REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 – 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, Lori DiNallo, Jim Fodor, Mario Rodriguez, and Christine Shoop were present. Nick Augustine and Paul Hach were not able to attend.

Other City Staff in attendance: City Manager Doug Lewis, Law Director Jim Lyons, Economic Development Director Susan Crotty, City Engineer Leanne Exum, Police Chief Dan Waterman, Fire Chief Tom Hummel, 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 Derrick Abney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting 10.05.26

Mr. Fodor asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2026.

Mrs. Shoop moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2026, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo. All Council members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kevin Harrison, of Skinner Avenue, expressed concern about the City's three-year, $96,000 contract with Flock automatic license plate readers (ALPRs). He said the cameras use AI to track vehicle details that can reveal political views, religious beliefs, or gun ownership, and feels is a breach of the privacy of the people who live, work, recreate, and commute through Painesville. He acknowledged the technology could help the police department with routine investigations. He argued, however, that the system gives access to law enforcement agencies nationwide with almost no restrictions. He cited more than 1,700 immigration-related searches on the Cleveland Heights system between April 2025 and April 2026, many from out-of-state agencies. He said his public records request to the Painesville Police Department was rejected. He had concerns that data is being used appropriately. He referenced several documented ALPR abuses. He said he had never experienced a moment when he had not felt safe living in Painesville until the day the cameras were installed. He urged Council to cancel the contract early and adopt a permanent moratorium on contracts with Flock or any other ALPR vendor. Council President Fodor thanked him and encouraged him to contact the City Manager to clarify any questions.

Terry Myers, of Roberta Drive, Encore Estates HOA President, addressed the Shamrock Boulevard development and the planned State Route 44 interchange modification. He cited safety concerns for more than 2,000 residents, including roughly 800 children, across Heisley Park, Heisley Park Senior Living, and Encore Estates. He referenced recent crime incidents in the area. He welcomed words from the City Manager that the exit would be relocated south of the Clover Senior Living development, which would keep traffic off Elizabeth Boulevard. He said he had not seen any layout diagram or traffic study, and that an ODOT District 12 records request had found nothing. He asked for the layout and traffic study to be shared. Council President Fodor said a feasibility study exists with ODOT, that Council had not yet seen it, and that the information would be shared transparently once available.

Ray Sternot, of Birchwood Lane, addressed the Heisley Park stormwater issues. He said he understood the administration would address legislation that evening for a stormwater consultant. In his opinion, however, the consultant could not resolve the concern he was raising, which required increased oversight and immediate action by the Painesville stormwater management director. He recounted the issue of ditch maintenance north of Heisley Park in Mentor was recognized in a February 11, 2009 meeting. Mr. Sternot said that more than 16 years later the lack of maintenance and oversight persisted. He wrote to Mr. Lewis on October 13 reporting that he and David Biro Sr.

had measured and observed the ditch forcing water back into North Ashwood Pond 3 rather than accepting water from it. He warned that this could render some pumps ineffective and flood Heisley Park basements in a significant rain event. He asked the City to meet with the City of Mentor, Lake County Stormwater Management and the northern property owners to establish a periodic maintenance schedule, with a written agreement on reasonable maintenance intervals as was done in 2009. He emphasized that he did not see this as a consulting discovery or implementation issue but one requiring the administration and stormwater director to take immediate action and resolution. Council President Fodor said the City Manager would respond with a course of action within a day or so.

Sherri Middleton, of Briarwood Lane, Heisley Park HOA President, thanked Council on behalf of the HOA board for hiring an independent stormwater consultant. She asked for a brief discussion with the consultant before and after the study. She asked for the City's assistance in having Mentor properties clean up areas currently blocking the pond from emptying. She also stated that the Heisley Park community shares Terry Myers's concerns about the Shamrock construction and future State Route 44 expansion, in particular increased traffic through both developments and the safety of children. Council President Fodor said he was sure the consultant planned sit-down meetings with residents in that area.

