

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 MAY 20, 2026 MINUTES WERE APPROVED. COUNCIL SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-26-86 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD MAY 21, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-87 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD MAY 21, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-88 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD MAY 27, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-89 DEBORAH BENTON REQUESTS TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-90 VICKI VICARS REQUESTS TO SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-91 MAYOR MCDOWELL IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-92 JONATHAN HUFF, CHIEF OF STAFF IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-93 DEMAINE KITCHEN, CPED DIRECTOR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-94 ERIN BISHOP, HEALTH COMMISSIONER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 3, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

ORDINANCES

ORD-26-165 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT TO VERMEER ALL ROAD NOT TO EXCEED \$74,532.51 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VERMEER BC1500 CHIPPER FOR USE WITHIN THE PARKS DEPARTMENT; 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-26-166 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A SALVAGE YARD TO HEREBY DISPOSE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THIS BEING PURSUANT TO SUCH VEHICLES BEING DECLARED SURPLUS BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND NO LONGER SERVICEABLE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; 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.

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ORD-26-167 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH G STEPHENS, INC. TO ASSIST WITH THE ENGINEERING PROJECT MANAGEMENT/INSPECTION SERVICES. THE TOTAL COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$313,070.00. THE COST WILL BE COVERED BY THE OHIO EPA WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA); 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.

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ORD-26-168 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 VENDORS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$925,000.00 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF SANITARY LINES, STORM LINES, MANHOLES, AND CATCH BASINS THAT ARE IN SUCH DISREPAIR THEY ARE CAUSING BACKUPS THROUGHOUT THE COLLECTION SYSTEM; 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.

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ORD-26-169 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-436, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 17, 2025, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR CORE & MAIN LP. THE AMENDMENT BEING: **TO INCREASE THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO \$80,000.00**; 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.

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ORD-26-170 REMOVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FROM ORD. 15-284, ORD. 16-278, ORD. 17-334, ORD.18-252, ORD. 19-279, ORD. 20-241, ORD. 21-286, ORD. 22-08, ORD. 22-343, ORD. 22-457, ORD. 23-439, ORD. 24-458, ORD. 25-393, FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEMOLITION, GRASS CUTTING, EXCESSIVE QUANTITY WASTE, OR BOARDING-UP THAT WAS ASSESSED BY THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN FOR THE PROPERTIES AND AMOUNTS LISTED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT; 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.

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ORD-26-171 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO TRANSFER \$500.00 FROM THE FIRST WARD FUND G/L 1001.01.001_5107, OPERATING SERVICES INTO CPED NATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT FUND 1001.00.4820, DONATIONS; 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.

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ORD-26-172 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$700.00 FROM THE SEVENTH WARD DISCRETIONARY FUND. FUNDS WILL BE USED BY TAFT WILSON SCHOOL NEIGHBORS GROUP TO OFFSET COST OF GAS AND MAINTENANCE FEES EXPENSES FOR THE LAWN MOWER WHILE MOWING NEIGHBORHOOD LOTS; 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.

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ORD-26-173 CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 WILLIS AVE., PARCEL #53-050-0-023.00-0, CITY LOT NUMBER 11045, CURRENTLY ZONED RT 5.5 (RESIDENTIAL 1 AND 2 FAMILY) TO MU-C (MIXED-USE COMMUNITY).; 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 THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

ORD-26-174 CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 531 SALT SPRINGS ROAD, PARCEL #53-091-0-014.00-0, CITY LOT NUMBER 11865, CURRENTLY ZONED RM-1.5 (RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY) TO MU-C (MIXED-USE COMMUNITY); 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 THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

THIRD READING

ORD-26-121 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 EXAL COURT SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THE COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$1,950,000.00; 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 AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY THE ORDINANCE WAS THEN PLACED BEFORE COUNCIL AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF YEAS, 7. NAYS, NONE.

LATE

ORD-26-175 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROETZEL & ANDRESS ASSOCIATES TO ASSESS SOBE'S FUNCTIONALITY AND IDENTIFY FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS ENSURING THAT THE STEAM SYSTEM OPERATES SAFELY AND RELIABLY. COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$130,000.00; 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 WAS MOVED TO 2ND READING.

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN RAY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SECONDED

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

CLERK

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL