeting will be Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30 PM at Morley Library, Room A. This meeting is open to all Painesville City residents; and Harvey High School is having a high school theatre production of Legally Blonde the Musical, March 7th, 8th & 9th.

Ticket information is available on our website and Facebook page, and the Harvey High School website.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney had no comments at this time.

Mrs. DiNallo thanked Renee Fitzgerald-Palacio for her presentation on the DPO and for Mr. Uszko sharing his concern and clarifying information about the seniors' well being. She will be attending the PAC Prom ticket and her favorite event is Art in the Park. She looks forward to it.

Mrs. Shoop congratulated Officers Jose Carrillo and Dallas McCloud who received an award at the Lake County Blue Coats event. The person, they rescued, is recovering and receiving the help she needs. She mentioned the four new restaurants coming to Painesville will be opening this spring. She asked Mr. Lewis to give an update on the one-way street on St. Clair Street.

Mr. Augustine had no comments at this time.

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

Mr. Fodor reminded residents and gave an update about the condition of Cedarbrook Road. He commented that it would be nice if everyone had the same mutual aid as our fire and police department has in helping the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Augustine motioned to move into Executive Session being held 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, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 8:02 PM.

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

Mr. Augustine moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:23 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:23 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

Downtown Painesville Organization's 2024 Annual Update

March 3, 2025

Everyone is Welcome
Downtown Painesville

PAINESVILLE
ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL

Painesville Arts & Culture Council

- PACC Board created
- Social media
- Website coming soon

Upcoming...

- New community events:
  - PACC Prom 2025
  - Suffrage Tour
  - Christmas Market
- Pursue art and culture grant opportunities

ART in the Park
SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH • 10AM-4PM
APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE
Contact: info@mainstreetpainesville.org
Applications & Fees for this JURIED show are due by May 1st.

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Annual Projects & Programs Overview

Roadmap to Success

Engagement → Partnerships → Collaboration → Leadership → Persistence



2024 Highlights

Growth – Reflecting new businesses, increased investments

Engagement – Highlighting strong event attendance, volunteer contributions, and social media reach

Revitalization – Showcasing private and public investments, building rehab projects, and economic impact

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Upcoming Events

March	April	May	June
5th Statehood Day	5th PACC Prom	7th Revitalization Series (Van Wert, OH)	June 6 Car Cruises continue (Fridays)
11th DPO Connect	6-10th Main Street Conference (Philly)	13th DPO Connect	June 10th Revitalization Series (Lorain)
20th After Hours @Elks	15th DPO Connect	16th Car Cruise Kick off!	June 17th DPO Connect
	26th Suffrage Trolley Tour	22th Founderrs Day Breakfast After Hours	June 25th Farm to Table 2025

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Stats:

- 97% membership retention
- 45 hosted events
  - Wine & Chocolate
  - Car Cruises (14)
  - Farm to Table
  - Art in the Park
  - DPO Connect (9)
  - After Hours (9)
  - Awards Night
- Just under 5,000 people attending
- 465 volunteer hours donated
- Just over $15,000 in value to the our community
- @$100,000 in impact



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"Collaboration and community fuels our dreams, and every week is a new opportunity to soar higher together."



Kick off to 2025....

- Increase networking and community connection.
  - Partnering with the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce for After Hours events
- Friday Walkabouts focusing in on all surrounding local businesses
- Continue to host all past events and adding a Bourbon event (October)

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Downtown Painesville

Our mission is: to build a strong future in a diverse community where everyone is welcome.



2024 Economic Development

- Economic Impact: $96,000 ($50 per person)
- New Businesses Opened: 8
- Private Rehab Investment: $37,735,000
- Public Investment: $10,042,000
- Downtown Vacancy Rate: 12.63%
- Avg rent per sq ft: $11.00

Building Community

- Special Event Attendance: 4,000
- Events Hosted in 2024: 45
- Façade Improvements: 3
- Building Rehab Projects: 3
- Downtown Housing Units: 367
- Volunteer Hours Donated: 465
- Value of Volunteer Hours: $15,573

2024 Community Profile

- Population: 20,591
- Median Family Income: $50,455
- Household Income Increase: 6.76%
- Median Home Value: $200,656
- Median Average Age: 34.7

Downtown Painesville

- Member Businesses: 62
- Private Contributions: $8,175
- Facebook Followers: $8,000
- Instagram Followers: 600
- Website Visits: 600,000

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FINANCE – REVIEW

MARCH 3, 2025

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- Safekeeping of all City Cash
- Assists in the Preparation and Maintenance of Appropriations
- Invests with StarOhio, Meeder, Chase Bank, Huntington and Hilltop
- Assists the Auditor of State with Annual Audits
- Oversees Tyler Munis Software Workflow and Permissions

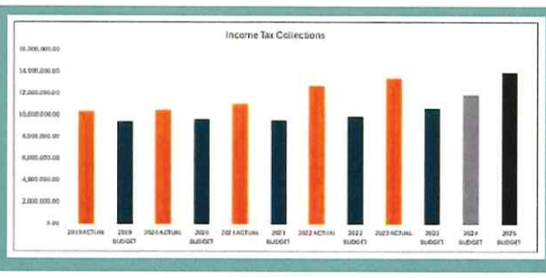
UTILITIES BILLING DEPARTMENT

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

- Monthly Read of all Water and Electric Meters
- Responsible for Billing over 20,000 Utility Customers
- Receipt of all Utility Bill Payments and Manage all Customer Accounts
- Converted from UTYX Billing Software to Tyler Munis Late July 2023
  - TM Completed Software Updates and Fixes October 2024

REVIEW OF REVENUE

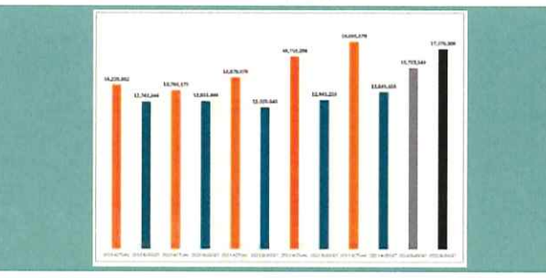
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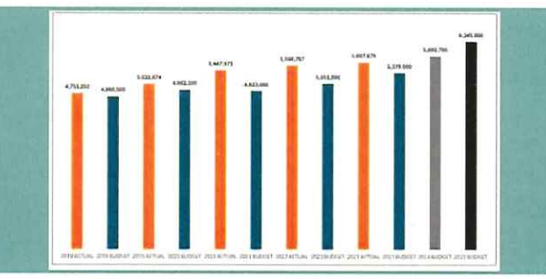
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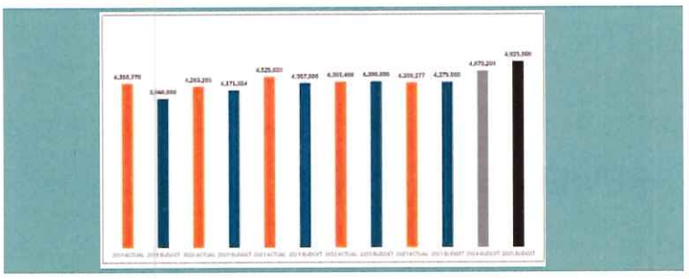
TOTAL REVENUE – GENERAL FUND



TOTAL REVENUE – WATER FUND



TOTAL REVENUE – SEWER FUND



TOTAL REVENUE – ELECTRIC FUND



