REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 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, Paul Hach, Mario Rodriguez, and Christine Shoop were present.

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, City Engineer Leanne Exum, Director of Planning Sarah Sitterle, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Public Service Director Jarod McCrone, Electric Superintendent Joe Price, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

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

Mrs. Shoop made a motion 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 Derrick Abney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 07.21.25 and Special Meeting 07.28.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. Mr. Abney, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Shoop answered "Aye". Mr. Augustine abstained. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 28, 2025.

Mr. Augustine moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on July 28, 2025, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: NOPEC

Ross McDonald, Director of Community Expansion – NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council), presented the following information. He explained who NOPEC is and their purpose, provided information regarding financial responsibilities, discussed the grants available to communities, discussed the NOPEC "Do Not Knock" legislation/policy, outlined their community event sponsorships program, provided a timeline for the proposed opt-out natural gas ballot to the May 5, 2026 primary election as well as the ballot language, and filling deadline of February 4, 2026, listed several benefits of natural gas aggregation for Ohio communities, and listed several other Lake County municipalities who joined NOPEC. Mr. McDonald explained that NOPEC is 0.02 cents below Enbridge price through December. He also explained their variable and fixed plans. He clarified the grants are for city's purposes and the 30-day opt-out process and timelines. Mr. McDonald spoke more about a 2025 NOPEC General Assembly being held on November 11, 2025 in Twinsburg and to contact Mr. Lewis if Council Members would like to attend. He continued to outline their footprint in the state, and a map is available on their website. This does apply to the small businesses in the City of Painesville, and they are launching a commercial and industrial division at NOPEC. It was explained that the program would sit dormant until the city launched it and chose a supplier. Basically, by getting the voters authority or approval by the voters then the city has the authority to proceed with creating the program. Concerns regarding the management of the program were clarified that NOPEC would handle questions/ complaints, and Mr. Lyons would know the procedures of how to operate the exit of the aggregation if needed and would not have to go back to the ballot. It was clarified that NOPEC is listed as a supplier with the exception that residents can opt-out and have a period of time to opt-out because they will be automatically enrolled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: Planning Commission

Planning Commission

Director of Planning Sarah Sitterle gave a report on this meeting which was held on August 14, 2025. She reported on the following item: Applicant: Hallmark Excavating, Inc./Ralph Harrison for rezoning and conditional use permit for the property at Sanford and Richmond Streets. An application was submitted requesting a partial rezone of Parcel #15-D-021-B-00-036-0. The request is to rezone the eastern portion of the parcel from R-1, Single Family Residential, to B-2, General Business. This request will result in the above-mentioned parcel being zoned B-2, General Business in its entirety. The applicant also requested a Conditional Use Permit to allow the extraction of dirt from the site in order to create a buildable lot in conjunction with Section 1115.32 Manufacturing Extractive/Deposit. By a vote of 4-0, with Mr. Fialko abstaining, the partial rezone request of Parcel #15-D-021-B-00-036-0 was approved. By a vote of 4-0 with Mr. Fialko abstaining, the request for the Conditional Use Permit for Manufacturing Extractive/Deposit for Parcel #15-D-021-B-00-036-0 to allow for removal of soil was tabled pending the receipt of additional information with the four reasons as recommended by staff: (1.) No final development plan for use of the property showing how property will be developed after soil is extracted; (2.) A lack of information to determine compliance with subsections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Section 1115.32 Manufacturing Extractive/Deposit; (3.) There are concerns about the slope and the need for a decorative, architectural retaining wall for development of the site given the requirement to provide 20-foot buffers along each of the property lines adjacent to residentially zoned property; and (4.) Staff cannot evaluate the site development requirements according to Sections 1111.03 (c) General Application Requirements – Site Plans and Drawings, and 1111.06 Site Plans, and determine compliance with Section 1111.08 for Conditional Use Permits, and Section 1115.32 Manufacturing Extractive/Deposit.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

TABLED *3rd Reading* – An Ordinance creating new Chapter 194 – Lodging Tax of the Codified Ordinances. *(1st Reading 06.02.25, 2nd Reading 06.16.25, TABLED 07.21.25)*

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to take from the table Item #1, 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.

Mr. Augustine made a motion to amend the current legislation with the revised legislation with the revised legislation containing updated information as submitted by Mr. Zampedro, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

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

Arthur Shamakian, representing Steele Mansion, stated he appreciated Council taking into consideration the three items that he had talked about at previous meetings, and the importance of the funding going towards the arts and entertainment to bring people to the city.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt the amended legislation, seconded by Mr. Hach.

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 22-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

2nd Reading* – An Ordinance amending Sections 955.02, 955.03 and 955.16, of the Painesville Code of 1998, relating to Definitions, Collection by Contractor, and Delinquent Accounts, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 07.21.25)

Director of Planning Sarah Sitterle spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated these are ordinance revisions to allow for the city to collect on delinquent accounts and certify them to the tax roll and allow these delinquent payments to be assessed. In order to do that, the code needed to be changed to add a definition for public health nuisance so that could be declared, and thereby allow the delinquent payments to be certified to the tax roll. It does also specify that residential households of one, two, or three family dwellings each alone on a lot shall have trash to service through the city selected contractor, currently, which is vague in the in code. These changes support the goal of allowing us to do that. The City has met with our current trash contractor, and they have giving their input. The City is in the process of developing a standard operating

procedure for how the City going to operate with declaring public nuisances, and then certifying those of the tax roll and keeping track and how often we're going to be going to be doing that. Discussion ensued regarding these concerns about the legality of delinquency without a nuisance, the impact on property taxes, the responsibility of property owners versus renters, the data on delinquent accounts, and the collection policy and procedure. Ms. Sitterle explained when you declare a public nuisance, trash service ceases. Trash is no longer being picked up and accumulating. This is a code violation. Mrs. Shoop presented a hypothetical scenario of taking trash in her car trunk and dropping it off at work. So there's no nuisance, but it is delinquent. If there's nothing there, the bill is just not being paid. It was explained that the responsibility to pay the trash is on the property owner and further inquiries on the logistics of the situation. Law Director Mr. Lyons explained this ordinance makes it clear that a person has to have trash service through the city designated trash person. If a person does not have that service that would be a public nuisance. If they do have it and are not paying that also is a public nuisance. The second part of the new definition in the current ordinance doesn't have those provisions in it. Those are new additions. Also, the current ordinance doesn't indicate that a person has to have trash service. The current ordinance does have a provision that the contractor can't stop picking up trash. There wasn't a clear process of what would happen, if they continue to pick it up and it wasn't paid. That's why this ordinance has been crafted. The City is hoping this solves the problem, and the standard operating procedure should help with the flow of information with the contractor. The City is hoping that the service doesn't get stopped, but instead, if they're not paid within 90 days, it gets assessed to the taxes, so that it will eventually be collected. There'll come a point in time if a person isn't doing it, the City will have to take other measures. Mrs. Shoop questioned the public health nuisance definition, noting it doesn't explicitly state non-payment as a nuisance. Mr. Lyons clarified a public health nuisance is either one, the accumulation of solid waste, or two, the deposit of those kind of materials out in the public with the expectation that it be collected without paying for it. He stated it's difficult to read, but that's his interpretation, and Council can change the language. Mr. Rodriguez stated that is it too broad of a definition, and it doesn't define it specifically. It gives the ability for the public health nuisance definition to fall under many different scenarios, and it doesn't give a clear definition of it. He also had concerns on how this may affect the financial stability of our residents, and land them in some type of foreclosure. The City would need to look into this. Mr. Lyons explained if this process works, generally speaking, 90 days to 180 days of nonpayment being assessed to somebody's taxes. Once that assessment is paid through the taxes, it's then sent to the City through a tax disbursement, and then the City then takes that part that was paid on the assessment and sends it to whoever the contractor would be. An additional scenario was brought forth of once a resident is delinquent, and is assessed to their property taxes, then can they move forward now with my garbage payments, and not risking not having service, because now that's on the taxes, and the resident can pay the next bill without having to pay that until you have to pay my taxes. This still would need to be discussed. Mrs. DiNallo questioned how problematic is this for the city and requested data to prove that we need to take this extra step such as how many people are delinquent, and how many people have not signed up for garbage. Further discussion was regarding a landlord/tenant issue. It was clarified the owner is required to have this service under this ordinance. This is coming in front of Council because the contractor has brought this to the City's attention, that over a number of years, going back to their current contract. Since 2016, there have been amounts that haven't been collected, and both the contractor and the city are trying to clean up the process so that the contractor can get paid fairly, but also so that when it is bid this out again, other contractors will see there's a fair process in the City of Painesville where they'll get, hopefully, 98% to 100% of what the collection is. Currently, in our ordinance, if customers don't pay, it gets sent to the City, and the City is responsible to collect it. There's not a clearly defined assessment procedure. Republic was pressing the City to try to take some sort of action. Mr. Fodor reiterated the City is trying to clean up the process so that legally, if it's clear, and especially as the City head into negotiations, it's extremely important that whoever the new people that we go into the contract with two things. It's important that the City has a high rate of paying customers we can keep the cost of trash down, and that the process is very clear to make it efficient and effective to get the money. Mrs. DiNallo questioned the City's procedure and policy for collecting, and reminded Council that those things are important for them to be aware of as they are making a decision on this matter. Mr. Fodor commented that the City needs to look our current process, and its efficiency and effectiveness. If it is not, then there needs to be an improvement of the system. Additional questions were brought forth regarding what resources people have to help them pay their trash bill if they can't afford it. Mr. Lewis stated the City would not be able to provide that data on who's a renter and who's an owner, because it's always the owner that's responsible for the trash, per our ordinance. It should not be in the renter's name. It should be in the landlord's name and sometimes they do not do that. They tell the renter to go ahead and start service, but the City does not. The responsibility is always with the landlord or the property owner. It was brought forth that people are going to have questions, and Council should be able to answer their questions, and understand the process. Mr.

Lewis pointed out that in our ordinance the contractor is required to submit a list to the City twice a year in July 1st and in January 1st of each year. The City would send letters to those individuals informing them that they were past due on their refuse collection, and that they needed to establish service and pay their past due. Once it was explained, landlords started including it within their rent, and collecting it and making sure that the payments were made. With changes happening with Republic, they didn't keep up with the ordinance's requirement to submit a list of delinquent individuals to the City twice a year. When the City met with them recently, it was discussed that they needed to submit the list in a timely manner to the City, and now they have a better understanding as to what needs to be done. The City can go back one year, according to the law director, to send past due notices up to one year of service. For this reason, the City is now in the process of establishing a written document that explains what the process, and the City bids this out in the future, it can include the standard operating procedures of how it works. That's the agreement that the City came to with Republic Waste at this last meeting. Republic is asking us to move forward with regards to notices and things of that nature, and assessments for individuals who owe money in the past. The City does have an updated list of 250 or more individuals on that list that are currently delinquent. The City is at the end of our contract, and it's beneficial that every house is assessed. Mrs. DiNallo questioned if there's a percentage of people who don't pay on a normal average percentage. She wants to know what the percentage is and if the City falls into what most business expects for delinquent accounts, it is not going to actually lower the cost. If everyone is going to pay more for their trash because of these 250 delinquent accounts and the city has to take this step to prevent this. Question about tracking businesses or four and above being an issue was brought forth. Mr. Lewis stated typically don't have as many issues. If an overflow of their dumpster occurs, the City will cite them or the City will contact them regarding the problem and have it resolved.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #3 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed $8,100,000 of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring, installing, and equipping solar panels for electric power generation, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and related site improvements therefor, and declaring an emergency.**

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is the issuance of a six-month short-term note for the purposes of purchasing solar panels from First Solar. This money is necessary for the purchase, and the costs are reimbursable by the grant. Should the note go to this full six months, which is not anticipated, the most additional cost would be $5,000.00 in interest cost. The interest rate is issued at a tax exempt basis. He explained that process. It is a 3.4% interest rate. Many different options for funding were reviewed but this particular one was the best option for the city. It has a 30-day call and he explained what the meant. It was asked to be passed at tonight's meeting. It was explained by Mr. Lewis that this is the actual pay for the remainder of the solar panels which is approximately $9 and a half million. He continued that the panels will be delivered by December 15th of 2025 which falls within the six-month period. The City will be able to pay off the remaining amount. The interest is reimbursed by the grant. Mr. Parkinson explained the 30-day call requirement and process. The expenses for this note are reimbursable and no general fund money will be spent. Mr. Parkinson explained the accounting process for the project. Discussion about a date was mentioned and will be looked into, and this was prepared by bond council. Law Director Mr. Lyons recommended to move forward with this.

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

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

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

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 23-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #4 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, 2025, and amending the original appropriations for the 2025 operating budget, and declaring an emergency.**

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is to increase the appropriation to reflect the issuance of the note. He explained the process. It was asked to be passed at tonight's meeting.

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

Mr. Augustine moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez.
On roll call, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.
ORDINANCE 24-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #5 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.07 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the City is working with the CRPG Grant and wants to hire a full-time project manager for the Battery energy Storage Systems and Solar Development. The salary and benefits will be reimbursed up to $375,000.00 in the life of the grant. The City has created a new job description and hopes to advertise as soon as allowed, and have someone in the position by the time the panels arrive. It was asked to be passed at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Abney moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.
On roll call, Mr. Hach, 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. Hach, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.
ORDINANCE 25-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #6 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager to approve EV charging stations customer charge rates, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated in 2021, the City received a grant to install chargers in Painesville and listed a charge a $0.15 cent per kilowatt However, it has been provided to the public at no charge. The City now seeks to implement the rate to the consumer. The City will continue to maintain and operate the charging stations, and the finance department will handle the accounts and collecting the revenues.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to suspend, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.
On roll call, Mr. Rodriguez, Mrs. Shoop, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Mr. Hach was not present. Motion carried.

Mrs. DiNallo 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". Mr. Hach was not present. Motion carried 6-0.
ORDINANCE 26-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #7 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the asphalt resurfacing of South State Street (SR-84/86) and East Walnut Street (SR-84) in the City of Painesville, and declaring an emergency.**

City Engineer Leanne Exum spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated this legislation is so that ODOT can run the project for the resurfacing of South State Street and East Walnut. There will be another piece of legislation regarding the cost coming before Council soon. The construction will be on South State Street from East High Street to High Tech Avenue, and East Walnut Street from the Liberty Street to approximately 500 feet east of Valley View Drive. The resurfacing will start in 2026. Traffic will be maintained during construction. It was asked to be

passed at tonight's meeting.

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

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. Rodriguez.

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

RESOLUTION 43-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #8 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Lake County Board of Commissioners ("Agreement") for central dispatch services for the years 2026 to 2030, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the City received the contract for central dispatch from the County Commissioners. It decreased about $35,000 first year. The City will not reach the numbers we are paying for this year until 2029 at the rate of increases. Combined fire and police for 2026 will be $610,000.00, 2027 will be $627,400.00, 2028 will be $637,924.00, 2029 will be $652,379.92, and 2030 will be $667,175.88. This is the standard, six-month, opt-out agreement the City has had for the past several contracts with central.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 44-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #9 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept an Ohio Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Program Grant, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the City applied for the Ohio Law Enforcement Bulletproof Vest Grant through the Ohio Bureau Workers' Comp. It was received and awarded for $17,622.00. This will help with the offset of the cost up to 75% of the $1500.00 for the vest. It was asked to be passed at tonight's meeting to meet the grant deadlines.

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

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. Rodriguez.

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

RESOLUTION 45-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #10 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements that relate to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and other opioid related settlements including the Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the City has entered into a number of different settlements to receive funding for the opioid settlement. This is another monetary settlement that the City would enter into with Purdue Pharma. The recommendation to Council was to approve the resolution on first reading. Mr. Lewis explained the settlement process and is based on the number of communities that opt-in on the agreement.

