

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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, JULIUS OLIVER, MIKE RAY, SAMANTHA TURNER, ANITA DAVIS, 6. AMBER WHITE WAS ABSENT. THE JANUARY 21, 2026 MINUTES WERE APPROVED. COUNCIL SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-26-15 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD JANUARY 23, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-16 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-17 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD JANUARY 21, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

CARRIED

COM-26-18 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD JANUARY 29, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED.

CARRIED

COM-26-19 ADAM BUENTE, LAW DIRECTOR LETTER: NOTICE OF FAILURE OF SOBE THERMAL, INC SYSTEM SINCE 01/27/2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-20 JIMMY MCCUNE, VP DEVELOPMENT LETTER: WAM HOMESTEAD CROSSING APARTMENTS. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-21 OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL NOTICE RE: TRFO TO: SAYRAS LLC, RED & WHITE, 1721 LANSDOWNE BLVD, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44505. PERMIT #10012344-1. FROM: KASS ENTERPRISES LLC, 1721 LANSDOWNE BLVD, 1ST FLOOR ONLY, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44505. PERMIT# 04500149-1. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-22 OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL NOTICE RE: TFO TO: BELLE VISTA FOOD MARKET LLC, 1224 N. BELLE VISTA AVE., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44509. PERMIT#10011197-1. FROM: ISABELLAS MARKET LLC, 1281 SALT SPRINGS RD., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44509. PERMIT# 00118425-2. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-23 OHIO DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL NOTICE RE: TRFO TO: PINCIARO ENTERPRISES LLC, PAPA'S SPORTS CLUB, 1639 POLAND AVE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44502. PERMIT#10012631-1. FROM: KRUT ENTERPRISES INC., 1639 POLAND AVE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44502. PERMIT# 04898447-1. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

RESOLUTION

RES-26-03 AUTHORIZING THE MAHONING COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE RATIFICATION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORDINANCES

ORD-26-36 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO NO KUT MEALS, LLC, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00, FOR THE COLLECTION OF DISCARDED MATTRESSES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-37 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO EXPEND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 POSTAGE/SHIPPING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICE OF THE YOUNGSTOWN MUNICIPAL CLERK OF COURT; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-38 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000.00, FOR UNITED RENTALS. THIS COMPANY SUPPLIES THE RENTALS OF PORTABLE RESTROOMS FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY PARKS; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-39 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET ORDER FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00, FOR ALCON MECHANICAL FOR THE PLUMBING, HEATING AND COOLING SERVICES FOR THE CITY PARKS; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-40 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00 FOR JC'S LANDSCAPING FOR THE PROVISION OF TREE REMOVAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE CITY; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-41 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR SIGNAL 88 SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$190,000.00, FOR SECURITY SERVICES IN THE CITY PARKS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-42 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MATTHEW R. MORGAN AS THE GOLF PRO/MANAGER AT THE HENRY STAMBAUGH GOLF COURSE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2026 UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2026. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$49,500.00; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-43 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE PLANNING, INSPECTION AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES AND TESTING SERVICES FOR 2026 CITY-WIDE STREET RESURFACING. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$100,000.00; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-44 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE FOR ICE CONTROL FOR 2026 AND 2027. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$750,000.00; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-45 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH 22 MARKET STREET OHIO LLC. THE AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE A SITE GRANT OF \$500,000.00 FOR 22 MARKET STREET OHIO LLC TO REDEVELOP REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 26 MARKET STREET, YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44503; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-46 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A PRELIMINARY PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ODOT PROJECT SUM-US/VAR-17.17/VAR PROJECT, PID 114940. THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN SHARE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$572,400.00 FROM 2302.30_5204,

\$5 AUTO LICENSE FEE; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-47 AUTHORIZING 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 AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000.00; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-48 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE CRANDALL PARK WATER MAIN AND LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. THIS PROJECT WILL REMOVE ALL LEAD SERVICE LINES AND REPLACE THE WATERLINE ON GYPSY LANE FROM LOGAN AVE TO GOLETA AVENUE. THE ESTIMATED COST IS \$5,799,516.14; 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-49 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE GRANT THAT THE YOUNGSTOWN WATER DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AWARDED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-50 APPROPRIATING \$10,000.00 INTO DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND 2102.30_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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-51 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$500,000.00 IN THE WATER FUND 5001.16.161_5809, PROJECTS FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-52 INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS BY \$8,896,799.00 IN WATER FUND, 5001.16.161_5809, BUCKEYE PLAT 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 IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

REMARKS

COUNCILMAN RAY- ASKS TO DISCUSS HOW THEY WILL HANDLE A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REPLACEMENT FOR THE VACANT 6TH WARD COUNCIL SEAT. PERHAPS SCHEDULE A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AND DISCUSS THE PROCESS THERE.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER- ASKS IF THERE IS A DEADLINE.

COUNCILMAN RAY- STATES THAT AFTER FEBRUARY 15TH COUNCIL'S 30-DAY WINDOW STARTS.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER- ASKS THE LAW DIRECTOR HAD HE CONSULTED AN ELECTION LAWYER TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THIS SPACE AND IS HE 100% SURE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

ADAM BUENTE, LAW DIRECTOR- RESPONDS THAT HE HAS NOT CONSULTED AN ELECTION LAW SPECIALIST. IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO DRAFT CORRESPONDENCE TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO DO THAT WE WILL CONSIDER IT.

PRESIDENT DAVIS- STATED IT IS HER KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PARTY IS DONE WITH THIS.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER- ASKS WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN THIS.

ADAM BUENTE, LAW DIRECTOR - ACKNOWLEDGES THIS TO BE A UNIQUE SITUATION FOR THE CITY IN THE LAST 25-30 YEARS AND WELCOMES THE INVITATION TO CONSULT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. THIS IS HOW TOWNSHIPS AND VILLAGES HANDLE THINGS WHEN THERE IS A VACANCY AND PERHAPS BOE CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND USE OUR HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE. HE WILL BE HAPPY TO ATTEND THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO PROVIDE THAT GUIDANCE.

COUNCILMAN RAY- MOVES FORWARD TO SCHEDULE THE MEETING STATING IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IF THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS NOT UTILIZED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF QUORUM IT GOES TO US AS IT WOULD A TOWNSHIP AND THERE ARE WELL ESTABLISHED PROCESSES FOR THAT.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES- ASKS LAW DIRECTOR WHAT CONSTITUTES A QUORUM FOR THE POLITICAL PARTY.

ADAM BUENTE, LAW DIRECTOR – RESPONDS THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR NUMBERS ARE BUT FOR THE COUNCIL IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

COUNCILMAN RAY- ASKS IS THERE A PRECEDENT IF THEY GET A 3 TO 3 TIE, THEY CAN FLIP A COIN.

CHUCK SHASHO, DEP. DIRECTOR PW- ASK FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THEIR STREET RESURFACING STREETS/ PAVING REQUESTS BY MARCH 20TH AND HE PROVIDED THEM THEIR WARD PACKETS.

KYLE MIASEK, FINANCE DIRECTOR- REQUESTS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO DISCUSS 2026 BUDGET HEARINGS. HE HAS THE SMALLER DEPARTMENTS BUDGETS DONE AND READY FOR DISCUSSIONS.

COUNCILWOMAN TURNER- STATED A DISCUSSION ABOUT HIRING IN OUR OFFICE ALSO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA., BUT THE SUGGESTION IGNORED.

***A DECISION WAS MADE TO HAVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON NEXT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH AT 2:00 PM TO DISCUSS 6TH WARD VACANCY AND ALSO THE BUDGET HEARINGS ARE BOTH ON THE AGENDA.**

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN RAY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SECONDED

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

CLERK

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL