

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 8:21 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Greer. The Invocation was given by Ms. Rebecca Gearhart.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Greer, Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart, Mr. Harris.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2024 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic to approve the Finance Report for the month of February, 2024 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**PETITIONS AND CLAIMS**

There were none.

**MATTERS REFERRED**

Each Council Member, the Mayor, the Safety and Service Directors were given a report prepared by the Council Clerk listing all matters before all committees with their packets.

**CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL**

There were none.

*The following Minutes are not transcribed verbatim. This meeting has been digitally recorded in its entirety and is available in the Clerk of Council’s office.*

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024**

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK	TITLE: RESOLUTION – ODOT SAFE ROUTE TO
SCHOOL GRANT 2024	A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BARBERTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF	
TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL (SRTS) INFRASTRUCTURE	
PROJECT FUNDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.	

It was moved by Mrs. Beck, seconded by Mr. Harris, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Beck, seconded by Mr. Harris, that **RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-2024**

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON	TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT OPENGOV
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A	
THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH OPENGOV, A CLOUD BASED BUDGETING AND	
PLANNING SOFTWARE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,675.00, AND DECLARING AN	
EMERGENCY.	

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2024 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2024

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: APPROPRIATION FIRE  
DEPARTMENT AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$408.83 FROM THE  
UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S  
OPERATING BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 28-2024 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2024

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT  
HYDRA-STOP LLC AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH HYDRA-STOP LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$108,518.83 FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF VALVE INSERTION EQUIPMENT, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Hager, that the rule as required by Section 5.10 of the Barberton City Charter be suspended. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. It was moved by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mrs. Hager, that **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2024 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

This Ended the First Readings

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

There were none

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: 2024 OPERATING AND CAPITAL  
BUDGET AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE  
CITY OF BARBERTON FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND PROVIDING  
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY AS  
AMENDED FEBRUARY 26, 2024 IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024.

This ordinance was amended in the Finance Committee to reflect changes in the Storm Water Management portion of the Enterprise Funds.

This is the Third and final reading. The first reading was on Monday, February 26, 2024. The second reading was on Monday, March 11, 2024.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson and Seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2024 BE ADOPTED.** President Greer asked if there were any remarks. Mr. Harris stated that he would be voting "No" this evening as per his previous remarks, he believes this is an issue of needs versus wants. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Beck and Ms. Gearhart voted "Aye." Mr. Harris voted "Nay." Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Barberton Parks and Recreation Commission**

Ms. Cynthia Sutton                      For a five-year term beginning immediately and ending 12-31-2028.

A motion was made by Mr. Cheatham and seconded by Ms. Gearhart to appoint Ms. Cynthia Sutton to City of Barberton's Parks Commission to begin immediately to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2028. All members voting "Aye." Motion carried.

## **MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were none.

## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY**

President Greer wanted to remind everyone that there will be no meeting on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 due to the eclipse. April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 will be our next meeting, a Regular Legislative Meeting. President Greer also wanted to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

## **COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR**

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone who attended the Change for Change this past Friday. Over \$570.00 was collected to benefit the Barberton Band Boosters.

The Mayor met with METRO Transit last week. They are finishing up several studies in regards to our community, ridership, and helping employees get to work at several locations.

The Mayor stated he presented two proclamations to citizens in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Construction continues on Wooster Road West and South Van Buren Avenue and is re-starting on Wooster Road North as the weather permits so caution is required in these areas.

An issue came up and the Mayor stated he is working with the City of Norton as a parcel of land has come up for rezoning in the City of Norton but is very close to the City of Barberton. This is currently light industrial and the petitioners want to have it zoned heavy industrial.

The Mayor stated he appreciated the passage of the Budget Ordinance, 14-2024. If there are any further questions, please contact the Mayor's office.

In closing, Thank you for your patience and attention in the past weeks as the department heads explained their portion of the budget. There was a large portion of information disseminated in a very short period of time. And finally, the Mayor wishes everyone a very Happy Easter.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Greer stated that a request has been received by Mayor Judge for an Executive Session to consider matters required to be kept confidential and that he would entertain a motion for same.

A motion was made by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to enter into Executive Session for the discussion of a matters required to be kept confidential.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Greer, Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Cheatham, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart, Mr. Harris. All persons not directly involved with this discussion were asked to leave Council Chambers. All recordings were stopped and cameras turned off.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:43 pm.

Council returned to the Regular Legislative Session at 9:47 pm.

With nothing further, it was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn. All Members present voting “Aye” and none apposed.

Meeting Adjourned 9:47 P.M.

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Justin Greer  
President of Council

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Laura J. Ries-Price  
Clerk of Council