REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 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, and Christine Shoop were present. Paul Hach arrived at 7:10 PM. Mario Rodriguez was not able to attend.

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, Fire Chief Tom Hummel, Police Administrative Lieutenant Toby Burgett, 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 Derrick Abney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 12.01.25

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 1, 2025.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 1, 2025, seconded by Mr. Augustine. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ray Sternot, of Birchwood Lane and Board HOA President of Heisley Park stated that he was here to follow up on the recent email that he sent to Mr. Fodor, Mr. Hach, and copied Mr. Lewis and the Council Clerk with regard to the proposed meeting between the stormwater utility administrators of Lake County, the City, the Ohio EPA and the USACE. The clerk has a copy of that email for the record. The main point of the email was that Mr. Lewis stated that we were not able to sit in and observe the meeting and we understood his reasoning in that it was a closed meeting not covered by the Ohio Open Meeting statute. Mr. Lewis' response also helped us to recognize that it is a closed meeting to address which of these entities is responsible for addressing the stormwater anomalies that we observed in Heisley Park, City of Painesville, County of Lake, while dredging the Heisley park ponds. We apologize for assuming that we could attend. However, he stated that as residents of the city and more specifically as members of the Heisley Park HOA Board with fiduciary responsibilities, we do not apologize identifying these stormwater concerns that we mentioned in previous correspondence and sent to all meeting participants be addressed. We look forward to hearing what actions will be taken by the meeting attendees about how these concerns will be addressed. What we do not want is to find out after a major storm event that the stormwater system in Painesville might not be up to current standards based on these concerns. Mr. Lewis will be in contact with him regarding the progress.

> Email sent on December 8, 2025 to Mr. Lewis: *Thank you for informing us as to why you have said we cannot attend the meeting of the various entities/utilities responsible for stormwater and pollution management in Ohio, Lake County, and the City of Painesville. We recognize now that it is not an open meeting under Ohio law because as you said, there are no elected officials that are going to be in attendance. Further, your response reminds us that we are not a sanctioned or defined Ohio designated stormwater utility (1) that has the necessary statutory or regulatory capabilities or expertise to resolve the issues that as Lake County residents we identified via our research. We also have come to believe that only municipalities/utilities have the capability to apply for an Ohio NPDES to make any necessary changes/design improvements to the stormwater infrastructure in the city. And that function normally is done by a City Engineer who is responsible for*

complying with Ohio EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program; administering the stormwater quality activities; and enforcing related ordinances such as those for flood damage prevention and erosion/sediment control. So, thank you for the explanation. We look forward to hear about the meeting recommendations to address our concerns.
Respectfully,

(1) ORDINANCE NO. 2-18 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 941 STORM WATER UTILITY AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE 1998 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PAINESVILLE, and DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ray Sternot, Heisley Park Board President

COMMITTEE REPORT: Planning Commission
Planning Commission

City Manager Doug Lewis gave a report for this committee which was held on December 11, 2025. The following items were discussed: Glenn Springs Holdings, Inc. applied for a permit for soil removal at Elm Street. This is a permit that they are required to request every other year. By a vote of 5-0, the Conditional Use Permit extension request was approved with Condition #18 invoked that the applicant will provide a progress report to the Planning Commission no later than the December 2027 meeting; and for Refusal 2575, the applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with Section 1127.12 which gives the Planning Commission authority to approve a comprehensive sign plan as a conditional use to establish sign regulations separate from the provisions of Chapter 1127. By a vote of 5-0, the Conditional Use Permit in conjunction with Section 1127.12, Comprehensive Sign Plans, was approved with the following condition: 1) Landscape the base of freestanding signs with living plant material. This is for the new hotel off Brookstone Blvd., and its opening date is estimated to be by the end of the year.

LEGISLATION:
ITEM #1 ORDINANCE
3rd Reading* – An Ordinance to make appropriations for the current expenses and expenditures of the City of Painesville, State of Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026 and adopting the operating budget, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 11.17.25, 2nd Reading 12.01.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson gave a presentation outlining the various departments 2026 Capital Projects for the Finance/Utility Billing, Engineering, Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Water, Water Pollution Control, Electric, and Stormwater, and the detailed costs associated with the projects. He presented a graph showing the scale of the solar project relative to the other projects. Concerns regarding the financial software were brought forth, and the City is looking into other software programs. See slide presentation.

Mrs. Shoop moved to adopt, seconded by Mr. Augustine.
On roll call, Mr. Abney, Mr. Augustine, Mrs. DiNallo, Mr. Hach, Mrs. Shoop, and Mr. Fodor answered "Yes". Motion carried 6-0.
ORDINANCE 31-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE
***1st Reading* – An Ordinance to approve and adopt the 2025B Codified Ordinances including new matter contained therein, and declaring an emergency.**

Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson spoke on this piece of legislation. She stated the Codified Ordinances have been reviewed and approved by Department Heads and are ready to be added to the City Code. The City contracts with the American Legal Publishing Corporation to prepare and publish ordinances that have been revised, remodified, rearranged and consolidated, and any new matters which have been adopted. The items listed in the ordinance have been passed by Council from May 19, 2025, to October 6, 2025. The cost associated with this is budgeted in Council's budget. It is being requested to waive 1st and 2nd reading so the online City Code can be updated.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 32-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidders for furnishing materials, supplies and services to various departments/divisions of the City of Painesville, and declaring an emergency. (*1st Reading 12.01.25)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an annual piece of legislation to authorize the bidding of various supplies and services for the daily operation of the city. Items include, but not limited to chemicals, materials for electric, water and sewer, street operations, insurance, fuel, uniforms, janitorial items. These items are bid throughout the year, and the departments have already included these items in their 2026 budget. Any additional items would have to be approved.

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

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

Mrs. DiNallo 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 6-0.

RESOLUTION 70-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio State Fire Marshal Individual Equipment Grant, for the purpose of purchasing firefighter turnout gear, and declaring an emergency. (*1st Reading 12.01.25)

Fire Chief Tom Hummel spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this a grant offered by the Ohio State Fire Marshal for up to $50,000, and it is not matching funds. It will be used for replacement turnout gear. This will help save money in the Fire Levy budget, if successful with the grant, and there are no further obligations.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 71-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #5 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement 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 Manager Doug Lewis spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated the legislation would allow the City to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the resurfacing of South State Street, which has poor pavement condition, and it would be from East High Street to High Tech Avenue. It is also for East Walnut Street, and that would be from Liberty Street to approximately 500 feet east of Valley View Drive, which is to the bridge, basically. The City's portion of the costs are $844,458.00 with a total project cost of $1,776,000.00. The City received a grant from NOACA for $931,542.00, so the majority of the project is being paid. The cost has been budgeted in the Engineering Capital budget for 2025 and it's necessary, the City pay them before the end of

the year. It was asked that this legislation be passed tonight. It was clarified that ODOT does not cover the cost of project but oversees the project because the roads are state routes.

Mr. Hach moved to suspend, seconded by Mr. Augustine.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION 72-25 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION

***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation Drones for First Responders Pilot Program Grant, for the purpose of purchasing a drone, ancillary equipment, pilot training and licensing, and declaring an emergency.**

Fire Chief Tom Hummel spoke on this piece of legislation. He stated this is an ODOT grant that is reimbursable. If awarded, the City would purchase the approved equipment, and required FAA pilot training and applicable licensing. It would be 100% reimbursed, the Fire Department would need to purchase a drone and accessory equipment, which would be funded from our fire levies, and train and certify drone operators, which would be funded in our training budget. These costs would be reimbursed if awarded. Purchases would not be made unless they are notified that they are a successful applicant. The Fire Department has utilized drones owned both by the City and Lake County for various emergency operations. The Fire Department currently does not operate a drone of their own. It was asked to be passed tonight due to the timeliness of the grant. The licensing is through the FAA which allows the individual to fly the drone over the park and buildings and other public areas.

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

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

RESOLUTION 73-25 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Mr. Augustine made a motion to excuse Mr. Rodriguez from tonight's meeting, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: None

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: The solar panels are being delivered, and have filled up the CRA building off Chester Street. The City has leased some space out of Cleveland to store some of the panels; the Senior Luncheon was a great event, as well as, and the Shop and Stroll. He thanked Susan Crotty and Tara Burgett who did an excellent job; Wreaths Across America was this last weekend and placed wreaths on veterans' graves. He thanked them for that. The City did meet with the DPO officers, and they are going to work on a plan and will bring that back to Council to make a presentation sometime early next year; and he wished all our residents and Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

The next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 5th at 7:00 PM; and City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th and Thursday, December 25th for the Christmas Holiday, and Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day Holiday.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney wished everyone a Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Augustine wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and gave a shout-out for the Speaking of Painesville and all the good news it contained.

Mr. Hach wished everybody Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and a safe New Year.

Mrs. Shoop thanked the Parks and Rec staff for the wonderful job they did for the Senior Luncheon. She also thanked Helen Petersburg and Kathleen Sullivan and the other staff that helped and their effort with the employee luncheon. She also wished everybody a Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year, and to be safe.

Mrs. DiNallo thanked Mr. Sternot for his consistent advocacy and engagement in the process and his respect for the procedures in the process. She gave a shout-out to Pub 1812 for the wonderful job with their social media, and how grateful they are for all the people that have been supporting them and coming out. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mr. Fodor thanked the Fire Department for providing the space for the employee luncheon, and for the Harvey High School students for helping with the Senior Luncheon by giving their time to pass out the food and interact with the seniors, and he reminded residents to give a helping hand to their neighbors. He expressed how nice the lights around town looked and music playing in the park gives the community that hometown feeling.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Augustine made a motion to move into an 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, seconded by Mrs. Shoop.

All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 7:57 PM.

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

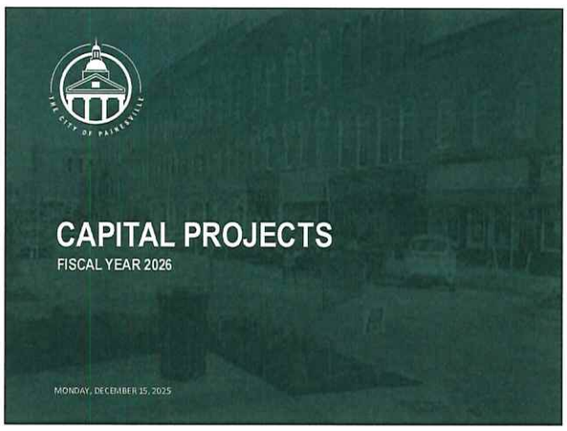
Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

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 8:37 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council



CAPITAL REQUESTS – FINANCE / UTILITY BILLING

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - FINANCE / NON-DEPARTMENTAL / UTILITY BILLING		
NEW FINANCIAL / UB SOFTWARE PACKAGE	$	450,000.00
VARIOUS PARCEL PURCHASES	$	685,000.00
REPLACE 2017 JEEP RENEGADE (METER READER) WITH 2026 FORD ESCAPE	$	31,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS - ENGINEERING

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - ENGINEERING		
UPDATE TELEVISING CAMERA SOFTWARE FOR WINDOWS 11	$	12,000.00
VARIOUS SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$	50,000.00
ADDITIONAL TRUCK	$	56,000.00
AMPHITHEATER ODNR LWCF GRANT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	$	91,400.00
RAILROAD CROSSING GRADING	$	300,000.00
ELM ST SRTS SIDEWALK PHASE II	$	310,000.00
COLONIAL BRIDGE REPAIRS	$	350,000.00
W. EAGLE OPWC GRANT	$	635,000.00
S. ST. CLAIR ST. FROM WASHINGTON TO WALNUT	$	760,000.00
MARSHALL / OAK / RICHMOND / TIBER / PAVING	$	685,000.00
ROUTE 44 INTERCHANGE DESIGN & ENGINEERING	$	1,000,000.00
MILL & LATIMORE PROJECT LOCAL SHARE / OPWC GRANT / OPWC LOAN	$	1,657,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS - POLICE

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - POLICE		
PURCHASE OF A NEW EVIDENCE SERVER	$	30,000.00
INSTALLATION OF VINYL PLANK FLOORING IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT	$	35,000.00
POLICE DRONES & TRAINING	$	35,000.00
REPLACE PATROL CAR #739	$	83,500.00
REPLACE PATROL CARS #734, #737 AND #738	$	167,000.00
PAINESVILLE INTERSECTION CRIME CAMERAS	$	210,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS - FIRE

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - FIRE		
VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRE STATION; SPLIT 50/50 WITH 239	$	8,000.00
REPLACE COMMAND TRUCK	$	78,000.00
RE-CHASSIS AMBULANCE	$	250,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS – PARKS & REC

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - PARKS & REC		
REPLACE HVAC UNIT IN MUNICIPAL COURT/SCHEDULERS AREA	$	13,000.00
INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) NEW ENTRY DOORS TO THE RESTROOM IN KIWANIS RECREATION PARK	$	14,000.00
INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET TILES IN MAIL ROOM, UTILITIES AND FINANCE AREAS	$	15,000.00
WATER PROOF FOUNDATION AT 54 MENTOR AVE.	$	15,000.00
REPLACE HVAC UNIT AT MORSE AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER	$	16,000.00
SNOW PLUSHER MACHINE	$	20,000.00
REPLACE 72" MOWER	$	24,000.00
NEW 4X4 PICK UP TRUCK	$	60,000.00
SIDEWALK PLOW	$	80,000.00
COLUMBARIUM AT RIVERSIDE	$	100,000.00
SKATE PARK PROJECT LAKE COUNTY ARPA and ODNR GRANTS	$	625,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS - WATER

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - WATER		
CHESTNUT WATER TOWER DOOR REPLACEMENT	$	20,000.00
MONORAIL HOIST	$	30,000.00
WATER PLANT GARAGE REPAIRS	$	50,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT	$	60,000.00
OUTDOOR CONCRETE BUNKER FOR MATERIAL STORAGE	$	75,000.00
REPLACE WATER DISTRIBUTION SLUDGE TRUCK	$	95,000.00
RAW WATER PUMP REBUILD	$	100,000.00
PLANT REPAIR DESIGN & ENGINEERING	$	150,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATER VALVE REPLACEMENT	$	250,000.00
FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT & REPAIRS 1-5	$	275,000.00
PAINT AUBURN WATER STORAGE	$	750,000.00
CHLORINE ROOM PHASE II; 50% LOCAL SHARE; 34% GRANT FUNDED; 16% LOAN	$	834,000.00
CITY-WIDE WATERLINE REPLACEMENTS	$	1,250,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS – WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - SEWER		
REPLACE LAWN MOWER	$	23,000.00
AERATION DIFFUSERS	$	75,000.00
REPLACE 2005 INTERNATIONAL 7400 TANDEM DUMP TRUCK	$	175,000.00
VARIOUS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$	200,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS - ELECTRIC

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - ELECTRIC	
DESIGN/DIAGNOSIS OF H6 CIRCUIT FOR DOWNTOWN AREA	$ 50,000.00
VARIOUS DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	$ 150,000.00
REPLACE RICHMOND ST. CIRCUIT BREAKERS	$ 200,000.00
DAVEY RESOURCE CONSULTING GROUP POLE INSPECTIONS	$ 250,000.00
VARIOUS TRANSFORMER REPLACEMENTS AND REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$ 300,000.00
CRE BUILDING RENOVATIONS	$ 500,000.00
SOLAR FIELD LAND ACQUISITION	$ 1,000,000.00
SOLAR BATTERIES	$ 11,000,000.00
SOLAR PANELS	$ 32,210,000.00

CAPITAL REQUESTS – STORM WATER

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CAPITAL PROJECTS - STORMWATER	
VARIOUS STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY	$ 200,000.00
HILL AND LATIMORE LEVEL II COUNTY STORMWATER PROJECT	$ 550,000.00

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THANK YOU

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024