

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, AMBER WHITE AND ANITA DAVIS, 7. THE FEBRUARY 18, 2026 MINUTES WERE APPROVED. COUNCIL SWORE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM-26-30 BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-31 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 19, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-32 MAHONING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING WAS HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-33 LETTER FROM ST. MARY'S DEVELOPMENT CORP. RE: WICK SENIOR LOFTS AT WICK AVE & SYCAMORE STREET. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-34 LETTER FROM PIVOTAL DEVELOPMENT LLC RE: WICK LOFTS AT WICK AVENUE & LINDEN AVE. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-35 LETTER FROM SPIRE DEVELOPMENT INC. RE: CLOVERFIELD COMMONS AT 755 WICK AVENUE. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-36 JORDON T. PENNELL, WRTA SUBMITS THEIR WRTA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-37 HANDEL'S NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JANET TARPLEY TO FILL THE 6TH WARD VACANCY. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-38 WEST PRINCETON BLOCK CLUB EMAIL OF SUPPORT FOR JANET TARPLEY TO FILL THE 6TH WARD VACANCY. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-39 ZACK FELGER REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-40 CATRINA DONALD REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-41 RYAN GILCHRIST REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-42 CYNTHIA MCWILSON REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-43 JANET TARPLEY REQUESTS PERMISSION TO SPEAK BEFORE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 4, 2026. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

COM-26-44 NOMINATION(S) TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM FOR THE 6TH WARD COUNCIL VACANCY. WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. **ROLL CALL VOTE**

REPORT

REP-26-02 COMMITTEE ON ZONING SIGNED OUT ORD. 25-411 ENTITLED: "CHANGING THE ZONE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 579 E. PHILADELPHIA AVE., PARCEL #53-111-0-113.00.0, CITY LOT NUMBER 35116, CURRENTLY ZONED RS 7.2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO RT 5.5 ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL." WAS READ AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY WAS RECEIVED AND FILED. CARRIED

ORDINANCES

ORD-26-67 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT TO ALLSTATE FORD OF YOUNGSTOWN, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,100.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2026 FORD F-550 TRUCK FOR USE BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING MEASURES; 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-26-68 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO APPROVE A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 TO VARIOUS GRASS CONTRACTORS, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000.00, FOR GRASS CUTTING AND CLEAN-UP OF CORRIDORS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 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.

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ORD-26-69 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTORS TO CUT GRASS AT VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026. THE COST WILL NOT EXCEED \$120,000.00; 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, 6. NAYS, NONE.

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ORD-26-70 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO ENTER INTO A RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN AND LAURA MORWAY, 4:25-CV-00020. FURTHER, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO MAKE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00; 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

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ORD-26-71 AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO DIRECT OHIO EDISON COMPANY TO INSTALL ONE (1) 50W LED LIGHT WITH 6' ARM AT GOLETA AVENUE (POLE #11-46). OHIO EDISON'S ESTIMATED RELATED CAPITAL CHARGE WILL BE \$3,103.32; 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.

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ORD-26-72 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-76, PASSED BY YOUNGSTOWN CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 24, 2025 WHICH AUTHORIZED FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK FOR PID:120306. **THE AMENDMENT BEING: TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT FROM \$50,000.00 TO \$120,000.00;** 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, 6. NAYS, NONE.

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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. WAS READ THE FIRST TIME AND UPON MOTION OF MR. RAY IT WAS MOVED TO A SECOND READING.

ORD-26-74 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS BY \$84,531.00 IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND, 2601.30_5803, DEBT SERVICE; 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.

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ORD-26-75 AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE AMOUNTS WITHIN THE 49TH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ACTIVITY FUNDS. TRANSFER FROM: PROJECT CDA 49TH YR FOSTER THEATER PROJECT \$49,942.25, TRANSFER TO: PROJECT CDA 49TH YR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT (NEW), \$49,942.25; 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.

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COUNCILMAN RAY MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 6TH WARD COUNCILMEMBER.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER-SECONDED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL: HUGHES, KELLY, OLIVER, RAY, TURNER, WHITE. YEAS 6. MOVED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:10 PM. COUNCIL MEETING RESUMES AT 7:06 PM.

PRESIDENT DAVIS- THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COUNCIL IS THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW 6TH WARD CITY COUNCILMEMBER. AT THIS TIME, WE'LL TAKE NOMINATIONS.

Councilperson WHITE : "I PLACE THE NAME OF JANET TARPLEY IN NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH WARD CITY COUNCIL PERSON."

Councilperson TURNER: "I SECOND THE NOMINATION."

Councilperson TURNER: "I MOVE THAT THE NOMINATION BE CLOSED."

Councilperson N/A : "I SECOND THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATION."

ATTORNEY BUENTE: STATED THAT THEY SHOULD VOTE ON THE NOMINATION THAT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

PRESIDENT DAVIS: "ROLL CALL ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JANET TARPLEY FOR 6TH WARD CITY COUNCIL PERSON."

ROLL CALL: HUGHES, KELLY, OLIVER, RAY, **4 NAYS**. TURNER, WHITE, **2 YEAS**.

PRESIDENT DAVIS: THE NOMINATION HAS BEEN DEFEATED. IS THERE ANY ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS?

Councilperson OLIVER : "I PLACE THE NAME OF CYNTHIA McWILSON IN NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH WARD CITY COUNCIL PERSON."

Councilperson HUGHES: "I SECOND THE NOMINATION."

Councilperson RAY : "I MOVE THAT THE NOMINATION BE CLOSED."

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ROLL CALL: HUGHES, KELLY, OLIVER, RAY, **4 YEAS**. TURNER, WHITE, **2 NAYS**.

PRESIDENT DAVIS: ANNOUNCES THAT CYNTHIA MCWILSON RECEIVED 4 VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND 2 VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE, I HEREBY DECLARE CYNTHIA MCWILSON THE DULY APPOINTED 6TH WARD COUNCIL PERSON.”

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILMAN RAY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

COUNCILMAN OLIVER SECONDED

UPON MOTION COUNCIL ADJOURNED

APPROVED: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

CLERK

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL