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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

Mayor Lance Westcamp

*Council Members - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah
Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, Jamie Hise*

I. Call to Order

Mayor Lance Westcamp called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Present: BJ King - Administrator, Kevin Shannon - Law Director, Jason Carr - Director of Finance, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Michael Loges - Development Director, Brian Strayer - Public Services Director, Brent Ebright - Communications Manager, Mindy Kay - Clerk of Council

Guests Present: The Guest Book is on file with the Clerk of Council.

II. Moment of Silence

The Mayor asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, and Jamie Hise

V. Approval of Minutes

The January 12, 2026 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#022-2026](#) January 12, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2026.01.12 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests**VII. Ordinances and Resolutions****A. 3rd Readings**

[Ord. 2026-001](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) TORO REELMASTER TRACTORS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE GOLF COURSE UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING

COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Hilbert

Administrator King noted that as discussed at the committee meeting, this ordinance would replace two mowers for the golf course, and was budgeted and approved as part of the 2026 budget. He recommended approval.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Ord. 2026-002](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CLUB CAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF SEVENTY EIGHT (78) GPS UNITS FOR THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE CART FLEET, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Cleary

Mr. King explained that competitive bidding was being waived because the GPS units are specific to the Club Car golf carts that the city already owns. He noted that this was budgeted as part of the 2026 budget, and that the city had raised cart fees by \$2 to cover the cost, based on historical information about the number of cart rentals.

Mr. Cleary asked if the GPS units would be able to adapt to different golf carts if some were damaged or needed to be replaced. Mr. King confirmed that the units can be transferred to any golf cart, not just specific ones. Law Director Shannon added that they would be covered under the disclaimer that users sign when renting carts.

Finance Director Carr further clarified that the total cost was approximately \$127,300 over four years, which would be paid in installments.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

B. 2nd Readings

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2026-003](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND

ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING A RECREATIONAL FACILITY CONSISTING OF PICKLEBALL COURTS, SHELTERS, BLEACHERS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS, ALONG WITH ANY NECESSARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS THERETO, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-004](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,175,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND/OR RECONSTRUCTING ONE OR MORE PUBLIC PARKING LOTS AND ADJACENT ALLEYWAYS WITHIN THE CITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAVING, REPAVING, RESURFACING, CURBING, DRAINAGE, LIGHTING, AND ALL NECESSARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Ansar-Barsa

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-005](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,375,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING PART OF THE COST OF STREET, WATER, SEWER, AND/OR STORMWATER PROJECTS ON, ADJACENT TO, OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO WIRT ROAD, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, GRADING, PAVING, REPAVING, ALIGNING, REALIGNING, CURBING, DRAINING, LIGHTING, AND RELATED STREET PROJECTS WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (II) ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND INSTALLING A NEW WATER MAIN AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, (III) ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND INSTALLING A NEW SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND (IV) ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND INSTALLING A NEW STORMWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AND ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND ANY NECESSARY SITE IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

Sponsors: Fraser

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-006](#) AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING UP TO THREE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO INTO A CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE, AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SUCH CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE

Sponsors: Hise

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-007](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO PURCHASE A FREIGHTLINER CAB AND CHASSIS UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE CONTRACT AND SNOW AND ICE CONTROL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING INSTALLATION UNDER THE OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PROGRAM THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B) AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY.

Sponsors: Hilbert

Mr. King requested this ordinance be passed by emergency. He explained that if they waited until the end of March, the price would increase by \$20,000. Mr. Cleary asked when the new truck would be delivered, and Mr. Strayer indicated it would likely be ready for next winter's snow. Mr. Strayer further explained that the urgency was due to upcoming emissions changes that would impact pricing, that the equipment would replace the City's oldest large snow truck.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Ord. 2026-008](#) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TREMCO / WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC AND/OR KALKREUTH ROOFING AND SHEET METAL FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SECTIONS OF THE ROOF AT THE GROVEPORT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE UNDER THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASE PLAN, THEREBY WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO GROVEPORT CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.02(B)

Sponsors: Lockett

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-009](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ONE - ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE FIVE- ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 137 -BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES, SECTION 137.02 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-009 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Mr. Cleary requested this ordinance be amended to include emergency language. He explained that the emergency was necessary because people had been using cemetery graves as sledding hills after recent snowfall, and the City staff had to block off certain areas. One of the affected graves belonged to a well-known community member, Andy Whipple. The ordinance needed to be enacted quickly to provide rules against such activities and protect the respectful operation of the City's cemeteries.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to amend this ordinance to add emergency language. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hise, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Ord. 2026-010](#)

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS TO THE PERMITTED USES IN THE ESTABLISHED ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 537 MAIN STREET, PARCEL NO. 185-000037 & 185-000159, CURRENTLY ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC), JOSH BISHOP, APPLICANT

Sponsors: Ansar-Barsa

This Ordinance was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission

[Res. 2026-001](#)

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NATURE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO 1.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL NUMBER

180-001126, LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TRACT TO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY (JACKSON B. REYNOLDS, III, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Fraser

Mr. Shannon explained that service resolutions need to be passed by emergency due to a 20-day deadline for submitting the resolution to the county commissioners after filing the petition. Mr. Reynolds, the agent for the petitioners, noted that he needed the emergency passage to meet filing deadlines.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, seconded by Council Member Hilbert, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, seconded by Council Member Hise, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

[Res. 2026-002](#)

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NATURE OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO 3.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PARCEL NUMBER 180-001454, LOCATED IN MADISON TOWNSHIP UPON ANNEXATION OF SAID TRACT TO THE CITY OF GROVEPORT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY (JACKSON B. REYNOLDS, III, AGENT FOR PETITIONERS)

Sponsors: Hise

Mr. Shannon reiterated the same reasons for emergency passage as for the previous resolution. Mr. King noted that both resolutions were part of the Addison property annexation and would help "square up" the property.

A motion was made by Council Member Hise, seconded by Council Member Ansar-Barsa, to suspend the rules as to the three readings and the effective date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, seconded by Council Member Hise, to adopt. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cleary, Hilbert, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp thanked council and administration for hosting a luncheon for public works and parks staff involved in snow removal efforts. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Strayer and his team's excellent work during the recent snow events.

B. Administrator - BJ King

Mr. King reported that second interviews for the HR specialist position would be conducted the following day with three finalists. He also expressed appreciation for the time spent with new Council members in recent weeks, helping them learn about city operations and the team atmosphere among staff.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams reported that the three officers hired in late 2024/early 2025 had successfully completed their probationary periods: Ryan Snider, Joseph Collins, and Patrick Buttress. He thanked Sergeant Bell for running the field training program and noted that these officers were among the department's most productive. He mentioned that Lieutenant Short would be handling the monthly police reports going forward and welcomed any suggestions from Council members for information they would like to see included.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Mr. Shannon praised the work of officers Snider, Collins, and Buttress on several important cases, including an OVI hit-skip, domestic violence cases, and a challenging situation with a mental health patient. He also updated council on the 350 Clark Court case, noting that a final injunction hearing was scheduled for March 24. He acknowledged the work of City Engineer Steve Farst and Property Maintenance Inspector Courtney Shisler on this case.

F. Development Director - Michael Loges

Mr. Cleary expressed concern about empty properties owned by CASTO Properties and requested a meeting to discuss what's happening with those properties. Mr. Loges agreed to arrange a meeting but noted that some information might need to be discussed privately rather than in a public setting due to potential business confidentiality concerns.

G. Council Members - Shawn Cleary, Jean Ann Hilbert, Scott Lockett, Abdullah Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, Jamie Hise

All Council members expressed appreciation and excitement about serving together, with new members thanking staff for their orientation efforts.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

Mr. Cleary specifically mentioned the Cemetery Committee meeting on February 4th, where they discussed potential senior discounts for cemetery services and addressed the sledding issue that led to the emergency ordinance. He also mentioned they were reviewing procedures for the exhumation process to ensure proper documentation.

IX. Other Business

The Mayor mentioned that appointments to the CIC and other boards would be addressed at a future meeting.

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Fraser to adjourn at 7: 08 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay, Clerk of Council

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