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

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

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

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 46-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #11 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for engineering and project consulting that are associated with Solar & Bess Development for the Painesville Electric Distribution CRPG Projects, and declaring an emergency.**

Electric Superintendent Joe Price spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated in June Council approved for the City to advertise for an RFP for engineering services and engineering consultant who will also serve in part on the technical side of the project management. The City had been successful responses. Nine entities responded. A committee was appointed to review all the applicants. After reviewing, it was decided that Eitri Foundry/Encompass Engineering was selected. They are qualified constructor but would have to provide a separate RFP for the construction on this site. Eitri Foundry will be the designers of the solar, and Encompass will be doing all the work on the interconnections the solar with the battery energy storage system.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 47-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #12 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution amending the status of the Clerk of Council position from permanent part-time to full-time, and declaring an emergency.**

President Jim Fodor spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated Council has been looked to move the Clerk of Council position to full-time from part-time. The reason being is that the current position is three days a week which has caused conflict with the efficiency and effectiveness of Council. This status change will require extended duties in terms of attending community events and activities when Council Members are not available during the work day, as well as the clerk will work on acquiring certification. Over the years, Council has had several clerks, and it has not been a smooth transition, mainly because of not have a standard operating procedure manual which needs to be created. The clerk will also look for a transcribing program to assist with the minutes, and a few other things to improve the process. This full-time status will start September 15th.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 48-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #13 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 167.09 of the Painesville Code of 1998 relating to the Classification and Compensation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

President Jim Fodor spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is a change of status from part-time to full-time in the city code for the Clerk of Council position.

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

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. Rodriguez.

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 27-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Golf Carts

President Jim Fodor stated at the last meeting there was discussion regarding golf carts and a vote of 3-3 in terms of leaving the legislation as it is or propose new legislation to changing it. After much discussion, Council Members decided, by a 5-2, that current legislation will remain in place. Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor were against moving forward with new legislation. Mr. Abney and Mr. Hach were for new legislation. No new legislation will be proposed.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Public Works

Public Service Director Jarod McCrone gave a presentation on the Public Works Department. He discussed the following items: He addressed their biggest accomplishments for the Winter of 2024-2025, outlined the process, and the operation, provided tips for winter plowing season, explained the spill-off zone and how residents can help with this, post snow operations, and their community development. See attached slides.

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: Amphitheater Bids were received and project has been awarded to Town Center Construction. The total bid amount was $1,950,000.00 out of Northfield, Ohio; FINANCE: Budgeting. Completed review of revenues and scheduled meetings with each of the departments over the next month to prepare the budget; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Victoria Place Groundbreaking. Attended groundbreaking event for Victoria Place renovation project. Event was well attended with many elected officials and dignitaries in attendance, S. Park Place Streetscape Ribbon Cutting. Hosted streetscape ribbon cutting following Victoria Place groundbreaking. Event was well attended including elected officials and dignitaries as speakers. Thanks to Susan Crotty and Tara Burgett for organizing. Met with Senator Jerry Cirino afterwards and discussed various Painesville projects for potential capital funding. The project that seems to be the best opportunity for funding would be a joint application with Painesville Local School District and Lake Erie College to build a new baseball/softball stadium at Recreation Park, the DPO along with the Painesville Arts and Culture Council hosted Art in the Park in Veteran's Park. I want to congratulate them. This year's event seemed to have more attendees compared to previous year, with over 50 vendors; and Business Retention/Expansion. Met with plant manager at Avery Dennison for BR&E site visit, and met with representatives of Weaver Meats for BR&E visit. Discussed State programs and workforce development programs that may benefit them. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT: OPWC Funding: The City was informed that we scored high and will be receiving OPWC funding for two major projects in the City of Painesville. The first is a $862,800 grant and $150,000 loan for Mill and Latimore Streets Roadway Reconstruction and the second is an $317,000 grant and $150,000 loan for the Chorine Feed Building Phase 2 at the Water Treatment Plant. He thanked and congratulated Leanne Exum in Engineering and Orin McMonigle in Water Treatment; SRTS Elm Street Sidewalks Phase 2: Burgess and Niple is continuing design for this phase of sidewalks along Elm Street; 2025 Asphalt Resurfacing of Various Roads: Work has begun for this project. The completion date is August 31, 2025; S. Park Place Road Resurfacing Project. Emailed business owners regarding project; met with owners/representatives of businesses and handed updated information and explained schedule and that road would be open to traffic after work hours; 2025 Rehabilitation of Various Sanitary and Storm Sewers: the Contractor has completed work; West Eagle Reconstruction: the City is working with Burgess and Niple to complete the design of West Eagle. The City is currently scheduling a meeting with them to go over our review comments; and East Walnut Street Resurfacing and South State Street Resurfacing design was sent to ODOT for their final review. ELECTRIC PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION: Plant Operations: Peak shaving Monday and Tuesday. All hands-on deck; Electric Superintendent: Meeting with Compass Energy regarding solar panel purchase, meeting with Omni Fiber regarding pole attachments & revised agreement, and meeting with Convergence Energy regarding the BESS EPC/RFP. EVENTS TO NOTE: Movie in the Park: Saturday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Painesville Square.

This was well attended, and Story Time with Police & Fire: Wednesday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Painesville Square. This was well attended.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM; Car Cruise Fridays are on Fridays at 5:00 PM at Painesville Square until September 19th; Painesville Farmers Market is every Thursdays, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM until September 18th; and City offices are closed for the Labor Day holiday.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Rodriguez thanked everyone who attended and watched tonight's meeting. He reminded residents to contact Council Members with their input and how it helps them make informed decisions.

Mr. Abney had no comments at this time.

Mr. Augustine thanked everyone who attended tonight's meeting and appreciated their dedication.

Mr. Hach reiterated what Mr. Lewis stated regarding the different ribbon cuttings events and announced that he will be out of town on vacation during the Labor Day Holiday.

Mrs. Shoop had no comments at this time.

Mrs. DiNallo is excited for Fall and reminded residents to watch out for the children returning to school. She is hopefully for a mild winter and thanked Mr. McCrone for his presentation. She thanked everyone for sitting through tonight's meeting, bringing information and listening and answering questions. She also thanked Mr. Shamakian for his involvement in the legislation regarding lodging tax.

Mr. Fodor reminded staff that they make a difference in the lives of the residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to move into the Executive Session.

Mr. Augustine motioned to move into the Executive Session being held 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; and in accordance with Article II, Section 6(3) To discuss pending or potential litigation involving the City, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:54 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. Augustine moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:54 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

City of Painesville Opt-Out
Natural Gas Aggregation & NOPEC Benefits Overview

NOPEC

August 18, 2025, Painesville City Council Meeting
Prepared by Ross McDonald, Director of Community Expansion – NOPEC

NOPEC & WHO WE ARE

240

240+ COMMUNITIES ACROSS OHIO

WATCHDOG FOR CONSUMERS

ENERGY EDUCATORS

NOPEC buys bulk energy with timing in the market, so you don't have to.

NOPEC

financial AUDIT

Ohio Auditor of State Gq. Award Winner — NOPEC

Clean Audit with Single Audit if Needed

Basic Audit — Most Investor-Owned Utilities

Agreed-Upon Procedures / Sealed Financials on Filings — ?? — Other Government Aggregators

Private Company Financials & Basic Filings — ?? — Many private retail brokers

NOPEC

NOPEC GIVES GRANTS DIRECTLY TO COMMUNITIES

NOPEC

- Over $50 Million
- Used for "all things energy infrastructure"
- Annually $4.5-$5 MM
- Roofs, HVAC, Electric Vehicles, Solar, Insulation, Windows, Doors, Electrical, EV Charging, Lighting, Generators, Wind, Battery, so many, many more...

City of Painesville Estimated Grants

$18,000/ yr.

Early Member One-Time Bonus: $10,000 to $20,000, depending on final enrollment

GRANTS

DO NOT KNOCK

NOPEC

- NOPEC works with the city to pass DNK registration legislation
- Non-profits & religious groups are exempted
- Consumers immediately are protected



CES

COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

NOPEC



- All participating communities can get local events sponsored
- Typical sponsorships range from $500 - $2,000 / event
- Easy-to-access program
- Painesville City Leadership can bring resources *directly* to those events most cherished by the community

Painesville City Proposed Opt-Out Natural Gas Ballot

Path and Timeline to May 5, 2026, Primary Election

Now	November 2025	December 2025	February 2026	May 5, 2026
Painesville's Questions	**Attend NOPEC General Assembly**	**Begin Reading of Ordinance**	**The Ordinance with BOE**	**Election Day**
Consumer need to research, ask questions & take the proper actions	Dec. City's Mayor, Committee and Council Members attend the 2025 NOPEC General Assembly	City Council introduces Proposed Opt-Out Ordinance for reading. The reading is not finalized in January 2026.	Per statute, by the February 4, 2026 (90 days)	Per statute, ballot initiatives must be submitted to the Board of Elections (BOE) by February 4, 2026. Polls close at 7:30 p.m.

August 18, 2025

NOPEC

May 5, 2026 Primary Election

- Ballot Language:
  - *Shall the City of Painesville have the authority to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located within the City of Painesville and enter into service agreements for the sale and purchase of natural gas, such aggregation to occur automatically, except where any person elects to opt out?*
    - YES
    - NO
- **Filing Deadline with BOE: February 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm**

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NOPEC

Benefits of Natural Gas Aggregation for Ohio Communities

- Provides competitive natural gas rates through bulk purchasing power.
- Empowers communities to have control over energy choices and costs.
- Supports local energy infrastructure and sustainability initiatives.
- Offers consumer protections like no-knock policies and transparent audits.
- Generates funding for community grants and energy efficiency projects.



NOPEC

November 7, 2000 General Election

- Majority of Lake County Municipalities Proposed and Passed Opt-Out Aggregation to Join NOPEC.

- Eastlake: 76.91% YES
- Kirtland: 70.37% YES
- Mentor: 64.93% YES
- MOL: 64.99% YES
- Wickliffe: 66.96% YES
- Willoughby: 74.49% YES
- Willowick: 68.93% YES

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NOPEC

Thank you!

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2025 DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Jarod McCrone, Public Service Director
August 18, 2025

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT

Winter 2024-25

- 58 snow dates
- Nov 29th – Dec 3rd: Vehicles operated without interruption for 5 days
- Nov 27th – Mar 1st: Each staff member averaged 180 hrs overtime



THE PROCESS

2 shifts

- Supervisor (1)
- Maintenance Workers (6)
- Mechanic (1-2)
- Staff assigned routes

Limited vacation requests

Manage illnesses accordingly

Mechanics fill in

THE OPERATION

- Crew assigned to zones
  - During heavy snow events, crew doubles up
- Rate of speed is 15-17 mph
  - Ensure safety
  - Wear and tear on vehicle
  - Protect personal property
  - Travel time increased



THE OPERATION

- Goals during heavy snow event
  - Keep roads passable
  - Concentrate on hills, curves, bridges and intersections
- Snow bans are critical
- Safety is always top priority



Tips for winter plowing season

- Please observe the City of Painesville snow parking ban when necessary. No parking is permitted on city streets when 2" or more of snow accumulates.
- Plows work on main routes first, then secondary roads followed by side streets. We require about 8 hours to clear the entire City after the snow has stopped.
- Snow from the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled or plowed to the right as you're facing the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway the next time a plow passes.
- Property owners are required by City Code to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice. Sidewalk plows are provided by the City to aid in this process. Please help when possible to maintain safe travel for pedestrians.
- Residents hiring contractors for snow removal should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. Doing so not only creates hazards for drivers, but also makes it difficult for the City to keep streets clean.
- If trash/recycling day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash can and recycling bin are well behind the curb or in the driveway so the plow will not hit them.
- Don't allow children to build snow forts and tunnels in the snowbanks adjacent to the road. It can be difficult for the plow operators to see children in these situations.
- Residents who experience any sod or mailbox damage may contact the Public Works maintenance department to have repairs scheduled at (440)392-5594.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE – SPILL OFF ZONE



POST SNOW OPERATIONS

- Additional 8 hours of clean up post event
- Residential driveway aprons fill with snow
  - ~8,000 single family homes in Painesville City
  - Driveway clean up exceeds department bandwidth and capacity
- To avoid flooding issues, snow must be pushed back to curbs



THE RESULTS













COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT