

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Huber Heights City Council

Meeting

In Council Chambers

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES #44-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

6151 Brandt Pike

March 9,

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Held

1. Call The Meeting To Order - Mayor Jeff Gore

The Huber Heights City Council met in a Regular Session on March 9, 2026. Mayor Jeff Gore called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Invocation - Invocation - Pastor Randy Griffith Of The Free Methodist Church At 6875 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, Ohio

3. Flag Ceremony - Wayne High School Air Force Junior ROTC Honor Guard

4. Pledge Of Allegiance

5. Roll Call

Present: Scott Davidson, Kathleen Baker, Nancy Byrge, Brian Looney, Mark Campbell, Fred Aikens, Anita Kitchen, Don Webb, Jeff Gore

Staff Present: Assistant City Manager Aaron Sorrell; Clerk Of Council Anthony Rodgers; Law Director Chris Conard; City Manager John Russell

6. Approval Of Minutes

A. City Council Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2026

The minutes for the February 23, 2026 City Council Meeting were approved by the Huber Heights City Council as submitted.

7. Special Presentations/Announcements

There were no special presentations or announcements.

8. Citizens Comments - Agenda Items

There were no comments on agenda items from citizens.

9. City Manager Report

City Manager John Russell said the Police Division has two Dispatcher job positions available. He encouraged members of the community to go to the Human Resources webpage on the City's website to apply for these positions or to keep up to date on future job opportunities. He said the Police Division will be hosting a National Night Out event on August 5, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne High School auditorium. He said the Fire Division had 604 total calls in February, 2026, which is an average of twenty calls per day. He said the Fire Division will be conducting a blood drive on March 11, 2026 from 3:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station 22. He said Powell Road will be closed west of Old Troy Pike beginning March 16, 2026 for approximately eleven weeks to realign the roadway. He said homeowners who reside in the closed section of Powell Road will still have driveway access. He encouraged residents to use Fishburg Road as an alternate route. He said the Arts and Beautification Commission will be hosting an arts exhibition on May 2, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Huber Heights Senior Center. He encouraged anyone interested in displaying artwork at the art exhibition to register on the City's website. He said the City's Tax Office is able to assist citizens, free of charge, with the filing of income taxes Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He directed anyone interested to make an appointment either by going to the City's website or by calling the Tax Office

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directly. He encouraged Huber Heights residents to use the e-file option located on the City's website.

10. Pending Business

There were no pending agenda items.

11. New Business

CITY COUNCIL

Anthony C. Rodgers, Clerk of Council

- A. An Ordinance Amending Section 103.01 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Huber Heights To Adopt A Revised Official City Seal.
(first reading)

Mr. Rodgers said this item regarding the adoption of a new City Seal was discussed at the March 3, 2026 Council Work Session. He said the City Seal would not be entirely new, but would be a refresh of the existing design. He said the updated City Seal would provide a clearer image for copies and for transposing the image onto apparel or other items.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to waive the second reading and to adopt this item.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to waive the second reading; Mrs. Byrge seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Davidson voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mr. Aikens seconded the motion.

Mrs. Byrge said she thought the colored version of the updated City Seal would be available on the television displays in Council Chambers for the public to see.

Mr. Rodgers said the colored version was not available at this time. He said the new City Seal designer would create the color image after the item was adopted by Council.

Mr. Aikens asked if the new City Seal that Council was voting on had the word January spelled out, instead of abbreviated, as was suggested previously as an option.

Mr. Rodgers answered affirmatively. He said the original City Seal was designed by a team of students from Wayne High School. He said the original City Seal was copied from a pencil sketch, and as such, contains a great deal of shading which is difficult to reproduce clearly when it is copied as a small image. He said the new City Seal contains all of the characteristics of the original, but is a much cleaner image.

Mr. Aikens asked if the Council would be voting on the colored version of the City Seal.

Mr. Rodgers said the colored version of the new City Seal would not need to be voted on by Council. He said the colored version of the new City Seal will use the same color scheme as the current City Seal.

Mr. Aikens asked for the colored version of the City Seal to be brought before Council for review prior to its release to the public.

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Mayor Jeff Gore agreed.

On a call of the vote, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, and Ms. Baker voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

ADMINISTRATION

John Russell, City Manager

- B. A Public Hearing Scheduled For March 9, 2026 By The Huber Heights City Council For Case TA 26-06. The Applicant Is The City Of Huber Heights. The Applicant Is Requesting Approval Of A Text Amendment To Section 1152 Of The Huber Heights Zoning Code Regarding The O-1 General Office District.

Mayor Jeff Gore opened the Public Hearing for Case TA 26-06.

Mayor Gore asked City Staff to make the initial presentation for Case TA 26-06.

Mr. Sorrell said he had no presentation for Council, as Case TA 26-06 was merely to add the term "personal service establishments" to the existing text of Section 1152 of the Huber Heights City Code regarding the O-1 General Office District.

Mayor Gore asked if the Law Director had any comments or wanted to provide any additional information.

Seeing none, Mayor Gore asked if there was anyone present to speak in favor of the approval of this issue.

Seeing none, Mayor Gore asked if there was anyone present to speak against the approval of this issue.

Ms. Donyale Macon asked what Case TA 26-06 was about.

Mr. Sorrell said City Staff are recommending adding personal service establishments, such as barber shops and nail salons, to the O-1 General Office District. He said allowing personal service establishments to the O-1 General Office District would broaden the uses permitted and provide better options and marketability to the existing structures. He said structures which would be affected by the proposed O-1 General Office District changes are largely located on Brandt Pike and Old Troy Pike.

Ms. Macon asked why Council refers to Dr. Aikens as Mr. Aikens even though he has earned the title of Doctor.

Mrs. Byrge said Council uses either title for Mr. Aikens.

Mayor Gore said he would talk to Mr. Aikens following the City Council Meeting and see what title he prefers to be addressed by.

Mr. Aikens said he has earned many titles over his career, and as long as they are used respectfully, he is comfortable being addressed by any of his titles. He thanked Ms. Macon for recognizing his hard work in achieving the title of Doctor, but he is not particularly concerned about having that title used before his name.

Ms. Macon said this was her first time attending a City Council Meeting, and she was simply confused by the omission of his title.

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Mr. Aikens encouraged Ms. Macon to attend as many City Council Meetings as she is able. He said Ms. Macon should apply to serve on one of the many boards and commissions in the City.

Mayor Gore asked if any member of the City Council had any comments, questions, or wanted to provide any additional information.

Mr. Webb asked if the suggested text amendment would require any changes to the Huber Heights City Code, specifically defining a personal service establishment.

Mr. Sorrell said the term "personal service establishment" is a common phrase in the planning business, so a specific definition and clarification in the Huber Heights City Code regarding it is not necessary.

Mayor Gore asked one last time if there was anyone to speak in favor of or against the approval of this issue.

Seeing none, Mayor Jeff Gore said, barring further comments, this Public Hearing of the City Council for Case TA 26-06 is hereby closed.

- C. An Ordinance To Approve An Amendment To Section 1152 Of The Huber Heights Zoning Code Regarding The O-1 General Office District (Case TA 26-06).
(first reading)

Mayor Gore said this item will be passed to a second reading.

- D. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Amend An Agreement With Dempsey Waste Systems, II, Inc. DBA Republic Services Of Dayton For Solid Waste Collection And Disposal, Including Services For Trash, Recycling, And Yard Waste.
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said this item regarding the amendment of an agreement with Dempsey Waste Systems, II, Inc. DBA Republic Services Of Dayton for solid waste collection and disposal was brought before Council at the March 3, 2026 Council Work Session.

Mayor Jeff Gore asked City Staff to present the new Republic Services pricing structure for clarification.

Mr. Sorrell said Republic Services proposed weekly rate would be \$19.00 per month, and would include one free trash cart. He said senior citizens would receive a ten percent discount and pay \$17.10 per month. He said a second trash cart would cost an additional \$3.00 per month. Mr. Sorrell said the new contract would move recycling collection to a weekly pick-up instead of bi-weekly, as it is under the current contract. He said the contract is for three years and any yearly service increases are capped at five percent.

Mayor Jeff Gore asked what age qualifies a customer for a senior discount with Republic Services.

Mr. Sorrell said the Republic Services senior discount begins at age fifty-five.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Kitchen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Byrge asked if Republic Services customers who are currently getting a senior discount would have to apply for it again under the new contract.

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Ms. Annie King of Republic Services said any current customers who receive a senior discount would automatically receive the discount under the new contract as well.

Mrs. Kitchen asked how customers could enroll in the Republic Services senior discount program.

Ms. King said customers may enroll in the senior discount program by calling Republic Services or signing up on the Republic Services website.

Mayor Jeff Gore said complaint calls about trash collection have reduced dramatically since Ms. King took over management of Republic Services in the region.

On a call of the vote, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, and Mr. Campbell voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

- E. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For And Accept Grant Funds From The Bureau Of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership For The Purpose Of Purchasing Replacement Protective Body Armor.
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said Police Division Deputy Chief Anthony Ashley brought this item regarding a grant application for the Department Of Justice Bulletproof Vest Program before Council at the March 3, 2026 Council Work Session. He said the adoption of this item would allow the City to apply for a \$25,000.00 grant from the Department Of Justice Bulletproof Vest Grant Program. He said the \$25,000.00 grant would cover fifty percent of the replacement cost of the Police Division's outdated bulletproof vests.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mr. Webb made a motion to adopt; Mr. Looney seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. Byrge voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

- F. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For Grant Funding Through The Clean Ohio Trails Fund.
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mr. Jeffrey Adams presented this item regarding an application for grant funding through the Clean Ohio Trails Fund to Council at the March 3, 2026 Council Work Session. He said funds from this grant would be used to build recreational trails at Community Park and within and around the proposed Canal Heights development. He said the Clean Ohio Trails Fund would award up to \$500,000.00 towards building the City's recreational trails, but it would require a 25% match of any grant funding from the City.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Byrge, and Mayor Gore voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

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- G. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Seek Grant Funding Through The Recreational Trails Program.
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mr. Jeffrey Adams presented this item regarding an application for grant funding through the Recreational Trails Program to Council at the March 3, 2026 Council Work Session. He said funds from this grant would be used to build recreational trails at Community Park and within and around the proposed Canal Heights development. He said the Recreational Trails Program would award up to \$150,000.00 towards building the City's recreational trails, but it would require a 20% match of any grant funding from the City.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mrs. Kitchen made a motion to adopt; Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, and Mr. Aikens voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

12. Citizens Comments – General

Ms. Chonda Rohrer of Rumpke Waste and Recycling said Rumpke is a leader in residential curbside service in the region. She said Rumpke has worked hard to earn a positive reputation through strong partnerships with local communities such as Huber Heights. She said Rumpke Waste and Recycling looks forward to being a part of the City of Huber Heights bidding process for trash disposal in 2029 when its contract with Republic Services ends.

Ms. Donyale Macon asked if she could receive information regarding the Republic Services senior discount program.

Mayor Jeff Gore stated Ms. Annie King would be happy to give her a business card that contained contact numbers for Republic Services.

Ms. Macon said protocol for how and when attendees may speak at the City Council Meetings should be more clearly posted for first-time visitors like herself.

Mr. Jeff Morford of Bethel Township read the definition of oppression from the dictionary. He said slavery, apartheid, and preventing a woman's right to vote were forms of oppression that were legal at the time. He said the annexation of Bethel Township by the City of Huber Heights, while legal, is also a form of oppression to the residents of Bethel Township.

Mayor Jeff Gore informed Mr. Morford his time was up due to repetitive speech.

Mr. Tom McMasters said he recently had an interaction with Huber Heights Police Officers at his home wherein they asked him for his social security number, and then ran a background check to see if he had any outstanding warrants. He did not think this behavior was appropriate for general police interactions. He is concerned this type of behavior by the Police Division could lead to confrontations with other residents of Huber Heights.

Mayor Jeff Gore thanked Mr. McMasters for bringing this concern to Council. He said he was unaware that Huber Heights Police Officers asked for social security numbers or ran background checks during regular interactions with the public. He asked City Staff to inform Council what the protocol was for Huber Heights Police Officers' interaction with the public, as well as the reasoning behind such a protocol.

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Ms. Baker said the police officer's request for a social security number may be to discern if there are any guns on the premises as social security numbers are used to track gun licenses.

Mayor Jeff Gore again asked City Staff to look into the Police Division protocol, as it is important for Council to understand such protocols and be aware of potential issues or policies that may need changed. He said residents, such as Mr. McMasters, have the right to know why certain policies and procedures are in place.

Mr. Russell said he would speak to Police Chief Mark Lightner as soon as possible to get clarification on this issue.

13. City Official Reports And Comments

Mr. Davidson congratulated the City's Program and Events Coordinator Molly Gross for executing a successful senior prom at the Huber Heights Senior Center on March 6, 2026.

Mrs. Byrge asked if bollards would be put in place to protect the new bus shelter in front of Marco's Pizza on Brandt Pike.

Mr. Russell said City Engineer Russ Bergman was looking into means to protect the bus shelters from damage.

14. Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Jeff Gore adjourned the Regular Session City Council Meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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Clerk of Council Date

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