

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2025

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30 PM AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TOM HETRICK. ON A CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO THEIR NAMES: ANITA DAVIS, JIMMY HUGHES, PATRICK KELLY, MIKE RAY, SAMANTHA TURNER, AMBER WHITE, AND TOM HETRICK, 7. JULIUS OLIVER WAS ABSENT. THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2025 WERE APPROVED. COUNCIL SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-25-46 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 26, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-47 DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD APRIL 1, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-48 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 20, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-49 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD MARCH 27, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-50 YOUNGSTOWN MUNICIPAL COURT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-51 MAYOR BROWN IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-52 CHIEF DAVIS, CHIEF OF POLICE IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-53 MIKE DURKIN, SUPERINTENDENT IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 2, 2025. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-25-54 NOMINATION TO APPOINT 1ST ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER PLACED THE NAME MELISSA WILES IN NOMINATION FOR THE 1ST ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION.

COUNCILWOMAN WHITE SECONDED THE NOMINATION.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER MOVED THAT NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED.

COUNCILWOMAN WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

PRESIDENT HETRICK CALLED FOR THE ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE NOMINATION OF MELISSA WILES FOR THE 1ST ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL POSITION.

COUNCIL ON CALL OF THE ROLL THE MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 2. NAYS, 4.

PRESIDENT HETRICK ANNOUNCED THAT THE MOTION TO APPOINT MS. WILES HAS FAILED.

RESOLUTION

RES-25-03 HONORING LAUREN MCNALLY 2025 LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS (LAOH) IRISH WOMAN OF THE YEAR. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

RES-25-04 HONORING RAYMOND PAUL KELLY IV 2025 ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS (AOH) IRISH MAN OF THE YEAR. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORDINANCES

ORD-25-120 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT TO FALLSWAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY, NOT TO EXCEED \$47,181.26, FOR REPAIR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT LADDER 24; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-121 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$36,627.00, TO WADSWORTH SOLUTIONS FOR DISASSEMBLY AND REPLACEMENT OF THE MOTOR AND GEAR BOX ASSEMBLY IN THE COOLING TOWER AT THE CITY-OWNED COVELLI CENTRE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-122 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO EXPEND UP TO \$200,000.00 TO COVER THE COST OF CLEAN-UP, RESTORATION, REPAIR, AND THE REPLACEMENT OF LOST KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AT THE CITY-OWNED COVELLI CENTRE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-123 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 DODGE DURANGO SXT, FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARSON INVESTIGATOR. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$29,411.00; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-124 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, FOR THE FY2024 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT (15JCOPS-24-GG-03520-UHPX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,612,170.00, WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$537,390.00. FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF SAID GRANT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS **MOVED TO SAFETY COMMITTEE**.

ORD-25-125 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY ACCESS/CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT WITH THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY DBA ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING ENBRIDGE GAS TO CONSTRUCT A GAS PIPELINE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-126 AMENDING SECTION 121.04, PUBLIC DOCUMENTS RATE SCHEDULE – POLICE DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-127 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-167, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 15, 2024, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION, AND ENTER INTO A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO EPA AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (OWDA), FOR A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000,000.00. **THE AMENDMENT BEING: TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$14,000,000.00 TO \$16,782,881.00**, DUE TO ADDITIONAL CHANGES DURING THE FINAL DESIGN PHASE OF THE BUCKEYE PLAT LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-128 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2024 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (2024-15PBJA-24-GG-04967-JAGX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,551.00, AWARDED TO THE YOUNGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE

FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-129 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY2024 COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT (15JCOPS-24-GG-03520-UHPX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,612,170.00, AWARDED TO THE YOUNGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2029; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS **MOVED TO SAFETY COMMITTEE.**

ORD-25-130 APPROPRIATING \$2,149,560.00 TO 2101.12.202_5001 FOR THE COPS HIRING PROGRAM GRANT, 15JCOPS-24-GG-03520-UHPX, AWARDED TO THE YOUNGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2029. FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF SAID GRANT; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS **MOVED TO SAFETY COMMITTEE.**

ORD-25-131 APPROPRIATING \$75,000.00 INTO THE MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION FUND UNDER 2904.30_5107, OPERATING SERVICES; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-132 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS TO CODE 2101.12.202_5871, POLICE PROJECT EXPENSES, BY \$34,551.00. FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$17,275.50, TO THE MAHONING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, PER THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 24-452; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-25-133 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS TO 4102.30_5804, CAPITAL PROJECTS – PW. MISC. EXP_PW CAP PROJECT EXPENSE, BY \$696,500.00; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

THIRD READING

ORD-25-75 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAMANTHA YANNUCCI FOR MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES; URBAN DESIGN AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING; PROJECT MANAGEMENT; INTERAGENCY COORDINATION AND MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS IMPROVEMENT. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT IS JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$75,000.00; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE IF IT RECEIVES THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF SIX MEMBERS OF COUNCIL; OTHERWISE, IT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER THE EARLIEST PERIOD ALLOWED BY LAW. WAS READ THE THIRD TIME.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND WAS **DEFEATED** BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 1. NAYS, 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCILMAN RAY MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.

COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: YEAS, 6. NAYS, NONE.

COUNCIL ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:47 P.M.


REGULAR MEETING RESUMED AT 6:14 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN RAY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025


CLERK


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL