

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30 PM AND WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT ANITA DAVIS. ON A CALL OF THE ROLL, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO THEIR NAMES: JIMMY HUGHES, PATRICK KELLY, CYNTHIA MCWILSON, JULIUS OLIVER, MIKE RAY, SAMANTHA TURNER, AMBER WHITE AND ANITA DAVIS, 8. THE MARCH 4, 2026 MINUTES WERE APPROVED. COUNCIL SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-26-45 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 12, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-46 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 5, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-47 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD ON MARCH 12, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-48 OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL NOTICE RE: TRFO TO: DSP GROCERY INC., DSP GROCERY, 1520 MARKET STREET, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44507. PERMIT #10013787-1. FROM: YOUNGSTOWN BROTHER LLC, YOUNGSTOWN MINI MART, 1520 MARKET STREET, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44507. PERMIT# 09859487-1. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

REPORT

REP-26-03 CITY PLANNING COMMISSION LETTER RECOMMENDING **APPROVAL** OF ORD. 25-431 REQUEST: CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1224 N. BELLE VISTA AVE., PARCEL #53-179-0-164.00.0, CITY LOT NUMBER 22043, CURRENTLY ZONED MU-N (MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT) TO MC-C (MIXED -USE COMMUNITY DISTRICT). WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

ORDINANCES

ORD-26-76 ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE 2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BUDGET; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-77 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO A.P. O'HORO COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,861.98. THE YOUNGSTOWN WATER DEPARTMENT HAS EXPERIENCED A HIGH VOLUME OF WATER BREAKS THIS WINTER AND A.P. O'HORO COMPANY WAS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST WITH REPAIRING WATER BREAKS; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-78 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO UTILITY CONTRACTING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,157.85. THE YOUNGSTOWN WATER DEPARTMENT HAS EXPERIENCED A HIGH VOLUME OF WATER BREAKS THIS WINTER AND UTILITY CONTRACTING, INC. WAS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST WITH REPAIRING WATER BREAKS; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-79 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A PURCHASE ORDER, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000.00, TO SHOTSPOTTER INC. FOR THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE SHOTSPOTTER GUNSHOT LOCATION AND DETECTION SYSTEM, FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027. FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO EXECUTE ALL REQUIRED CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-80 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH 3827 MARKET GAS, INC. THE AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE A STORM WATER GRANT OF \$100,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE GAS STATION CONVENIENCE STORE PROJECT AT 3827 MARKET STREET; 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 WAD MOVED TO CPED COMMITTEE.

ORD-26-81 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT, DEMOLITION, SITE CLEARANCE, BACKFILL AND GRADING OF VARIOUS STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR. COST OF THIS PROJECT WILL NOT EXCEED \$500,000.00; 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 FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-82 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 735.051 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND MAKE PAYMENT TO VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE

CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. TOTAL COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$272,000.00; 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 FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-83 AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-135, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 16, 2025, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE MASTER SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO POSITION NO. 0401-3301, HUMAN RESOURCE SUPERVISOR, IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT. **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FROM 1 AUTHORIZED POSITION (0401-3301) TO 2 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS (0401-3302) AND ESTABLISH A PAY STEP WITH NEW HOURLY/ANNUAL RATES OF PAY AS FOLLOWS: HOURLY/ANNUALLY \$32.0400/\$66,643.20 (ENTRY) AND \$34.4500/\$71,656.00 (AFTER 5 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE) ;** 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-84 AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-135, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 16, 2025, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE MASTER SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO POSITION NO. 0404-3401, CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR, IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT. **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FROM 1 AUTHORIZED POSITION (0404-3401) TO 2 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS (0404-3402) AND AMEND STEPS AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL PAY STEP WITH NEW HOURLY/ANNUAL RATES OF PAY AS FOLLOWS: HOURLY/ANNUALLY \$26.8773/\$55,904.78 (ENTRY), \$28.2359/\$58,730.67 (STEP 1) \$29.5939/\$61,555.31 (STEP 2) \$34.4100/\$71,555.31 (AFTER 5 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE) ;** 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-85 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,142.04 FROM HOMESERVE USA CORP. THESE FUNDS WILL ASSIST THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN CUSTOMERS WITH THEIR WATER BILLS; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-86 INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY OF \$16,143.00 UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER PROJECTS FUND, 5001.16.161_5809 FROM HOMESERVE USA CORP. TO ASSIST THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN CUSTOMERS WITH THEIR WATER BILLS; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-87 INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE HEALTH CLINIC SERVICE FUND, 2411.30_5205 BY \$35,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT SUCH AS A VACCINE FRIDGE, TABLETS/HOTSPOTS, AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH EXAMINATION EQUIPMENT; 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

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THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-88 INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$145,000.00 IN THE POLICE, 2106.30_5703, POLICE PROJECT RESERVE; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

ORD-26-89 INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$202,295.00 IN THE POLICE UNIFORM PROJECT, 2101.12.202_5817, POLICE PROJECTS 045; 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, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

SECOND READING

ORD-26-73 AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 25-135, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 16, 2025, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE MASTER SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN. **THE AMENDMENT BEING: TO AMEND POSITION NO. 3900 LIEUTENANT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ABOLISH ONE (1) POSITION THEREBY CHANGING THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FROM 28 TO 27.** SALARY \$70,901.25 ANNUALLY; 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 SECOND TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE RULES OF COUNCIL WERE SUSPENDED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORD-25-431 CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1224 N. BELLE VISTA AVE., PARCEL #53-179-0-164.00.0, CITY LOT NUMBER 22043, CURRENTLY ZONED MU-N (MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT) TO MC-C (MIXED -USE COMMUNITY DISTRICT).

PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR APRIL 16, 2026 @ 2:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN RAY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SECONDED

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

CLERK

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL