REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 – 7:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

Councilpersons Derrick Abney, Lori DiNallo, Jim Fodor, Paul Hach, Mario Rodriguez and Christine Shoop were present. Nick Augustine arrived at 7:10 PM.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, Law Director Jim Lyons, Fire Chief Tom Hummel, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, Finance Director Bill Parkinson, Public Service Director Jarod McCrone, and Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson.

APPROVE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED

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

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. 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 06.01.26

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2026.

Mrs. DiNallo moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2026, seconded by Mr. Hach. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Tough Choices Foundation

President Fodor welcomed two remote presenters: Te'von Coney, founder of the Tough Choices Foundation and former NFL player, and David Grossman, an attorney affiliated with the law firm Kegler Brown. Mr. Coney provided an overview of the Tough Choices Foundation, which he established in 2019. The Foundation's model focuses on partnering with cities to develop customized youth programs addressing sports, academic achievement, job placement, workforce development, entrepreneurship, and family engagement. Mr. Coney introduced a colleague, Davis Grossman, and his role of how he supports the foundation. Mr. Grossman explained about the settlement fund available to cities which would reimburse cities for money spent on their water system and how the funding would be distributed. He noted that the deadline to participate in the drinking water settlement is July 31, 2026, and that testing requires approximately ten days, making mid-July the practical cutoff for new enrollments. He also described additional funding opportunities in development for wastewater, stormwater, and fire departments. He noted the legal services arrangement as a contingency fee of one-third of any recovery, with no cost to the city if no funds are obtained. He added that between 10 and 20 percent of his firm's fee is donated to the Tough Choices Foundation. Mr. Coney followed up with the different programs models to include partnerships and opportunities — youth workforce development, leadership training, mentorship programs, community events with vendors and job opportunities, and partnerships with both local school districts and city parks and recreation departments. It was asked whether he had any existing Ohio-based program models. He acknowledged that his primary track record is in Florida but expressed a strong desire to establish a presence in Ohio through Painesville. Mr. Coney explained that he was drawn to Painesville through outreach to City Manager Lewis via LinkedIn, expressing a desire to bring the Foundation's resources to the city's youth. It was inquired about next steps. He explained that the typical process involves formalizing a partnership with the city, securing funding through David Grossman's legal work, and then hiring locally to start up programs and events. President Fodor noted that the city's next scheduled meeting is July 20th. Mr. Grossman clarified that while the July 20th meeting would technically be too late to complete the testing and filing process for the drinking water settlement, he and his team plan to file a motion with the court seeking an extension of the deadline, though he could not guarantee its success. Mr. Fodor acknowledged the presentations and indicated that council and administration would deliberate further, and confirmed that Mr. Grossman should direct all follow-up materials — including a

summary letter, sample resolution, and legal services contract — to City Manager Lewis at his city email. Both Mr. Coney and Mr. Grossman thanked Council for their time, and the presentation concluded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORT: Utility Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission

Utility Committee

Mr. Hach reported for this committee which was held on June 3, 2026. The following items were discussed: City Manager Mr. Lewis presented the need for a policy governing the supply of industrial transformers. The discussion was prompted by a request from Avery Dennison, the City's largest employer, for a new transformer to be provided at no cost. Mr. Hach noted that the City's annual transformer budget is approximately $300,000 and that the transformer requested by Avery Dennison is estimated at $130,000. Various scenarios were discussed, including having industrial customers pay the full cost, the City providing the transformer, or splitting the cost. The committee also discussed whether Avery Dennison's request warranted its own separate industrial transformer policy. Follow-up was assigned to review how other utilities handle industrial transformer requests; Electric Superintendent Joe Price provided an update on solar development. The City is working on site control with West Creek Conservancy and the next step is a geotechnical evaluation of the site for compaction and stability, as the City requires assurance that the site will remain usable for at least 30 years. Eitri Foundry was continuing to work on the design which includes placing solar panels in the northern section of OU7 (off Fairport Nursery Road); and additionally, the City is working on certifying available funds to cover the BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) contract with Convergence Energy and is looking to bring a bond authorization to City Council. No other business was conducted, and the meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Mrs. Shoop reported for this committee which was held on June 9, 2026. The following items were discussed: She noted the welcoming of new Commission Member Jacob Thomas. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss volunteer needs for the upcoming summer amphitheater concert series. The first concert is scheduled for July 1st, and will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:00 p.m. The featured performance will be by Rumors, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, playing from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., followed by a DJ who will carry through the fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. Four food trucks will be on site. She noted that the City will now be able to sell beer and wine at the event. Volunteers are needed for wristband and hospitality assistance. She reported that concerts will be held every Wednesday in July, with a final concert on August 19th — a rescheduled event from the original concert lineup. The first two concerts in the series will be held at Veterans Park rather than the amphitheater. All Commission members expressed willingness to volunteer as their schedules allow. With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2026.

Planning Commission

City Manager Mr. Lewis gave a report for this committee which was held on June 11, 2026. The commission considered an application from Extended Housing requesting to tear down a structure at 225 Mentor Avenue. This item had been tabled from a previous meeting. The commission voted 3–0, with one abstention by Mr. Rosborough, to leave the item on the table. No other business was conducted, and the meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.

LEGISLATION:

ITEM #1 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution adopting the 2027 Tax Budget for the City of Painesville, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.** ***(1st Reading 06.01.26)

Finance Director Bill Parkinson spoke on this piece of legislation. He described it as a straightforward document consisting primarily of estimates of tax revenues for 2027, which he anticipated would be flat due to House Bill 920. He noted that the County Auditor revised the required form for this year's submission, and he made the required changes and noted that the County Auditor now requires an in-person presentation to the County Budget Commission. This is required to go three readings. A public hearing on the tax budget is scheduled for July 20, 2026 at 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular council meeting.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #2 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept an Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program grant, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Chief Dan Waterman spoke on this piece of legislation. He explained that the City had been approached by the State of Ohio with an opportunity to receive reimbursement funding for body armor through the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program. The City had already applied for and received the award. It was asked to waive second and third readings and adopt the resolution at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Hach 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. DiNallo.
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 35-26 is ADOPTED.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's FY2025 Assistance to Firefighter's Grant, for the purpose of cardiac monitors, automated external defibrillators, and ancillary equipment and services, and declaring an emergency.**

Fire Chief Tom Hummel spoke on this piece of legislation. He explained that FEMA opened the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) at the same time as the SAFER grant, which was approved at the previous meeting, and that the department is seeking to replace its cardiac monitors. He stated that the department's newest monitor is six years old, that the units are beginning to fail, and that the manufacturer is discontinuing both the product and the availability of replacement parts. He credited the department for diligent maintenance over the years but acknowledged that continued repairs would no longer be feasible. He explained that the required 10 percent match — estimated at approximately $27,000 — would come from a budget adjustment to be brought before Council at the July meeting, redistributing funds from a project being closed out of the 2.36 Fire Levy. He confirmed there would be no new financing cost to the city. If successful, the total grant award would be just under $300,000, covering three new cardiac monitors, seven new AEDs, associated service contracts, and ancillary equipment. It was asked to be passed on first reading due to the Friday application deadline.

Mrs. Shoop moved to suspend, 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.

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.
RESOLUTION 36-26 is ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Introduction of Intern
City Manager Mr. Lewis introduced Jessie Gao, a student at the Ohio State University pursuing dual Bachelor of Science degrees in public policy and statistics. He noted that Ms. Gao was selected in 2026 as a recipient of the ICMA Bob Turner Scholars Internship Program. Ms. Gao is serving a 9-week internship, working across three departments: the City Manager's office, Public Lands and Recreation, and Community Development. City Manager Lewis noted that Ms. Gao demonstrated a strong interest in city operations. Council welcomed her and expressed appreciation for her engagement and interest.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Public Works
Public Works Director Jared provided a comprehensive overview of the department's recent activities and ongoing initiatives: Winter Overview included the department responses to snow events during the past winter season, amount of salt and brine used, and a repair on the salt shed roof caused by high winds; He discussed the department support with the other city departments, including preparation at the amphitheater, the installation of the fueling station, and hydro-excavation work for Electric and Water Distribution; He outlined the

department's routine operations including guardrail repairs, ditching, catch basin restoration, roadway patching (both cold and hot mix), crosswalk and stop bar painting, school zone and railroad crossing markings, turning arrow maintenance, and ADA accessibility pad replacement; He noted the transition from Republic Services to Major Waste is underway. All new totes are in, and delivery begins the following day. Residents are asked to leave existing Republic containers at the curb through June 22–26 for final pickup. The new service will provide weekly trash, recycling, and yard waste collection. He acknowledged resident patience during a difficult transition and praised ongoing communication efforts; Hometown Hero Banners has received strong community feedback and recognized Helen Petersburg in the City Manager's Office for her ongoing coordination of the program, and deserves significant credit; He ended the presentation with their participation with community events this year, including a Touch-a-Truck event at Lake County Fairgrounds with Riverside Schools, Community Connections Night with Painesville Area Little League, Safety Town, Morley Library's event, the Lake County Fair, and Trunk or Treat. The department also collected Toys for Tots donations and purchased and donated four bicycles for National Night Out. He also noted the upcoming retirement of one of the staff. Council members expressed appreciation for the presentation, and reflected that the work of the department is felt in daily life by residents. See slide presentation.

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: He reiterated the transition from Republic Services to Major Waste, noting that Major Waste would begin delivering new totes and that Republic Services has been scheduled to complete remaining pickups from June 22 through June 26. He asked residents to leave their containers at the street until Republic Services has completed final pickup; The City entered into contracts with Convergence Energy for the purchase of a 20-megawatt Tesla batteries. The contracts are to be covered by the CPRG (Climate Pollution Reduction Grant) in the amount of approximately $29 million. He noted an additional contract with Convergence will require the City to issue approximately $9 million in bonds, which will be brought to Council at the next meeting. The battery order has been placed and delivery is anticipated within three to six months; There was a skate park preconstruction meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, and that construction is anticipated to begin in July. The skate park will be installed at the Morse Avenue Community Center, behind the parking lot; Mr. Lewis acknowledged that Mrs. DiNallo had requested information from the Land Bank. He confirmed that the request had been submitted and followed up upon, and stated that the information would be provided to Council upon receipt; He reminded Council and the public of two upcoming events: Revolution Pie, a Beatles tribute band, will perform at Veterans Park on June 17th — the first concert in the summer series, held at the gazebo, and the Juneteenth Celebration will be held at Veterans Park on Saturday, June 19th. He encouraged residents to attendance and acknowledged the NAACP's many planned activities for the event; He noted that Mar-Bal, a local manufacturer that produces ADA pads, donated the ADA pads installed at the amphitheater at no cost to the city, and encouraged residents to take note of this contribution when visiting the new facility; He thanked Public Service Director Jarod McCrone and staff for the excellent jobs they do; and lastly he credited P.I.O. Mike Cook for the efforts regarding the trash transition, including articles in the News Herald and Cleveland.com, regular Facebook and Instagram posts, weekly mentions in the City's e-newsletter, website updates, and text message alerts through the WENS emergency notification system.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

No correspondence was given.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mrs. Shoop thanked all the attendees and the Tough Choices Foundation presentation. She expressed interest in how the opportunity will develop with the Tough Choices Foundation.

Mrs. DiNallo thanked Mar-Bal for the ADA pad donation, expressed enthusiasm for the concert series, thanked Mr. Lewis for the Land Bank update, and acknowledged and commended the Public Works Department's informative and impressive presentation.

Mr. Augustine had no comments at this time

Mr. Hach echoed the same comments as Mrs. DiNallo.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked all the guests in attendance and those that watched at home.

Mr. Abney thanked all the guests that attended and announced an upcoming Painesville Forward meeting on Tuesday, June 23, at the American Legion on St. Clair at 6:00 PM, noting that School Resource Officer Jordan will speak with parents about school-related topics.

Mr. Fodor acknowledged the recent Safety Town event at Maple, expressing appreciation for the Lions Club, Painesville City Schools, and the Public Works, Fire, and Police departments,

for their collective efforts in organizing and staffing the event, and noting that participants each received a bicycle helmet and a smoke detector.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to move into the Executive Session at 8:15 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 9:12 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Abney. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:13 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council



2026 DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION

Jarod McCrone, Public Service Director
June 15, 2026

WINTER OVERVIEW

- 52 snow events
- 2200 tons of salt
- 2300 gallons of brine
- Salt shed repairs





CITYWIDE MUTUAL AID

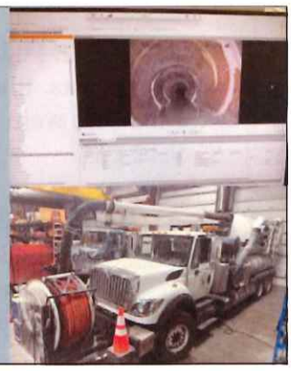
- Amphitheater assistance
  - Removal of excess soil
  - Rolling of parking lot
- Site preparation for fueling station
  - Removal of existing ramp & materials
  - Grading of lot after removal





CITYWIDE MUTUAL AID DAILY OPERATIONS

- Hydroexcavation work for Electric Distribution and Water Distribution
- Pump station cleaning and maintenance for WPCP
- Patching of roadways in parks and cemeteries
- Televising work for Engineering





DAILY OPERATIONS

- Guardrail repairs
- Stormwater ditch maintenance
- Catch basin and manhole repairs

DAILY OPERATIONS

- Maintenance of all ADA pads at crosswalks
- Annual painting of city streets
- Asphalt and crack seal work



UPCOMING REFUSE CHANGES

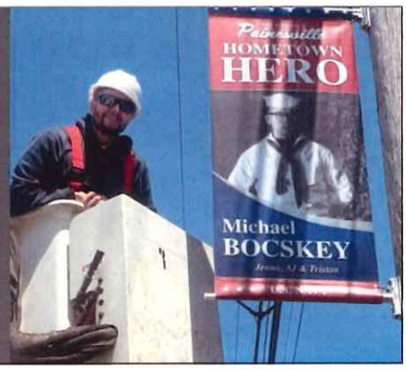
- Moving from Republic Services to Major Waste Disposal
- Benefits of new contract
- Appreciate resident's cooperation and understanding during transition



Garbage Recycling

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

- Increased to 130 banners in 2026
- Very rewarding experience for Public Works staff
- Positive feedback from residents



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 7 events in 2026
- Donate and participate
- Great deal of pride taken in department and city