Greg Kennedy, of Elizabeth Boulevard, said that, in the spirit of transparency and accountability, he had observed that council appears to use emergency declarations frequently, including for public expenditures, development agreements and other significant policy decisions. He acknowledged that emergency legislation is sometimes necessary and thanked the City Manager for explaining this by email. He asked council to consider whether significant public expenditures and economic development incentives should be supported by publicly available fiscal impact analyses covering projected costs, anticipated benefits, long-term obligations and risks, written in terms the public can easily understand. He also asked that council consider documenting the specific circumstances justifying accelerated passage whenever emergency passage is requested. He clarified that he was not asking about eliminating three readings, but wanted to understand sometimes why it's always an emergency. Council President Fodor said he would contact Mr. Kennedy to talk it through, and noted that other community members had raised similar concerns.

Christina Meola, of Meriden Road, spoke about the roughly 100-unit apartment proposal reported in the newspaper, asking that council make it make sense. Her questions were: Why emergency status was being used to push it through; Why a 15-year tax abatement was proposed for a project offering no jobs or major community investment, when Painesville already has about 40 percent renter occupancy; Why Painesville taxpayers should bear the added cost of services such as fire and roads; What the effect would be on property values and safety, given what she called a dark, hilly road leading to Vrooman Road and I-90, and Why the project would create animosity with a good neighbor, Painesville Township. She noted Painesville already has about 40 percent renter occupancy and urged Council to reconsider. She said she did not understand the urgency or the tax abatement and urged council to rethink the project. Council President Fodor invited Ms. Meola to email him so he could call her. He said such discussions raise follow-up questions that are hard to answer to an acceptable level during a business meeting. He said they would connect within a week or so, and that she was welcome to return to the next council meeting.

David Biro Sr., of Thornwood Lane, referred to the appointment of the fourth consultant on the Heisley Park stormwater matter. He asked Council and the consultant to engage the Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio EPA, FEMA, and Ohio Emergency Management to help bring the project to a close. He emphasized the importance of field research and said he hoped to work as a team with the City and the consultant to answer questions and resolve this matter. Council President Fodor thanked him and said he was positive that open conversations would occur if the process moved forward.

Lisa Lewins, of Mentor Avenue, a candidate for Lake County Commissioner, said she has attended City council and township meetings, and that what council members and residents expressed that evening matched what she hears across the county. She pledged to represent Painesville and the other 23 County municipalities, to listen and to solve issues. She said commissioners have a responsibility to help townships and municipalities solve stormwater issues. Ms. Lewins asked council to consider waiting until January 2027, when new commissioners would be in office, before acting on the State Route 2 maintenance contract. She cited concerns about possible terms she had heard about. She also named Flock cameras, freeway expansion, and animal control - spay and neuter and rats as issues requiring transparency and working together. Council President Fodor thanked her for attending.

Dorian Neuendorf was recognized by City Manager Doug Lewis after public comments. She introduced herself as a short-term City intern, an active-duty Air Force officer participating in the DOD SkillBridge program with ICMA's veterans' local government management fellowship through December and when she separates from the Air Force. She holds music degrees including one from Cleveland State, and served as an Air Force band officer, with public affairs training and

a final assignment with Air Mobility Command Public Affairs. The program is paid for by the Air Force and does not cost the City. She said she is working with the Public Information Officer, mapping City parks with drone footage, assisting Parks and Recreation with amphitheater booking, and exploring after-action review processes. City Manager Doug Lewis noted that the park site-mapping concept originated with the summer management intern, whose idea won an ICMA award, and that ICMA selected Painesville because of that experience.

COMMITTEE REPORT: Planning Commission, Fairport Senior Board

Planning Commission

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the Planning Commission which was held on October 8, 2026. The following items were discussed: Refusal Number 2858: 225 Mentor Avenue (Mentor Avenue Historic District): A request to demolish a structure. The applicant, Extended Housing, requested an extension until the November 12 meeting; Refusal Number 2586: 56 North State Street (Consolidated Investment Corporation): A request for a waiver from Section 1115.13(a)(1) to allow office use on the ground-floor storefront space. The commission voted 5-0 to approve. Mr. Lewis explained that Infinity Resources, currently on the first floor of the KeyBank building, is moving to this location; Refusal Number 2591: Grand River Walk development: A conditional use permit for a comprehensive sign plan. The commission voted 5-0 to approve it provisionally. The roof sign requires a text amendment before it is permitted under the Unified Development Code, and is provisionally approved until the commission recommends and council approves such an amendment. Wall and mounted signs are permitted once the conditional use permit is issued; Refusal Number 2592: 154 Main Street (The Reserve on Main LLC, Jessica Rapach, Twin Legacy Investments): A conditional use permit for an event center, approved with conditions. The applicant also plans a pop-up retail establishment or event center on the first floor in the space. Mr. Lewis said the owners had invested significantly in the building, with two or three apartments planned on the second and third floors; Text amendment to Sections 1127.06(d) and add 1127.11(h): Roof signs in the DD Downtown Development District with a conditional use permit under Section 1111.08. The commission voted 5-0 to approve the amendments with conditions as outlined in the new text; Parkside Drive: Dedication of the public street. The commission voted 5-0 to approve a waiver for Parkside Drive as a dead-end street; Design review: Painting of wood and trim at 1-5 State Street, and repair of deteriorated exterior trim, steps, railings, doorways and limited siding at 50 West Erie Street; and Mr. Lewis gave a brief report on Redwood and announced the groundbreaking for Silver Birch, to which the commission was invited.

