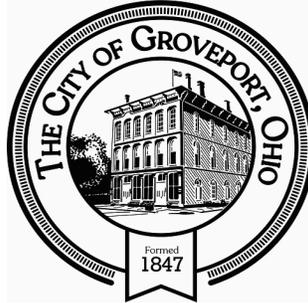


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Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 23, 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**II. Moment of Silence****III. 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

[#040-2026](#) February 9, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2026.02.09 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

Law Director Shannon Shannon presented a request from Sergeant Bell regarding badge number 7 from the Groveport Police Department. He explained that this badge has significant history, having been worn by several distinguished officers including Roger Adams (former chief and father of current Chief Adams), Dean Beritech, Mike Sturgill, Casey Adams (current chief), and Ernie Bell. The badge is no longer serviceable and has been replaced. Sergeant Bell requested that the mayor, in his capacity as chief law enforcement officer, be authorized to present badge number 7 to Chief Adams in recognition of his years of service and the badge's sentimental value to the department.

Mr. Cleary asked for confirmation that no one else is currently wearing badge number 7, which was confirmed as all single digits have been replaced with double digit badges. He then suggested adding to the agreement that badge number 7 be permanently retired, which was agreed upon.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Hise, to permanently retire badge number 7 and gift it to Chief Adams. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions**A. 3rd Readings**

[Ord. 2025-033](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART ELEVEN - PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE ONE, CHAPTER 1102, SECTION 1102.02 AND TITLE SEVEN, CHAPTER 1177, SECTION 1177.08

Sponsors: Rupp

Attachments: [Ord. 2025-033 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Mr. Shannon explained this ordinance was intended to address RV and camper regulations within the City. However, given the current preliminary injunction regarding the Clark Court issue and upcoming final injunction proceedings at the end of March, he recommended postponing this ordinance indefinitely. He expressed concern about creating legislation for a singular problem when that problem is already being addressed through legal action, and noted potential unintended consequences for residents who are currently following existing rules with their RVs on paved surfaces or within fenced areas. Mr. Shannon indicated this approach would allow continued case-by-case enforcement without adversely affecting compliant residents.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Fraser, to postpone indefinitely . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. 2nd 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

A motion was made by Council Member Lockett, 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 Ansar-Barsa, 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. 2026-004](#)

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 ALLEYS 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

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

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

[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

Mr. Cleary requested clarification from Mr. Carr about the urgency of processing these bond ordinances so quickly, as this is not typical practice for such large amounts. Mr. Carr explained the bond anticipation note schedule requires specific timing - the OMAC (Ohio Municipal Advisory Council) report will be ordered March 4th, due diligence calls with investors occur the week of March 1st, and

documents must be sent to investors by March 18th. To meet this schedule, the ordinances needed to be approved and signed promptly.

A motion was made by Council Member Fraser, 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

[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

A motion was made by Council Member Hise, seconded by Council Member Fraser, 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 Hise, seconded by Council Member Fraser, 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 read by title

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2026-011](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-034 (ADOPTED 11/24/2025), THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GROVEPORT, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Sponsors: Hilbert

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-011 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

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

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

[Ord. 2026-012](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-034 (ADOPTED 11/24/2025), AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CASH FUND BALANCES

Sponsors: Cleary

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-012 Exhibit A.pdf](#)

Mr. Carr provided detailed explanation of both ordinances to help new council members understand the process. He explained that after year-end closing, they bring back ordinances to adjust appropriations based on actual fund balances. Significant additions included \$103,524 for a new access camera system at Town Hall, \$74,000 for Kids Space security improvements, electronic messaging board, children's museum on second floor, and Safety Town program budget. For fund transfers, several funds needed subsidies to balance budgets, with the senior center subsidy increased by \$15,000 from \$360,000 to \$375,000. The urgency for waiving readings was to get the accounting system operational and allow departments to know their spending limits.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, 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 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. 2026-013](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH ACCURATE MECHANICAL, INC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION CENTER UNDER THE OHIO STATE TERM SCHEDULE 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

VIII. Reports**A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp**

Mayor Westcamp announced his recommendation to appoint Bill Eddy to the Personnel Review Board. Mr. Shannon explained that as a city, Groveport is required to have a personnel review board that acts as a civil service commission, following state civil service laws for promotion of classified employees and serving as an appeal board for disciplinary matters. Bill Eddy is a graduate of the police academy and has been regularly attending meetings.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to appoint Bill Eddy to the Personnel Board of Review. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Westcamp also announced reassigning the Senior Center Liaison role from Mr. Lockett to Mr. Barsa, as Mr. Barsa will be sponsoring the senior citizens lunch this Thursday and it would be a good opportunity to introduce him to the group.

A motion was made by Council Member Hilbert, seconded by Council Member Cleary, to appoint Mr. Ansar-Barsa as the Council Representative to the Senior Center. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Administrator - BJ King

Mr. King praised city staff for their exceptional work over the past month dealing with snow, water main issues, and various other challenges. He expressed pride in how staff stepped up to serve the community well during these difficult conditions.

Mr. Cleary inquired about security cameras for the new Wirt Road construction project, suggesting now would be the time to install them if desired. Mr. King confirmed they have cameras and are doing time-lapse recording. Chief Adams added they've discussed moving the camera from the Groveport building to the Front and Main intersection once the current intersection is eliminated, and they have mobile camera trailers providing flexibility during construction.

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

Chief Adams expressed gratitude for receiving badge number 7, noting this was the second time the badge had surprised him. He shared that he had found a picture of his swearing-in 25 years ago and mentioned he and Sergeant Bell had found a picture of him as a child wearing the badge. He reminisced about when there were only three full-time badges (3, 5, and 7) and how badge 7 was featured on the old letterhead and Safety Town materials.

Chief Adams confirmed upcoming ride-alongs with Mrs. Fraser on Wednesday and mentioned Mr. Hise had completed his ride-along the previous week, which included education about city boundaries and history.

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

Finance Director Carr addressed new council members about his budget memo, inviting questions. He announced the 2025 financial audit beginning with Julian and Grube performing it, noting that Mr. Cleary, Mrs. Hilbert, and Mr. Lockett would receive emails to complete fraud and related party questionnaires as they were the only members serving in 2025.

Mr. Carr provided information about the Central Ohio Risk Management Association, the city's liability insurance pool they've belonged to since 2013. He reported attending a meeting where he learned the pool is well-funded with 1 to 1.5 coverage cash to claims ratio, addressing concerns about insurance pools' ability to cover claims.

[#041-2026](#) 2026 Budget Memo Amended

Attachments: [2026 Budget Memo Amended.pdf](#)

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

Mr. Shannon clarified that all the bond issuance ordinances passed are deemed appropriation ordinances dealing with money appropriation, and all went into effect immediately after suspension of rules and passage by Council.

F. Development Director - Michael Loges**G. Council Members - Jean Ann Hilbert, Shawn Cleary, Scott Lockett, Abdullah Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, Jamie Hise**

Mr. Hise thanked Chief Adams for the educational ride-along, noting he learned about City boundaries and hidden spots he wasn't aware of, describing one area as seeming like it could be in a movie.

Mrs. Fraser expressed anticipation for her upcoming ride-along with Chief Adams.

Mr. Barsa announced he will be hosting/sponsoring the senior citizens lunch on Thursday and invited all council members to attend. He also noted that Ramadan had started the previous Wednesday and that Muslims worldwide are fasting during this month of giving to those in need, which he is observing.

Mrs. Hilbert requested to schedule a ride-along with Chief Adams before she leaves on Sunday, noting she had never done one in 32 years of service.

Mr. Cleary announced that he and Mrs. Hilbert would be attending a funeral for Jama Paus, a community member who had called him every July 5th for the past 18 years to review the City's fireworks display. He described her as a great school bus driver and community member.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hilbert to adjourn at 7: 11 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay, Clerk of Council

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