

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 7:14 P.M. at the Active Adult Center due to a power outage with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the invocation was given by Ms. Rebecca Gearhart.

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

It was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2025 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic to accept the Finance Report for the month of May, 2025 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

ORDINANCE NO. 76-2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMEND BARBERTON CODIFIED
ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1060: REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
SECTION 1060.02 (B)(7) AND SECTION 1060.99 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1060: REFUSE COLLECTION AND
DISPOSAL” TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN WORDING FOR SECTION 1060.02(B)(7) “METHOD
OF COLLECTION” AND SECTION 1060.99 “PENALTY”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Ms. Gearhart, seconded by Mrs. Beck, 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 Ms. Gearhart, seconded by Mrs. Beck, that **ORDINANCE NO. 76-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. EASTERLING & MR. HEITIC TITLE: RESCIND ORDINANCE NO.
54-2025 SALE OF MUNICIPAL OWNED COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTIES AN
ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 54-2025 “SALE OF MUNICIPAL OWNED
COMMERCIAL ZONED PROPERTIES”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Easterling 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 Mr. Easterling, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 77-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. EASTERLING & MR. HEITIC TITLE: SALE OF PROPERTY
WEST TUSCARAWAS AVENUE PARCEL NUMBERS 01.05664 AND 01.05666
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF
0.0666 ACRES OF LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ALONG WEST TUSCARAWAS
AVENUE AND IDENTIFIED AS PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 01.05664 AND 01.05666 IN
THE SUMMIT COUNTY RECORDS, FOR PURCHASE PRICE OF \$1.00, REPEALING ALL
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Easterling 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 Mr. Easterling, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 78-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. EASTERLING & MR. HEITIC TITLE: SALE OF PROPERTIES
MUNICIPAL OWNED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONED PROPERTIES
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 212.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY, ENTITLED “SALE AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY” TO ESTABLISH
PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE, CONVEYANCE, DISPOSAL OR TRANSFER OF INTERESTS IN
REAL PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Easterling 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 Mr. Easterling, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 79-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: DISTRICT DESIGNATION
DOWNTOWN BARBERTON COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING 100.5 ACRES IN AND AROUND DOWNTOWN BARBERTON,
OHIO AS THE “DOWNTOWN BARBERTON COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT”
PURSUANT TO SECTION 4301.80 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, 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. Heitic, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 80-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT U.S. ROYCE
PROTECTION SERVICE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BARBERTON
MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH U.S. ROYCE PROTECTION SERVICE
(FKA, TENABLE PROTECTIVE), FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD RUNNING JULY 1, 2025
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026 TO PROVIDE UNARMED UNIFORMED SECURITY OFFICERS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, seconded by Mr. Easterling 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. Harris, seconded by Mr. Easterling, that **ORDINANCE NO. -2025 BE ADOPTED.** All
Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 82-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. EASTERLING TITLE: DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY
WEIGAND BUILDING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BARBERTON TO DISPOSE OF CITY PROPERTY THAT IS BROKEN, UNSAFE, AND NO
LONGER NEEDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Easterling seconded by Ms. Gearhart, 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. Easterling, seconded by Ms. Gearhart, that **ORDINANCE NO. 82-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: SUPPLY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO AMEND THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND
ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH IGS ENERGY, WHICH SUBMITTED THE LOWEST
RATE FORMULATION VIA A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) DUE TO THE CURRENT
PROGRAM SET TO EXPIRE IN OCTOBER OF 2025, 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. 83-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-2025

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
DEMOLITIONS, LIEN SEARCHES, BOARD-UPS, WEED/GRASS CUTTINGS, UNPAID RENTAL
REGISTRATIONS, AND UNPAID UTILITY SERVICES AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY TO THE SUMMIT COUNTY
AUDITOR, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN
THE CITY FOR THE COST OF ORDERED DEMOLITIONS, CONDEMNATION RELATED
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ABATEMENT, LIEN SEARCHES, EMERGENCY BOARD-
UPS, PROPERTY CLEAN-UP, WEED/GRASS CUTTINGS, DELINQUENT RENTAL
REGISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, AND UNPAID UTILITY SERVICES THAT
ARE 60 DAYS PAST DUE, DURING THE TIME PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2024 THROUGH
AUGUST 2025,, 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. 84-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2025

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 47-2021
COMPENSATION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 47-2021 TO ESTABLISH THE COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN ELECTED
OFFICIALS AND COMPENSATION PROCEDURES FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is the Third Reading. The First Reading was on Monday, May 26, 2025. The Second Reading was on Monday, June 9, 2025.

It was moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Heitic, that **ORDINANCE NO. 63-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

There are none.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No comments were made.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

President Greer thanked the Mayor, staff, Councilmembers and visitors for their flexibility in moving the meeting to the Active Adult Center due to the power outage effecting the Municipal Building.

President Greer reminded everyone that next week, June 30th, will be the fifth Monday and that there will be no Council meeting until Monday, July 7th.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor also thanked everyone for their flexibility and remarked that he remembered during the Covid epidemic all Council meetings were held in the Active Adult Center so that everyone could be six (6) feet apart.

The Mayor thanked all of the citizens who came to the meeting to voice their complaints on the recent frequent power outages and offered idea on what could be done or what is needed. Several citizens had already contacted First Energy and initiated petitions to be sent to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The Mayor also stated that he is arranging for our representative from First Energy to address the concerns and that he has requested copies of documents regarding the outages and possible causes or findings from First Energy.

Along the same lines, the Mayor stated on the issue of trees within the city, there have been more issues with trees causing issues in the past few months than we have had in the 13 years that Mayor Judge has been Mayor. The Mayor further stated that he is currently working on a legislative request that would require trees that are a hazard to safety and welfare to be trimmed or removed. This has been an on-going issue and with the current situation with the electric lines it is time. Not all of our city is on the same supply, getting power from the same substation. The Mayor, returning to the tree issue, stated that in our history, trees were planted for specific issues. They designated property lines and marked boundaries. Today, these same trees have aged, become diseased or are obsolete and need removed. The sapling that was planted has grown in size to a six foot in diameter tree and in some cases causing an issue with power lines, root systems and so forth. This is why we are introducing legislation that will “put some teeth” into this issue with some solutions.

So far this year we have received 19.9 inches of rain. In recent storms we have record downfalls within minutes. Our systems are currently handling the situation fairly well. So far this month we have had 3.14 inches of rain. That measurement is a little low due to the fact that the power outage stopped the rain gage. We try to keep track of measurements frequently to be apprised of upcoming possible situations.

The Mayor thanked Council for passing Ordinance 78-2025 regarding the sale of city property. This is a weird and uncommon situation and this was definitely the way to handle it. One parcel was for the structure and the second parcel number was just for the wall. Just a wall. By passing this we can introduce a new business into our downtown.

The Mayor also wanted to thank Council for passing Ordinance 80-2025. This was looked at a few years ago and will now be another tool in our toolbox to revitalize downtown by bringing in new businesses. We have a special downtown and passing this ordinance will help in the efforts to make it even more special.

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone who came out for Change For Change benefiting Magics Ready to Learn. Next month we have a special situation and will be having Change For Change to benefit a young lady who just graduated from Barberton High School who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. As soon as details are finalized, we will have more information coming out.

The Street Repaving Program is moving along very quickly. We have a majority of the streets ground down and ready to receive new pavement. There are some spot repairs throughout the community that are being handled as well.

In closing, the Mayor repeated President Greer’s comment that there will be no meeting next week.

Councilman-At-Large stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor as Mr. Heitic put out comments and called for emails from citizens regarding the power outages and how they affected them. Mr. Heitic stated that he received numerous emails which he forwarded to the Mayor and the Mayor responded to each one. The Mayor stated this would be a different issue if it were centralized to one section of town but it is not. It is sporadic affecting all areas at different times and durations. The Mayor expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the public and Council coming together to attempt to find a solution. This was a very productive, positive meeting.

With nothing further, it was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to adjourn. All Members present voted “Aye”.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 P. M.

Justin Greer,
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council