

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of City Council

Held March 26, 2026

## Regular Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

## Roll Call

Teri Murphy	Mayor	Present
Branden Delph	At-Large	Present
Ora Allen	At-Large	Absent
Mike Daugherty	Ward 1	Present
Dave Miller	Ward 2	Present
Shirley Whitt	Ward 3	Present
Jeanette Marcus	Ward 4	Present

## Staff Attendance:

City Manager Michael Davis	Law Director Martina Dillon
Police Chief Craig Richardson	Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski
Finance Director Annetta Williams	Deputy Finance Director Lora Perry
Build. Maint. Superintendent Rocky Bangert	City Engineer Lauren Alvarado
City Planner Nick Sorice	Public Information Officer Aaron Viotor
Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane	Clerk of Council Karen Powell
Build. & Zoning Admin. Brent Carpenter	

Ms. Marcus moved to excuse Mrs. Allen's absence.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

## Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Approval of Minutes

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes - March 12, 2026

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any changes or corrections to the March 12, 2026, Regular Council meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

## Special Presentations

### Auditor of State Award

Mr. Joe Braden of the Ohio State Auditor's office presented the Auditor of State Award with Distinction to the City of Moraine. He reported that the award puts the City of Moraine in a very select group as the Ohio Auditor's office audits nearly 4,200 entities annually, and less than four percent are eligible for the award. He listed the criteria for a clean audit report. He stated that the award represents the hard work of all City employees, City Manager, and Council members who have all done an outstanding job watching over every single dollar in

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the City of Moraine. Mr. Braden said he would like to specifically recognize Annetta Williams, Finance Director, for her exceptional commitment to fiscal integrity. Deputy Finance Director Lora Perry was also recognized.

## **Oath of Office — La’Shay Strickland, Tyler Fox, Haylee Hook and Samual Waseleski**

Mayor Murphy administered the Oath of Office to officers La'Shay Strickland, Tyler Fox, Haylee Hook, and Samual Waseleski.

Police Chief Craig Richardson said Haylee Hook is one of the newest officers. He noted she attended Sinclair College and the University of Cincinnati and has obtained multiple degrees. He also noted that she interned with several law enforcement agencies.

Chief Richardson stated Tyler Fox grew up in the area and joined the Marine Corps where he was an electronic warfare team leader and marksmanship instructor. He noted that upon exiting the Marine Corps, Officer Fox started a successful business and recently decided to enter into law enforcement.

Chief Richardson reported that Samual Waseleski grew up out of state, joined the Marine Corps, and when he left the Marine Corps he landed in Dayton, Ohio, and applied to be a police officer. He stated that Officer Waseleski is currently attending the Sinclair Police Academy, and he is going for gold in the physical fitness categories.

Chief Richardson said La'Shay Strickland started with the City of Moraine Police Division as a cadet at 18 years old. He noted Officer Strickland learned skills in dispatch, the property room, and Mayor's court. He stated when Officer La'Shay turned 21, the Division was proud to promote her to Police Officer. He said she worked very hard in the police academy, and she graduated from Butler Tech Police Academy a few months ago.

## **Reports from the Following**

### **Finance Committee**

No report.

### **Finance Director**

#### **February 2026 Finance Director Report**

Mrs. Williams noted the February Financial Report is included in the packet. She reported she attended the Auditor of State's Local Government Officials Conference last Thursday and Friday. She said it was a productive time spent learning and increasing awareness in areas of time management, cash management, and public fund investing. Mrs. Williams thanked Mr. Braden for coming from the Auditor of State's office to present the award. She said the award is a recognition of the dedication and commitment to excellence of the Finance Department, and she is very proud of the teamwork among all the City departments.

### **Committee of the Whole**

Ms. Marcus noted the last Committee of the Whole meeting was on March 12, 2026. She reported there would be a meeting this evening.

### **City Manager**

#### **City Manager's Report — March 26, 2026**

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No additional report.

## Law Director

Law Director Martina Dillon requested approval to add four pieces of legislation to the agenda.

She noted the first piece of legislation is Ordinance No. 2230-26 approving an amendment to the Table of Organization.

Mrs. Whitt moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Shirley Whitt

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Ms. Dillon asked for approval to add Resolution No. 8228-26 which approves the annual report of the TIRC.

Ms. Marcus moved to approve.

**RESULT:** (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Ms. Dillon asked for approval to add Resolution No. 8229-26 which approved the annual report of the CRHC.

Ms. Marcus moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Ms. Dillon asked for approval to add Ordinance No. 2231-26 to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures.

Mrs. Whitt moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Shirley Whitt

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

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## Mayor

### Mayor's Court Monthly Report - January 2026

Mayor Murphy reported for the month of January 2026 Mayor's Court received \$23,434.89 She noted after various expenses and disbursements, a total of \$17,760.00 was deposited into the General Fund.

### Guest Speakers - None

## Business

## Ordinances

### **2228-26 An Ordinance amending Section 1501.01(A) of the Moraine Codified Ordinances to adopt the 2025 Ohio Fire Code and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Daugherty stated that this legislation approves the adoption of the 2025 Ohio Fire Code as the City's Fire Code. He reported this is emergency legislation and moved to suspend the rules to allow for first and second readings at this meeting.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Mike Daugherty

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Mike Daugherty

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

### **2229-26 An Ordinance to repeal Moraine Codified Ordinance Chapter 508 entitled, "Dangerous, Nuisance, and Vicious Dogs" and further amending Moraine Codified Ordinance Chapter 505 entitled, "Animals and Fowl" and further amending Moraine Codified Ordinance Chapter 507.**

Mr. Delph noted that this Ordinance repeals and amends language regarding Dangerous, Nuisance, and Vicious Dogs in order to align the City Code with Ohio Revised Code 955. He stated the legislation will be passed to the April 9, 2026, Regular Council meeting for a second reading and adoption.

## Resolutions

**8225-26 A Resolution accepting the bid of and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. for the 2026 Asphalt Paving Program for the total bid amount of \$529,230.62 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute needed change order(s), if any, in specified amount approved herein.**

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Ms. Marcus stated that this legislation awards the bid for the 2026 Asphalt Paving Program to Barrett Paving Materials and authorizes the City Manager to execute change orders if necessary. Ms. Marcus moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**8226-26 A Resolution accepting the bid of and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with America’s Decorative Concrete, Ltd. for the 2026 Road, Curb, and Storm Structure Improvements Project for the total bid amount of \$418,224.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute needed change order(s), if any, in specified amount approved herein.**

Mr. Miller said this Resolution awards the 2026 Road, Curb, and Storm Structure Improvements project to America’s Decorative Concrete including the accepted bid amount of \$418,224.00 with a 10 percent contingency of \$41,822.40, approving a total of \$460,046.40.

Mr. Miller moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Dave Miller

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**8227-26 A Resolution appointing Gregory Bernard to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2027.**

Mrs. Whitt said this legislation appoints Gregory Bernard to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a two-year term. Mrs. Whitt moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Shirley Whitt

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**To Be Added By Law Director**

**2230-26 An Ordinance approving amendment to the Table of Organization of the City of Moraine and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Daugherty reported that this Ordinance approves a compensation adjustment for the Assistant Law Director/City Prosecutor position and revises the Table of Organization accordingly. He moved to suspend the rules to allow both readings at this meeting as this is emergency legislation.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Mike Daugherty

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden

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Delph  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)  
**MOVER:** Mike Daugherty  
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

## **8228-26 A Resolution approving and accepting the annual report of the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC).**

Mr. Delph stated that this legislation approves the annual report of the Tax Incentive Review Council. Mr. Delph moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)  
**MOVER:** Branden Delph  
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

## **8229-26 A Resolution approving and accepting the annual report of the Community Reinvestment Housing Council (CRHC)**

Ms. Marcus reported that this Resolution approves the annual report of the Community Reinvestment Housing Council. Ms. Marcus moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)  
**MOVER:** Jeanette Marcus  
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

## **2231-26 An Ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Moraine, State of Ohio for the period January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.**

Mr. Miller noted that this is the companion piece to the Table of Organization legislation related to the compensation adjustment for the Assistant Law Director/City Prosecutor position. He stated that this is emergency legislation and moved to suspend the rules to allow the first and second readings at this meeting.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)  
**MOVER:** Dave Miller  
**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

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Mr. Miller moved to approve.

**RESULT:** Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)

**MOVER:** Dave Miller

**AYES:** Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Branden Delph

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**Voice Vote - None**

**Persons Appearing Before Council - None**

## Any Other Business

Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski thanked the mutual aid companies who helped with the Fuyao fire and the community for their assistance. She said many people brought food to the crews and are still bringing in food. She said they appreciate everyone's help, and noted the Police Division, Street Maintenance, and the dispatchers did an excellent job.

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane thanked everyone for coming out to the Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt. He said there was a great turnout. He announced that the Community Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Moraine Recreation Center. He said there will be flags and signs denoting age groups, and pictures with the Easter Bunny will be taken inside after the egg hunt.

City Manager Michael Davis reported that the new Community Development Director will be starting on Monday. He thanked Council for passing the legislation regarding the TIRC and CRHC reports. Mr. Davis praised the Fire Division for the outstanding job they did during the Fuyao Fire.

Ms. Marcus said that last evening she attended the First Suburbs Consortium meeting with most of the City's Council members, and she appreciated Council showing up.

Mrs. Whitt said she appreciates the Police and Fire Divisions, and she prayed that no one would be hurt during the storm. She said she is proud of the community and how it came together.

She congratulated Mrs. Williams and the Finance Division for receiving the Award of Distinction. She congratulated the new police officers. She thanked Mr. Shane, Mr. Hakes, and Ms. Powell for the work they did in setting up the room and food for the First Suburbs Consortium meeting.

Mr. Miller thanked the Fire Division and all the safety services for a job well done at Fuyao.

He congratulated the four new officers and the Finance Division and City employees for a job well done with regard to the State Auditor award.

Mr. Daugherty thanked the first responders, especially the Fire Division, for their work this week with Fuyao. He thanked Ms. Marcus and the First Suburbs Consortium for inviting Council to the meeting. He said he feels like they learned a lot and had a good meeting. He congratulated the four new police officers. Mr. Daugherty reported that he was in Washington, D.C. last week at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference. He said he attended meetings and workshops, and he feels like he learned a lot. He said he plans on giving a presentation at the next Regular Council meeting to review what he has learned and ways that the City may benefit.

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Mr. Delph thanked the Police and Fire Divisions. He reported that he attended the Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt, and he thanked Parks and Recreation for the event. He congratulated Mrs. Williams and the new officers.

Mayor Murphy thanked Ms. Marcus for inviting Council to the First Suburbs Consortium. She noted that representatives from AES and CenterPoint Energy were guest speakers at the meeting. She congratulated the four new officers and Mrs. Williams and the Finance Department for their hard work. She said she attended the Adult Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt and had a great time. Mayor Murphy said she appreciates what the Fire Division went through and thanked them and the mutual aid the City received. She said Chief Kuzminski did a great job managing everyone. She thanked the Police Division for directing people and traffic. She thanked the Street Department and everyone who came together for the City.

**Executive Session - None**

## Adjournment

Mayor Murphy thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council for broadcasting this meeting live as well as any future rebroadcasts.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Mayor Teri Murphy



ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell