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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 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, Casey Adams - Chief of Police, Michael Loges - Development Director, 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

Absent: 1 - Jean Ann Hilbert

Present: 5 - Shawn Cleary, Scott Lockett, Abdullah Ansar-Barsa, Karen Fraser, and Jamie Hise

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Lockett, to excuse Council Member Hilbert from tonight's meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

V. Approval of Minutes

The February 23, 2026 City Council Minutes stand approved as submitted.

[#043-2026](#)

February 23, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [2026.02.23 City Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

VI. Business of Guests

Resident Ryan Koch addressed Council regarding safety concerns at the crosswalk in front of Middle School Central. Mr. Koch explained that his daughter uses the crosswalk to and from school and has expressed feeling unsafe due to heavy traffic and lack of visible police presence. He

noted that while the elementary school has a crossing guard and more police presence near Wirt Road, the middle school crosswalk lacks adequate supervision.

Mr. Koch specifically praised the crosswalk with flashing lights near Jean Ann's house but expressed concern about the current crosswalk his daughter must use. He described an incident where his daughter was honked at while trying to cross and felt unsafe when cars on one side weren't stopping properly.

Chief Adams responded that he had observed several safety issues that morning, including six students with their parents crossing outside the designated crosswalk area. He explained that Sergeant Yockey was directing people to use the proper crosswalk and noted that Route 33 had been shut down due to an accident, creating additional traffic congestion.

Chief Adams assured Mr. Koch that he had already issued a memo to Captain Blevins and all supervisors requiring officers to monitor the school zone during morning and afternoon hours. He specified that officers should park in the center lane with emergency lights activated to slow traffic and increase visibility. The Chief acknowledged that staffing limitations sometimes result in only 2-3 patrol cars being available, but emphasized the importance of school zone presence.

Council discussed the crosswalk's operational status, confirming that the yellow warning lights are functional and that failing to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk constitutes a moving violation. There was discussion about additional signage to warn drivers about pedestrian right-of-way requirements.

Mayor Westcamp asked about ticket enforcement in the area, and there was acknowledgment that the crosswalk is located within a 20 mph school zone where speed enforcement should be increased.

VII. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. 3rd Readings

[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

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

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

B. 2nd Readings

[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 read by title

C. 1st Readings

[Ord. 2026-014](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PART NINE - STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GROVEPORT AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Sponsors: Ansar-Barsa

Attachments: [Ord. 2026-014 Exhibit A Redline.pdf](#)

[Ord. 2026-014 Exhibit B Redline.pdf](#)

Law Director Shannon noted that while the ordinance contains emergency language, it should be referred to the Committee of the Whole for review.

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

[Ord. 2026-015](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.

Sponsors: Fraser

Before referring to the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Cleary sought

clarification on whether the agreement covered one or two officers. Chief Adams confirmed it covers two officers under a three-year agreement.

This Ordinance was referred to the Committee of the Whole

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor - Lance Westcamp

Mayor Westcamp expressed the need for several Committee appointments.

For the Records Commission Council representative position, Mayor Westcamp recommended Jamie Hise.

A motion was made by Council Member Cleary, seconded by Council Member Fraser, to appoint Council Member Hise to the Records Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

For the Trees & Decorations Committee, Mayor Westcamp recommended Mr. Ben Strunk to fill an opening.

A motion was made by Council Member Hise, seconded by Council Member Ansar-Barsa, to appoint Ben Strunk to the Trees & Decorations Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

For the City's Certified Records designee, Mayor Westcamp recommended Clerk of Council Mindy Kay.

A motion was made by Council Member Hise, seconded by Council Member Fraser, to appoint Mindy Kay as the City's Certified Records designee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cleary, Lockett, Ansar-Barsa, Fraser and Hise

Mayor Westcamp then addressed Chief Adams' retirement, apologizing for missing the retirement ceremony on Friday. He praised Chief Adams' 25-year career, noting he originally brought Chief Adams to the City when he was working for Madison Township. The Mayor expressed pride in

Chief Adams' accomplishments and stated that Adams could "walk out of this room today and keep your head held high and be proud of the accomplishments you did for this city."

Council members offered individual tributes to Chief Adams. Mr. Cleary spoke about watching Chief Adams grow in his career and appreciated his community involvement, including dressing as the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus for City events. He acknowledged that "the good far outweighs the bad" and expressed personal appreciation for Chief Adams' service.

Mrs. Fraser thanked Chief Adams for sharing his wisdom and expressed regret that she didn't have more opportunity to work with him closely. Mr. Hise also wished Chief Adams well and acknowledged learning a great deal during their ride-along experience.

Administrator King noted his long relationship with the Adams family, dating back to 1995, and praised Chief Adams' progression through the ranks. He expressed confidence in his future success.

Chief Adams responded with heartfelt remarks about his career and connection to Groveport. He emphasized that this would be the first time in 57 years that an Adams family member wouldn't be patrolling the streets of Groveport, dating back to 1969. Chief Adams expressed his love for being a police officer and stated he would choose the same career again without hesitation. He thanked the community for their support and noted that people he never expected came forward to defend him during difficult times. Chief Adams concluded by saying his family would now come first, but whatever career he pursues next would still involve serving the community.

B. Administrator - BJ King

C. Chief of Police - Casey Adams

[#044-2026](#) Retirement Letter

Attachments: [Retirement Letter.pdf](#)

D. Director of Finance - Jason Carr

E. Director of Law - Kevin Shannon

F. Development Director - Michael Loges

Mr. Loges informed Council that they should have received a memo regarding sewer system capacity charges that had been referred to Committee of the Whole. He indicated Council members could contact him with any questions after reviewing the memo. He also noted that while they were updating sewer system rates, they took the opportunity to update water system capacity charge language, though not the actual rates.

[#045-2026](#)

Sewerage System Capacity Charges Memo

Attachments: [Sewerage System Capacity Charges Memo.pdf](#)

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

Mrs. Fraser expressed empathy with Mr. Koch's concerns about crosswalk safety, noting she had experienced similar issues with her own children and other families at the elementary school level. She appreciated Chief Adams' directive to increase officer presence in school zones and noted that the elementary school had been communicating with parents about using the designated lit crosswalk.

Mrs. Fraser also recognized the Groveport Area Community Choir for their excellent performance over the weekend.

Mr. Cleary noted that he had been reviewing the Rules of Council, which were last adopted on January 9, 2023. He questioned whether they needed to be updated and requested scheduling a meeting to review them. Administrator King confirmed this should be done and directed the Clerk to coordinate with Mr. Cleary to schedule a meeting and distribute copies to all Council members.

H. Clerk of Council - Mindy Kay

I. Standing Committees

Mrs. Fraser reported on the Trees & Decorations Committee meeting held that evening. The Committee discussed Arbor Day plans for next month, including tree planting activities with Groveport Elementary and Glendenning Elementary. They plan to continue planting trees in the park area in front of the recreation center by the baseball fields as they did last year, as well as outside Glendenning Elementary.

The Committee is developing a list of approved trees appropriate for the area, including specifications for proper spacing to avoid issues with

large trees being planted in small areas. The list will also help eliminate invasive species.

Mrs. Fraser reported that all military banners have been sold and will be displayed by Memorial Day. Administrator King added that 245 oak trees have been trimmed to reduce acorn drop and maintain tree health, continuing the comprehensive Tree Maintenance Program the City has undertaken in recent years.

IX. Other Business

X. Adjournment

Council Member Cleary made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hise to adjourn at 7: 00 p.m. All in favor stated AYE, None Opposed. Motion passed.

Lance Westcamp, Mayor

Mindy Kay, Clerk of Council

PLEASE NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT VERBATIM. A RECORDING OF THE MEETING IS AVAILABLE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.