REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM

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, Paul Hach, Mario Rodriguez and Christine Shoop were present.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Law Director Jim Lyons, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Electric Superintendent Joe Price, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED – AMENDED

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Executive Session.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Amenda agenda approved.

INVOCATION was given by Councilperson Jim Fodor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 05.05.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 5, 2025.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on May 5, 2025, seconded by Mrs. Shoop. Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Shoop were in favor by answering "Aye". Mr. Abney abstained. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "Keep Painesville Beautiful" Poster Contest Winners

There was a special presentation for the winners of the 2025 "Keep Painesville Beautiful" Poster Contest. Second and third graders throughout the city were asked to create artwork that promotes anti-littering and keeping the city beautiful. All the entries were fantastic examples of taking care of the community. Proclamations and awards, along with their poster, were presented tonight. Congratulations to our 2025 "Keep Painesville Beautiful" Poster Contest Winners!"

Alexa Razo – Co-Best in Show and 1st Place Winner from Elm Elementary
Jessica Parada Pacheco – Co-Best in Show and 1st Place Winner from Chestnut Elementary
Joan Perez Mena – 1st Place Winner from Maple Elementary
Liberty Addison Johnson – 1st Place Winner from Our Shepherd Lutheran Elementary

2nd Place Winners
Karina Moreno Rangel from Chestnut Elementary *(not present)*
Ethan Morales from Elm Elementary *(not present)*
Tyina Ortiz from Maple Elementary
Prince Quigley Hernandez from Our Shepherd Lutheran Elementary

3rd Place Winners
Jeremiah Thomas from Chestnut Elementary *(not present)*
Breklyn Coss from Elm Elementary *(not present)*
Juliette Mendez-Torres from Maple Elementary
Charlotte West from Our Shepherd Lutheran Elementary *(not present)*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: BZA

City Manager Doug Lewis gave a report for this committee. The following item was presented on Thursday, May 15, 2025. An application has been submitted by Lake County Board of

Commissioners requesting a variance to install a 12' black solid-steel fence to secure and enclose the existing generator and radio tower on-site. By a vote of 4-1 the variance request was approved to allow for the installation of a 12' black solid steel fence to secure and enclose the existing generator and radio tower on-site.

LEGISLATION:
ITEM #1 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 346.03(a), of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the regulation of Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles, All-Purpose Vehicles on municipal streets and roadways, and declaring an emergency.**

Public comment/email: *Ray Sternot of Heisley Park Board Member-At-Large*

Will this legislation specifically cover dirt bikes, ATVs, go-karts, and golf carts operating without a license on city streets and sidewalks in Heisley Park. Why? Because there have been complaints on the Heisley Park Facebook page and to members of the HOA board by residents complaining about kids not obeying the rules of the road and operating these types of vehicles recklessly. There are also parents who are driving on the city streets in Heisley Park in unlicensed golf carts literally with children hanging onto the back of the golf cart. As Council knows, the HOA cannot enforce traffic laws, but we are concerned about the traffic safety within Heisley Park and need to understand this legislation to communicate the updated rules to Heisley Park residents should this legislation pass.

Police Chief Dan Waterman spoke on this piece of legislation. He spoke on answering the email that this covers the dirt bakes, snowmobiles, and ATVs. This particular ordinance does not cover go karts and golf carts. There will need to be other ordinances to address them. Electric bakes are covered under e-bikes and those will be a separate ordinance. This one is just for snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles. In review of the ordinance, Law Director Mr. Lyons and Chief Waterman found the ordinance needed to be changed by adding three subsections that not only make it illegal to ride them on our city streets but on public city property. This came about from problems and complaints that the residents and the City were experiencing. Regarding golf carts, Mr. Lewis explained that Council had a long discussion and Council decided that golf carts were not permitted due to crossing over 35 mph roadways in the city to get to various locations. Mr. Abney would like to bring this discussion back before council as unfinished/old business regarding license/unlicensed golf carts. The concern of riding vehicles on private property was brought forth. This legislation has nothing to do with private property. Mr. Lyons reiterated that people are allowed to ride ATVs on private property. The only control that the City has in that situation is with some other violation over and above the vehicle itself. A resident does not have much recourse if the owner is allowing people to ride ATVs other than noise violations or some enhanced used that constitute a zoning violation like a racetrack, they can call the police. The penalty would be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree and possible jail time for repeated violations. Chief Waterman did clarify that there is a stipulation on private property, without the permission of the owner; the City can cite the individual. Mrs. DiNallo clarified there is not going to be a presentation for the residents who are being troubled by people riding it on their private property. Mr. Lyons reiterated it is not illegal and the City does not right to regulate what happens on private property in the State of Ohio. An ATV, in and of itself, is not a nuisance vehicle and cannot outlaw its legal use. Recklessness and safety were brought forth as a concern and ATVs being used close to others property lines. It was suggested that owners of the adjacent land contact the police who can contact the owners of the land to find out if the ATVs have been given permission to be there. If no permission has been given by the owner, then the ATV rider could be cited. It is a matter of investigation. If the private property is marked as "No Trespassing" then they can be cited. Zoning issues may also be looked into, but enforcement and additional investigation is needed. Residents have concerns that the owner of the property has the ability to run vehicles on the property and disturb all the other residents that back up to that property. Zoning can investigate to see what the use of the land is and if they are using the land for the purpose of riding vehicles, the City could issue a letter that it is not a permitted use on that property or a zoning certificate on that property of being an accessory use. Chief Waterman did clarify that after 9:00 PM, a noise ordinance specifically prohibits the operation, and the decibel level can be taken as well to help with enforcement. He continued there are many safety issues regarding driving on the public streets. It was suggested to regroup and review, take a look at it and options, and if necessary, come back with recommendations, and do a presentation to Council.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

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

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

On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 15-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance to make amended appropriations and to authorize additional inter-fund transfers and advances for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and amending the original appropriations for the 2024 Operating Budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the final request for budget adjustments, advances, and transfers for Fiscal 2024. This covers Capital Projects, Local Shares to Skate Park, and Contributions to the Cemetery Funds, to increase the General Fund Reserve Fund, Health Insurance Fund, the Workers' Comp Reserve Fund, and Compensated Balances Reserve Fund. These transfers will strengthen these funds. There are transfers from our various utility operating accounts to their respective construction funds for the projects in 2025. The advances in the proposed legislation are some returns of advances back to the General Fund. For the end of the fiscal year, proposed advances to Brownfield Grant. He explained the State Auditor's requirements regarding negative cash balances. There is an advance for the Self-Insurance Fund, and advances to the State Grant Fund for grants and the Federal Grant Fund.

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

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

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

On roll call, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 16-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance to authorize additional inter-fund transfers and cash advances of funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.**

Finance Director Bill Parkinson explained this piece of legislation previously with Item #2 Ordinance. The State Auditor requires that the budget adjustment and the advances be in separate pieces of legislation. Item #2 was the budget adjustment, and Item #3 are advances.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

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

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

On roll call, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 17-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for an RFQ for an Electric Engineering Services for the Electric Plant and Distribution System, a Battery Energy Storage System, and a Solar Generation System as outlined in the CRPG "Municipal Empowerment for Clean Energy and Conservation" Grant, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated information is outlined in the Budget Narrative: Municipal Empowerment for Clean Energy and Conservation for employing the services of an engineering consultant. This is to help create specifications in the RFP and to do preliminary drawings which would be approximately 30% of what it would take to create the interconnection. It needs to be identified as to where and what are the specifications and

then rely on whoever would be the successful proposer under the RFP to finish the drawings and those be reviewed by the same consultant. This consultant could be the same consultant used by the City of Cleveland and it may be a completely different consultant. Approval is needed, up to the limit set in the budget, to be able to start engaging this consultant and it could be multiple consultants throughout the course of the project but not to exceed the amount of budgeted money. The amount asking to be approved is $500,000 so to continue the flowing of spending as it hits us including the cost of advertising for the RFP. As the bills come in, they will be submitted to the CRPG for reimbursement as soon as we can prove that it has been paid. Mr. Lewis stated the city is looking to go out to get a request for qualifications from qualified engineering firms that can provide the city with the services so to move forward. The city will come back to a bid, award the contract and things of that nature. Funding requests will come before council, and in the future, if needed, a library set up with engineers that have already responded to the City, so we can go through those proposals and choose the best one for that specific project, and the most experience in a specific area. There will be at least two interconnections – one for the solar and one for the battery.

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

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

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

On roll call, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 34-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Joe Hada Tribute; Short-Term Rentals; Lodging Tax; Restriping Plan for S. St. Clair Street

Joe Hada Tribute

City Manager Doug Lewis gave an update regarding this project. Since the cost is above $5,000.00, the City is required to get three quotes. The City has been in contact with Mrs. Hada, and she is ready to move forward and provide the funds. The City is waiting on the two additional quotes, and then a decision will be made to move forward.

Short-Term Rentals

City Manager Doug Lewis gave an update that the City, Assistant City Manager and Director of Planning, are working on and meeting to discuss the short-term rental program. So far, there are several different rental programs and the specifics to those programs. There are several ways of how to approach the legislation from a zoning standpoint and from a business regulation. They are currently, reviewing the best option to bring before Council, which looks like a combination of both. This should be brought before Council for consideration at the next meeting.

Lodging Tax

City Manager Doug Lewis gave an update to the fact that this will be brought before Council consideration at the next Council meeting.

Restriping Plan for S. St. Clair Street

City Manager Doug Lewis gave an update that the City did receive three quotes. The lowest quote was $12,050.00 from Traffic Tech. This project will be moving forward, and the public and businesses will be notified as to the plans.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Electric

Electric Superintendent Joe Price gave a presentation on the following items: the Distribution and Power Plant Personnel; outlined the Power Plant Operations including shaving generation preparation and projects; outlined the 2025 Distribution Projects; and Public Bids Performance including the 2025 bids and those under considerations. See slide presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons commented that he looks forward to investigating the ATV laws for the City.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following items: DPO Founders Day Breakfast on Thursday, May 22 at 8:30 am. at Lake Erie College Holden Center; there are a total of 61 banners being hung up for the Home Town Hero Program. Staff was out today hanging them and will have them all hung by Memorial Day; Grand River Walk is under construction and the formal Ground Breaking Ceremony is planned for June 5th at 2:30 p.m.; Planning Staff attended the NE Ohio APA Workshop in Independence on Thursday; the City are receiving a number of

high grass complaints and high grass letters of violation are being sent, and we will begin mowing properties; Community Clean Up Day was Saturday and he thanked those that attended, and Helen Parkinson, Kathleen Sullivan and Tony Zampedro for coordinating the event.; Finance: Making progress with Tyler Munis regarding Payrolls System, and the City converted the system over this weekend, and it appears to be running fine; Economic Development: Jimmy John's had a well-attended ribbon cutting event on Thursday, May 15th; at 124 Liberty Street, the City met with owner regarding vacant building for lease. The building is set up for medical practice, and the City is seeking a chiropractor, dentist or primary care physician to go into this property; Police Department: Three officers are progressing through the FTO program. Two additional officers are in their respective academies and are doing well. Two officers are waiting to begin Field Training; Water Plant and Distribution: All sand blasting, welding repairs, and painting of Crile Road tank complete, and is being filled; Parks and Public Lands: Both Soccer and Recreational Baseball/Softball are in full swing at the park; they are also working with Public Works, Water Distribution, and Electric to remove the Riverview Pavilion, and apply for a grant to replace it; fencing was installed around the splash pad which will be open after Memorial Day; the Senior Luncheon was hosted in the Park last week; and the City will continue to take registrations for Summer Camp, however, there are just a few weeks left with spaces available.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 2 at 7:00 PM; Car Cruise Fridays are on Fridays at 5:00 PM at Painesville Square. This Friday event is until September 19th, weather permitting; City Offices are closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day; The annual Memorial Day parade starts at Riverside Cemetery and ends at Evergreen Cemetery on Monday, May 26th at 10:00 AM; and Painesville Farmers Market starts on Thursday, May 29th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This Thursday event is until September 18th.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney thanked all the City of Painesville and the American Legion, the VFW, and the veterans that formed a committee for the Home Town Hero Program. Flags will be placed on the graves on Saturday, at Riverside and Evergreen Cemetery, and the parade. After the Memorial Day events, refreshments will be served at the American Legion and VFW.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who attended and watched tonight's meeting. He congratulated the winning students of the poster contest.

Mr. Hach "dittoed" the comments and sentiments of Mr. Abney and Mr. Rodriquez. He appreciated the explanation and information provided on the private side regarding ATVs.

Mr. Augustine congratulated the winning students of the poster contest and those who attended.

Mrs. DiNallo "dittoed" the sentiments of the students. She thanked the volunteers and staff members who participated in the City Clean-Up Day and appreciated how well it went. She attended the PCIC fund raiser. She continued about the ATVs on private property and how speed cannot be controlled, and the residents' safety can be jeopardized. Sha announced that she had been asked to be a founder member of the Salvation Army's Women's Auxiliary. Her role will be to recruit members, so contact her if interested.

Mrs. Shoop commented on how nice the splash pad fence looked and should keep the geese out. She asked if First Energy was sent a letter regarding the tall grass. Mr. Lewis said that they have been contacted and will follow up to make sure it is cut. She was excited about the Farmer's Market and commented on how wonderful the Senior Luncheon went, and the wonderful food from Crowley's. She congratulated all the students on their artwork and for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Fodor reminded residents about a Painesville City Tree Planting Guide that suggests the kinds of trees to plant. It is available at the Rec Department and City Hall. He reminded residents that upgrades/repairs to decks, porch, roof, etc. require permits.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:27 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

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PIONEERING a new dawn of sustainable renewable energy
PUBLIC POWER reliable – sustainable – affordable

May 2025

2025 POWER DISTRIBUTION

- Distribution Personnel
  - 19 full time employees
  - Management
  - Secretarial
  - Journeyman distribution lineman
  - Electric groundman
  - Power meter testing & certification
  - Forestry specialists
- Distribution Personnel on subject to on call 24-hours every day



ELECTRIC PLANT

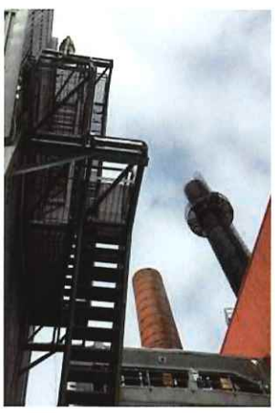
POWER DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS

- 2025 Distribution Projects underway
  - ODOT SR 20 Project – asset relocation
  - Working alongside plant on H-6 fault diagnosis & repair
  - Willow Bend service improvement (completed)
  - Sheetz rebuild (Perry Township) - 1200 amp service relocation
  - Marriot Hotel – new 2500 amp service
  - Riverwalk Project – new 3000 amp service
  - Victoria Place – Two new 4000 amp services
  - Avery Dennison – Two new 2500 amp services
  - Lake County Jail – provide temporary construction service (completed)
  - Lake County Jail – planning new permanent 2500 amp service feed
  - American Foam expansion – new 600 amp service
  - Amphitheater – new 400 amp service & site service asset location & design
  - Riverside High School – Two new 600 amp services
  - Lake Erie College Soccer Field – on campus

2025 POWER GENERATION

- Plant Personnel
  - 18 full time employees
  - 2 contract employees (as needed)
  - 1 part-time project coordinator

  Highly trained in multiple power generation industry disciplines
- Serving Painesville customers 24-hours every day



PUBLIC BID PERFORMANCE

- March 2025 Bid
  - Public bid the purchase of two 2025 4x4 aerial bucket trucks. Received two (2) qualifying bids within the established 2025 budget limit
- Bids under consideration
  - Sectional replacement of H-6 circuit (fault repair)



POWER PLANT OPERATIONS

- 2025 Power Plant peak shaving generation preparation:
  - Boiler cleaning, inspection & repair
  - Generator maintenance & visual turbine inspection
  - Cooling ponds drained, cleaned & inspected
  - Daily electric plant inspection & maintenance
- 2025 Projects underway
  - 2025 coal bid (complete)
  - H-6 distribution circuit diagnosis
  - Richmond Rd substation testing & breaker replacement
  - Electric Plant turbine room roof replacement
  - AMI project – continuing work seeking to close out integration



THANK YOU

MAY 2025

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION