



MINUTES

Special City Council Meeting

February 9, 2026, 2:30 p.m. | Meeting Location, Oberlin Enrichment and Activity Ctr
36 South Prospect Street, Oberlin , Ohio 44074

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Eboni Johnson at 2:30 p.m. to discuss goals for the 2026-2027 City Council Term. Followed by the Roll call.

All members of Council were present.

Council Members:

	Present	Absent
Eboni Johnson, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael McFarlin, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sondra Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Libni Lopez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jessa New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Waltzer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristin Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Appointees Present

- Greg Holcomb, City Manager
- Belinda Anderson, Clerk of Council
- Jon Clark, Law Director
- Marin Fowler, Finance Director

2. DISCUSS GOALS FOR THE 2026-2027 CITY COUNCIL TERM

Council Business

Members of Council discussed the following Council Business Items

- City managers role to manage and provide policy guidance
- Discussed timely communication with Council regarding new developments
- Discussed attributes of Exceptional Councils and best practices
- Discussed internal communication practices among council members
- Reviewed the evaluation process overview and proposed timeline
- Considered the possibility of forming standing committees
- Discussed Ethics Law and how conflict-of- interest apply to Council members who are employees of the College and their family members who are employees of the College.

Other topics

- Discussed improving language accessibility for Council, board, and commission meetings
- Council agreed to schedule an additional meeting to further discuss the following topics
 - Procedure for submitting recommendations to Council and advancing them through the process
 - Review feedback from the first Boards and Commissions Orientation and provide suggestions for 2027 improvements
 - Disposition of city-owned property (i.e. 205 Morgan Street)
 - Economic Development/Grant Writer position
 - Update on cost assessments and what to do next for the following projects:
 - UGRR Center Restrooms
 - OEAC Building
 - Wayfinding Recommendation from 2025

Action Item

- Schedule a work session to receive an update on the multi-use path at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2026, prior to the regular City Council meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Being that there was no further action to take the meeting adjourn at 4:40 PM

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: 03/02/2026

POSTED: 03/03/2026