Fairport Senior Board

Mrs. Shoop reported on the Finance Committee meeting of October 9, 2026. The following items were discussed: August minutes and the August and September treasurer's reports were approved and in order; The guardrail awaiting paint belongs to the electric utility, so the center cannot paint it; The front activity sign will be removed; The center is awaiting an Osborne Family Grant, which would fund a new NU-STEP machine and recumbent bike; The mailbox keeps getting hit and is constantly being repaired; The center's audit and an invoice for the City's $25,000 2026 contribution were submitted by October 16 and are being processed; A copy of Board of Trustee Terms of Office has been updated; The 2025 funds purchased three new exercise machines; A Missing in Action memorial chair ceremony was held; A pinocle tournament and Flag Retirement Ceremony was held; Lake Tran will provide an iPad to alert members of ride schedules – drop-offs and pick-ups; A Noon Year's Eve party is planned with the band Goin Gray; and the next meeting is November 13, 2026.

LEGISLATION:

Council President Fodor noted that five members were present and six were needed to suspend the rules. Legislation, on tonight's agenda, would be read, questions asked, and the item moved to its next reading.

ITEM #1 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending 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.**

City Manager Doug Lewis explained that the legislation appropriates funds from the Lake County Stormwater Fund for the Heisley Park stormwater management system evaluation, so the City can enter into a contract with GPD Group (Item #6). He said the administration recommended moving it to second reading. It was explained to a member of the public that the ordinance consists of budget adjustments and transfers. It was noted the City is working on the 2027 budget, with a public hearing on November 9. It was noted that before the 2027 budget is passed, it will receive

three full readings, and residents may address council on any aspect of it at any of them. It was then commented that the administration had asked for prompt action so field work could begin before the weather changes. Referring to Mr. Kennedy's earlier question about emergency declarations, this was one incident where an emergency designation was warranted - the issue was very pressing for Heisley Park residents.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #2 ORDINANCE

***1st Reading* – An Ordinance amending Section 1127.06(d), and Section 1127.11(h), of the Painesville Code of 1998, relating to roof signs in the DD Downtown Development District, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis explained that the legislation implements the Planning Commission recommendation. It amends Chapter 1127 to allow roof signs only in the DD Downtown Development District, through a conditional use permit under Section 1111.08 with specific conditions. Because it requires a public hearing, it must have three readings, with a public hearing on November 16. Mrs. DiNallo asked how the back of a roof sign could be kept from being seen from the street, noting that the only example she had seen was in South Euclid, where a two-layer rooftop hid the back of the sign. She said she and other members had been driving around looking for roof signs and asked what they look like and what to expect. Mrs. Shoop asked where in the district roof signs could go and whether the provision applied only to new developments and/or current business buildings. She acknowledged the conditional use process allows the City to say no. It was asked for an aerial map of the district and a list of eligible buildings -more information Mr. Rodriguez said he wanted clarification on whether this was for a specific project or opened the door for any business to request a roof sign, and felt it might be intrusive. Council would like visuals for the next meeting.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #3 RESOLUTION

2nd Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with Redwood USA LLC for the purposes of development of 27.91± acres on Bank Street, and declaring an emergency. *(1st Reading 10.05.26)

Economic Development Director Susan Crotty explained that the legislation was introduced at the prior meeting. It would authorize the City Manager to enter into a development agreement, if the annexation of the land now in process is completed and accepted by the City. The agreement would set out the responsibilities and obligations of the City and the developer, Redwood USA LLC, which proposes a market-rate multifamily residential development. She said the developer has extensive experience and the project would add housing choices for residents. The developer approached the City seeking municipal utility services. She clarified that no Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) exists on the property because it is not yet in the City. The agreement does not commit the City to providing the incentive, but commits the City to evaluate it and go through the process of creating a CRA, which must also be submitted to the Ohio Department of Development. If a CRA is created, no abatement could exceed 50 percent of the value of the improvements. She said the abatement does not mean owners pay no taxes. She added that the item was on second reading and would go to third reading at the next meeting. The property was the former Union Sand property, later used by Allego for cement and slag crushing with heavy truck traffic. It is currently zoned light industry and surrounded by R1 residential zoning. The tall white walls along the street were put up by Allego in response to resident complaints about dust and noise. It was noted that the same developer has a project in Chardon off State Route 44 near the Wendy's, and asked whether property values near it had declined. Mrs. Crotty said she had not researched that but would. In response to a question, she defined "market rate" as comparable to average area apartment rates and not subsidized. It was asked why a TIF was included in the contract when the discussion had been about a CRA, and asked for more information the following week. She also asked why the project had seemingly been described as single-family homes when 17 buildings and over 100 units sounded more like a condo. Ms. Crotty explained that single-family units would not be connected, whereas these are connected rental apartments, unlike River's Edge, which is condominiums. It was asked what security measures would be provided, in light of Ms. Meola's safety concerns. Mrs. Shoop raised traffic concerns and asked for a road study showing current and projected traffic and whether a traffic light would be needed. She suggested two entrances and exits. She also asked whether "life of the project" in the agreement meant only the construction period or as long as Redwood owns the property. She said she had heard Redwood maintains its own properties and wanted to be sure obligations would run in perpetuity. She asked about the acreage

across the road, which she said she could not read on the packet map, and asked how many units would be on each side. Ms. Crotty said the plan is a single 102-unit development and offered to send a larger PDF. Council President Fodor stated that the project would eventually go to the Planning Commission. Further concerns will be discussed at the next meeting.

A member of the public, Christina Meola, of Meriden Road, asked what happens after second reading. It was explained the item would receive a third reading on November 2, after which council would vote. Four of seven votes are required to pass. With the "declaring an emergency" language and five affirmative votes it would take effect immediately, and otherwise it would take effect in 30 days. In answer to another question, he said the developer approached the City and the City did not solicit it. The resident asked for a copy of the legislation. It was noted that City Manager Reports and Proposed Legislation are posted on the City website. A copy of the legislation would be provided to her.

This will go to third reading.

ITEM #4 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio Department of Commerce for the MARCS Radio Program Grant, for the purpose of purchasing portable 800MHz radios and accessories, and declaring an emergency.**

Fire Chief Tom Hummel stated the Ohio Department of Commerce and Ohio State Fire Marshal offer the grant annually. The City has applied several times without success, but he wished to apply again to purchase six portable radios for personnel. The grant closes on October 24, so he must apply by that date. There is no cost to the general fund, any match would come from the fire levy, and he has funds to purchase a couple of radios next year, but the grant would allow far more. Because council could not suspend the rules and the deadline would pass before the November 2 meeting, it was suggested to make a motion to authorize the Chief to submit the application. Acceptance of any funds would return to council for approval and signature.

Mrs. Shoop made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to submit the MARCS Radio Program Grant application by the October 24 deadline, with acceptance of funds to return to council on legislation, seconded by Mrs. DiNallo.

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

The resolution will remain on the agenda for the next reading, since the motion only authorized the application.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #5 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to apply for and accept the FY2027 Ohio Department of Public Safety Summer Holiday Enforcement Program (SHEP) Grant, and declaring an emergency.**

Police Chief Dan Waterman explained that the grant offsets up to 350 hours of overtime for details during the summer, such as stepped-up enforcement in the park or in response to resident direction. He explained why state and federal grants are often requested on an emergency basis: with 30-day windows to apply, staff must act as soon as an announcement is received. It was asked whether the memo's language that the department "applied for and was awarded" the FY2027 grant was a misprint. The Chief clarified that the original deadline was May 27, the application had been submitted and awarded, and funds are for next year. Council approval is still needed to accept the grant, and the funds have not yet been received. Council members confirmed that the item could wait until the November 2 meeting.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #6 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into a contract, including any and all ensuing change orders, with GPD Group for the Heisley Park Residential Subdivision Stormwater Management System Evaluation, and declaring an emergency.**

City Engineer Leanne Exum said the City issued an RFQ for the Heisley Park stormwater management system, received four submittals, narrowed them to three consultants and interviewed

all three. The selection committee chose GPD Group and requested a proposal. She noted that a budget adjustment (Item #1 Ordinance) is needed first because no money is currently budgeted, and that the City wanted to begin field work as soon as possible. She acknowledged the item could not be suspended and would be taken up November 2. Mrs. Exum stated GPD's scope addressed all the concerns raised by the Heisley Park HOA, and that the firm was very methodical and very detail oriented in its planned field work. City Manager Doug Lewis added that GPD's team has the most stormwater management experience and does extensive modeling with many communities. He said that could help identify issues, where water is coming from, and what storm levels the system was built to handle.

Ray Sternot, of Birchwood Lane, a member of the Heisley Park HOA board, said he was pleased the administration would hire a consultant and urged council to pass the legislation as soon as possible. He said the HOA was eager to share concerns and data showing the system is not working as designed, along with the ad hoc changes he said the developer made which further jeopardized the system's effectiveness.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #7 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.**

City Manager Doug Lewis explained that the legislation accepts the amounts and rates provided by the Lake County Budget Commission. Based on the certification, the City projects approximately $2,898,609 in property tax revenues for the general fund, from voted millage on the City's various levies.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #8 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to submit an application and enter into an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency for Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Planning Grant application for Main Street Streetscape and Safety Improvements, and declaring an emergency.**

City Engineer Leanne Exum explained that the City had already applied for the grant, which was due October 9, but needed the legislation to accompany the application. Once passed, it will be submitted to NOACA as part of the application documentation. The project would complete Main Street from State Street to Mill Street and carry the streetscape amenities through to have the City look nice when entering the City.

This will go to second reading.

ITEM #9 RESOLUTION
***1st Reading* – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to enter into an agreement by and between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Cities of Eastlake, Mentor, Painesville, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Willowick for the State Route 2 General Maintenance and Lighting Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.**

City Manager Doug Lewis explained that the legislation is a new maintenance agreement with the Lake County Engineer's Office and Commissioners. He said Ohio law requires cities to maintain the portions of state routes within their boundaries, including limited-access highways such as State Routes 2 and 44. Since 2003 the City has been under an agreement with the county engineer to maintain State Route 2, and under a separate agreement with ODOT for State Route 44, though the City remained responsible for the two ramps at Jackson Street. Both agreements are being terminated. The six cities have worked with the commissioners and engineer for eight months to a year on a successor agreement. He said the administration was adamant that the State Route 44 ramps be plowed, since the other five communities were not required to plow ramps, and all parties ultimately agreed. The old agreement misstated the lane miles of each community, so Painesville paid 16 percent of costs. Under corrected lane miles, the City's share is now 13.92 percent. Since 2020, Painesville has paid between $19,000 and $137,000 annually for State Route 2 maintenance, depending on winter severity. The cities expect more service from the county under the new agreement, including litter pickup and grass mowing, which are among the most common complaints. He recommended three readings and said Assistant City Manager Tony Zampedro, who was heavily involved in negotiating the agreement, would return at the next meeting. Mrs. DiNallo

confirmed that the six communities' shares total 100 percent. She asked whether costs should be expected to rise with the added services such as litter removal and grass cutting, and said she wanted to know more about what the added services would cost. Mr. Lewis said the county added items to be reimbursed that were not in the original agreement, including vehicle and some personnel costs the county had not previously recovered for State Route 2 work. Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Zampedro could answer more fully.

This will go to second reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sign Code

Council President Fodor stated that at the last meeting there was discussion about having the Planning Commission revisit the signage code, including electric signs and monument signs. He asked whether four of the five members present wished to direct the administration to work with the Planning Commission revisit signage. Mrs. DiNallo said she was concerned the code might be archaic and not accommodating newer, more effective types of signs for businesses, and is the policy comprehensive. She asked how often the code is reviewed, and said she wanted to be friendly to businesses and give them adequate ability to advertise. City Manager Doug Lewis said he did not know when the signage was last reviewed, but believed it was probably at the last Unified Development Code update, and that he would find out. It was agreed to obtain that information first, then decide how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS: Driveway Aprons (East Walnut & State), Council of Government (Mayors & Managers)

Driveway Aprons (East Walnut & State)

Council President Fodor reviewed the project covering about 38 aprons (26 on one street and 12 on the other). Initial estimates of $2,500–$3,000 per apron (about $114,000) rose to roughly $164,000 in bids, with one quote at $165,000 and another at $244,000. He recommended rebidding in January. City Engineer Leanne Exum agreed, noting that the project exceeds $100,000 and must be formally bid. She attributed the increase to higher diesel costs, Canadian tariffs affecting Portland cement, and a compressed completion schedule. It was noted concerns of inflation, and historically, quotes are lower in winter. The administration will bring legislation to advertise and award the bid in January or February.

Council of Government (Mayors & Managers)

City Manager Doug Lewis explained that municipalities pay annual dues, about $200, to the Mayors and Managers' Association. The funds were once deposited in Eastlake's accounts and are now held by the Painesville Township. Because the dues are not city funds, the auditor recommended separating them and forming a Council of Governments (COG) to collect dues and hold an account. He asked for Council's view before legislation is brought before Council. It was asked who would govern the body. Mr. Lewis said the association elects a president and treasurer, and bylaws would have to be created. Currently, the reason it would be formed is because of the auditor's recommendation and for the purpose of collecting that money and creating an account. Mrs. DiNallo stated she was generally not in favor of COGs, because they consist of appointed rather than elected people holding decision-making power. She said she would be open to a finance-only arrangement. Drawing on her experience with the fire COG, she stated Painesville, with a higher population per capita, bore a heavier per-capita share of costs than wealthier neighbors. She questioned why the group could not remain an association with a bank account and a tax ID number, noting that if the group wrote its own bylaws "they can give themselves whatever kind of powers they want." Council President Fodor asked Mr. Lewis whether he had direction, and Mr. Lewis indicated he did.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATIONS: Fire

The Fire Chief Tom Hummel presented the department's annual report covering fire call statistics and operations for 2025, including hazardous conditions such as fuel spills and stuck elevators, false alarms, and "good intent" calls, which he explained are calls where the situation found is not what the crew was dispatched for. He talked about number of hours of training they receive with an increase focus on special/technical, new hire and officer development, as well as teaching fire safety through the Safety Town program. He continued to outlined what a "normal day" look like for the firefighters. He recognized the firefighters hired in 2025/2026, as well as, the retirements and promotions. The accomplishments for 2025 and 2026 included officer training and firefighter training, installing Knox Boxes, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in residents' homes. He ended he presentation with the departments goals which included their capital purchase of a Re-Chassis 2019 EMS Squad, applying to various grants, to continue their training plan and increase community interaction and visibility. It was asked for the Chief to explain the difference between a paramedic and an EMT. The Chief said all 26 current personnel are paramedics. He explained that paramedics can administer lifesaving medications EMTs cannot, such as to reverse

cardiac issues and drug overdoses and stop internal bleeding. Paramedic training takes about a year, which he described as halfway to an associate's degree, with continuing education of 96 hours every three years and mandatory state certification. Crews also complete continuing education monthly on every shift. He said paramedics are generally paid more than EMTs, but the department is in the middle of the pack countywide for starting pay. Mrs. DiNallo reiterated residents calling for an ambulance get "somebody with higher training and more capability" and thanked the department. The Chief added that when both squads are out, remaining personnel respond in an engine or his car carrying equipment that can do the same job as an ambulance except transport, and mutual aid transports patients, so every call receives a paramedic-level response. Council President Fodor thanked the Chief for the department's hard work and dedication. See slide presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Law Director and City Manager

Law Director Jim Lyons indicated he had no additional report.

City Manager Doug Lewis reported on the following: The ribbon cutting for the Silver Birch Assisted Living Facility was held Thursday, October 15. He welcomed them to the community. The $37 million facility will take 15 to 16 months to build, and foundation work is already well underway; Shred Day was held October 17, with a good turnout. He thanked Executive Assistant Helen Petersburg and the Public Works Department for all their work, and stated the City will continue it annually; Fall Fest was held Saturday, October 10, with at least 5,000 people through the park. He thanked Parks and Recreation, the participating departments and City Council for handing out candy; Budget review is Monday, November 9th at 5:00 PM; The last firefighter will be sworn in, and three new firefighters will be on shift starting October 26th; Two new columbariums were installed at Riverside Cemetery, with additional work and further niches to follow, and they have been selling well; and he thanked Chief Hummel for his presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council

Clerk of Council Samantha Danielson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM, and Trick-or-treating will be Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and participating residents should leave their porch light on.

CLOSING COMMENTS: Members of Council

Mr. Abney had no comment at this time.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked the residents for coming and spending the evening with Council, and thanked those watching at home.

Mrs. DiNallo stated the Salvation Army on Pearl Street is always looking for volunteers. She is a founding member of its Women's Auxiliary, which is seeking new members. She invited anyone interested to make tags for the Angel Tree program to join. She also praised the Fall Fest being enjoyable, and thanked the Recreation Department for an excellent event on a beautiful day.

Mrs. Shoop had no comment at this time.

Mr. Fodor had no comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council President Fodor stated that, per the City Manager, no executive session was needed, and none was held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mrs. Shoop moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rodriguez. All Council Members were in favor by answering "Aye". Motion carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:01 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Samantha Danielson
Clerk of Council

Jim Fodor
President of Council

2026

Painesville City Fire Department

Serving the residents of Painesville since 1841

October 2026

WHAT DOES PCFD DO?







- We fight fires!
  - 70 fire calls in 2025
    (45 Y-T-D 2026)
    - 44 structure fires
      - *(23 Y-T-D 2026)*
    - 7 cooking fires
    - 1 car fire
    - 5 brush/grass fires
    - 6 trash fires
    - 19 excessive heat/scorch/burn marks
    - *(Statistics thru 9-30-2026)*

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!







- 3,297 Rescue/EMS Calls in 2025
  2,610 Y-T-D 2026
  - *104 Hazardous Condition calls*
    - *113 Y-T-D 2026*
  - *207 False Alarms*
    - *198 Y-T-D 2026*
  - *703 Service/Good Intent calls*
    - *480 Y-T-D 2026*
    - *(Statistics thru 9-30-2026)*

WE TRAIN, TO BE SAFE & EFFICIENT







- 2,783 man hours of training in 2025
  - Average of 111 man hours per member
  - (2,240 hours Y-T-D 2026, avg. 86 hrs. per member)
  - Increased focus on special/technical, new hire and Officer Development training

WE TEACH FIRE SAFETY



- Safety Town in 2025 and 2026 was a continued success!
  - We interact with the public at block parties & gatherings
  - Reinforce fire safety messages





WHAT A 'NORMAL DAY' LOOKS LIKE

- 0730-0800 Check of Assigned Vehicles
- 0800-0830 Wash Vehicles
- 0830-0900 Log Reading (review of prior 2 shifts) and breakfast
- 0900-1000 Daily House Chores (clean kitchen, bathrooms, floors)
- 1000-1200 Scheduled Work (Monday routines, assigned duties, training), tours, public education
- 1200-1700 Lunch, training, public education, physical fitness
- 1700-0730 Dinner, completion of assigned duties
- **Emergency runs and run reports take precedence over all non-emergency duties** (as of 9/30/26- 3,471 calls or 13 a day average)
- **We "overlapped" meaning we had 2 squads on calls and not otherwise available, 1,884 times, or 43% of the time in 2025** (1,611 Y-T-D 2026, 46%, as of 9/30/26)

2025/2026 ACOMPLISHMENTS

- Capital purchases
  - Replaced EMS/Chase Truck (2311)
  - Re-mount of our 2nd Oldest EMS Squad (2312)
  - We replaced Command/Chase Truck 2310
  - Capital Purchases made with Fire Levy funds






2025/2026 Retirements

- **Retirements**

  In 2025 LT. Earl Mahoney retired after 27 years of service

  In 2026 Capts. Robert Mrosko and John Niehus retired after 31 and 35 years of service, respectively





2025/2026 New Hires



- **New Hires**

  In September 2025 we hired FF Xian Squire to replace LT. Mahoney

  In April 2026 we hired FF's Noah Telisman and Dan Zdraveff to replace Capts. Mrosko and Niehus

  In May Council approved the hiring of 3 additional firefighters-these will be sworn in this month.

2026 Promotions





- **Promotions**

  In April we transferred Capt. Mark Jonovich to the Executive Captain position, promoted LTs. Brandon Noe and Paul Algier to Captain, and promoted FFs Drew Lemmerbrock and Brennan Carden to Lieutenant, filling all promoted Officer positions.




2025 ACOMPLISHMENTS

- **Officer Training**
  - We continued our Officer Leadership Training in conjunction with PPD
    - 1 person attended FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Training
    - 2 personnel attended FBI-LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Training
    - We sent 1 person to NIMS ICS 300 training and 1 person to NIMS 400 training
    - We sent 1 person to Incident Safety Officer training
    - We sent 4 firefighters to Fire Officer 1 Class
    - We sent 2 Officers to FDIC in Indianapolis
    - We sent 2 personnel to the NEOFPA Symposium in Salt Fork
- **Firefighter Training**
  - We continue to work on relevant firefighter training
    - We sent 1 firefighter to Hazardous Materials Technician training
    - Our Tech Team and HIT Team personnel attended many relevant county team trainings
    - All personnel completed Advanced Cardiac Life Support training in 2025

2026 ACOMPLISHMENTS

We continued relevant Fire Officer Training

- We sent 2 personnel to FDIC in Indianapolis
- We sent 1 Officer to the Ohio Fire Chief's Officer Development Symposium in Columbus
- We sent 2 Officers to a PRADCO Leadership training
- We sent 2 personnel to the NEOFPA Symposium in Salt Fork

We continued relevant Firefighter training

- All personnel completed Pediatric Advanced Life Support training
- We focused a lot of our on-duty training around training our new hires
- We trained Parks and Rec summer staff in CPR and First Aid

2025/2026 ACOMPLISHMENTS

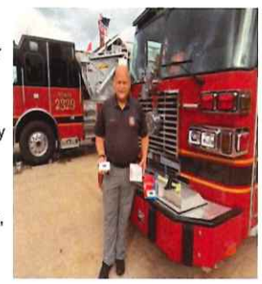
- **We purchased a total of 12 residential Knox Boxes with Corporate and Private Donations in 2025 and 2026 and installed 19 Knox boxes**
  - These assist with our crews entering a house without causing damage
  - We have **58** of these Residential Knox Boxes installed in the city currently and have **6** on hand. This program is completely funded by donations
- **We continued our partnership with the Red Cross to install Smoke Detectors in the Painesville Community**
  - We have installed over 350 smoke detectors in homes since the implementation of this partnership. All smoke detectors are provided at no cost by the Red Cross
  - We also assist residents in changing batteries and helping them with other detector issues.





2025/2026 ACOMPLISHMENTS

- **We began a Carbon Monoxide Detector Program in 2026**
  - This program was sponsored by a grant from Enbridge Gas and the Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation, as well as a donation by the Elks Club
  - We received **300** Carbon Monoxide detectors through these services
  - We install the detectors (1 in each home) at no charge to city residents, by appointment.
  - We also provide safety education



GOALS 2027

- **Additional Staffing**
  - We will be adding our SAFER hires in January 2027
  - 75% normal costs for additional staffing are covered by the grant for 24 months, with 25% being covered for the last 12 months of the grant
    - Costs for uniforms and turnout gear will come from our existing fire levy











GOALS 2027

- **Capital purchases**
  - Re-Chassis our 2019 EMS Squad (Capital Purchase)



GOALS 2027

- **Grants**
  - Will apply for 2027 Ohio State EMS Grant
    - Usually awarded in April/May (received $2722 in 2025)
    - Will be used to purchase durable EMS Equipment
  - Will apply for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant
    - Have radio and equipment needs
  - Have applied for an Ohio State Fire Marshal MARCS Radio Grant
    - Will be used to add new and replace existing portable 800mHz radios

  Will continue to seek out grant opportunities

GOALS 2027

- **Continue Our Training Plan**
  - Advanced Cardiac Life Support Training for all Personnel (Feb. 2027)
  - Continue Technical Rescue Training
  - Continue HIT Team and Fire Investigation Training
  - Continued support of AV/MCI Training (Date/Location TBA)
  - Continue to support training opportunities for promoted Officers and promotion-eligible firefighters











GOALS 2027

- **Community Outreach**
  - Increase Community Interaction and Visibility















THANK YOU

October 2026