

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 7:02 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Greer presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the invocation was given by Mrs. Thompson.

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, July 14, 2025 as presented. No remarks made. All Members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Heitic and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held on Monday, July 21, 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 June, 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.

At 7:07 P.M. the Tornado Warning alarms went off and the members of Council and all individuals in the gallery took shelter in the Police Department in the basement of the Municipal Building. The “All Clear” was given and Council resumed at 7:29 P. M.

CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL

A representative from the Summit County Relay for Life spoke on the history, importance and what services are available through this organization.

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. 95-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS: TITLE: AMEND BCO CHAPTER 670: TREES, WEEDS, AND GRASS
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 670 “TREES, WEEDS, AND GRASS” TO INCLUDE THREE NEW SECTIONS 670.06 “NUISANCES – TREES, SHRUBS, BUSHES, GRASSES, AND WEEDS”, 670.07 “ABATEMENT OF DECLARED NUISANCES—TREES, SHRUBS, BUSHES, GRASSES, & WEEDS” AND 670.08 “ASSESSMENT OF COSTS BY MUNICIPALITY OF DECLARED NUISANCES”.

This was amended in the Safety Committee Meeting to remove the Emergency Language. This will go for two (2) readings This was the first reading. The second reading will be on Monday, September 8, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART: TITLE: CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO APPROVE THE FY2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE FY2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP), 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. 96-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-2025

PRESENTED BY MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: APPROPRIATION FIRE DEPARTMENT
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$24,363.02 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED LINE
ITEM OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S OPERATION AND
MAINTENANCE BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND, 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. 97-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: OPWC FUNDING APPLICATION
14TH STREET NORTHWEST WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 16TH STREET
NORTHWEST WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 19TH STREET NORTHWEST
WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND THE CONCRETE ROADWAY REPLACEMENT
PROJECT INCLUDING BENTON STREET, BREITON CIRCLE, AZALEA CIRCLE, AND SAXON
CIRCLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FUNDING
APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR THE 14TH STREET
NORTHWEST WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 16TH STREET NORTHWEST
WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 19TH STREET NORTHWEST WATERLINE
REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND THE CONCRETE ROADWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT
INCLUDING BENTON STREET, BREITON CIRCLE, AZALEA CIRCLE, AND SAXON CIRCLE,
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 **RESOLUTION NO. 98-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-2025

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK & MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: APPROPRIATION
STREETS DEPARTMENT CONCRETE ROAD PROGRAM AN ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING \$230,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED LINE ITEM OF THE STREET
CAPITAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE STREET CAPITAL FUND, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and 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 Mrs. Beck and Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 99-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN & MRS. HAGER FIRST ENERGY RELIABILITY OF
SERVICE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON CONDEMNING
FIRST ENERGY’S RELIABILITY OF SERVICE AND DISTRIBUTION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY,
AND REQUESTING A \$100.00 CREDIT TO THE CITY OF BARBERTON’S RESIDENTIAL RATE
PAYERS, 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 **RESOLUTION NO. 100-2025 BE ADOPTED.**

Mr. Heitic and Mrs. Hager both stated the importance of acknowledging that the linemen workers work hard and that these outages are not their fault. Both Councilpersons commended the line workers for their diligence and conscientious work ethic in regards to restoring power as soon as possible. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS & MRS. THOMPSON TITLE: APPROPRIATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000.00 FROM
THE UNAPPROPRIATED ITEM OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S
OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mr. Harris, 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. Harris, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that **ORDINANCE NO. 101-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON
AMENDING THE CITY OF BARBERTON CHARTER TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN WORDING,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Greer stated that this Ordinance was not going forward as individual changes ordinances had been drafted. The Clerk requested a motion be made to formally withdraw. It was moved by Ms. Gearhart, seconded by Mrs. Beck, to withdraw this Ordinance. The Roll was called. All Members present voted “Aye”. Motion carried. **ORDINANCE NO. 102-2025 IS WITHDRAWN.**

ORDINANCE NO. 103-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
CITY OF NORTON AND THE CITY OF BARBERTON
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO JOINT APPLICATIONS
BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTON AND THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO APPLY FOR THE
OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION’S (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (SCIP), 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. 103-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. GRIFFIN TITLE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT ADAIR ASSET
MANAGEMENT AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BARBERTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING
CERTAIN TAX LIENS, 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. 104-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 105 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 1 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “THE MUNICIPALITY” IN SECTION 1.01 TO ADD LANGUAGE TO ALLOW
THE CITY TO DETACH 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. 105-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 106– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUMBISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.03 TO INCLUDE
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON SAFETY DIRECTOR POSITION, 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. 106-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
Mr. Heitic commented that he would be voting “no” as he does not believe in adding qualifications for
appointed positions within the city. Mr. Heitic further stated examples supporting his reasoning
regarding this decision. Mr. Heitic stated that these reasons are applicable to 107-2025 as well. Mrs.
Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris voted
“Aye.” Mr. Heitic voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 107– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUMBISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.02 TO INCLUDE
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON SERVICE DIRECTOR POSITION, 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. 106-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris
voted “Aye.” Mr. Heitic voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 108–2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUMBISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.02 TO INCLUDE
STORMWATER MATTERS IN THE CITY OF BARBERTON SERVICE DIRECTOR
RESPONSIBILITIES, 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. 108-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 109– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT” IN SECTION 4.04 TO AMEND THE
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON FINANCE DIRECTOR POSITION, 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. 109-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 110–2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.05 TO AMEND THE
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON LAW DIRECTOR POSITION, 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. 110-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 111– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.05(f), TO ALLOW AND
AUTHORIZE THE LAW DIRECTOR TO MAKE EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS TO THE CHARTER
WHICH SHALL BE APPROVED BY RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL 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. 111-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 112– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “COUNCIL” IN SECTION 5.11, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SIX
PUBLIC PLACES IN THE MUNICIPALITY BE ESTABLISHED IF PUBLIC POSTING IS
SELECTED FOR PUBLIC NOTICE 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. 112-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 113– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.01(b), TO REMOVE THAT
THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW THE OFFICIAL MASTER PLAN OF THE
MUNICIPALITY PERIODICALLY AND TO ADD THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL
REVIEWED THE OFFICIAL MASTER PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS,
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. 113-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 114 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.03(a), TO REMOVE THE
REQUIREMENT THAT THREE MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD BE
APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, AND TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE LENGTH OF
TERM SERVED BY THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT
THAT THE BARBERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINT THE TWO REMAINING
MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD.

This Ordinance was amended by motion in the Rules Committee this evening adding Emergency
wording. The Clerk noted this and reread the Ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 114 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.03(a), TO REMOVE THE
REQUIREMENT THAT THREE MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD BE
APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR, AND TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTIONS TO THE LENGTH OF
TERM SERVED BY THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT
THAT THE BARBERTON BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINT THE TWO REMAINING
MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD 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. 114-2025 BE ADOPTED.**
All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 115– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.04 TO REMOVE LANGUAGE
ALLOWING FOR A BOARD OF HEALTH, 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. 115-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 116 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.04 (b) TO ALLOW THE CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION TO APPOINT THE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, 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. 116-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 117– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” IN SECTION 6.04 (c) TO REMOVE LANGUAGE
ALLOWING FOR VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPLACE WITH LANGUAGE
ALLOWING FOR ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION, 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. 117-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” CREATING SECTION 6.09 TO REQUIRE ALL
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN THIS CHARTER TO VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO BROADCAST,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A question for clarification of the wording was asked by Mr. Heitic. Mrs. Miller reviewed the wording and at this point President Greer declared a 5-minute recess. Upon return from recess, President Greer requested a motion from Ms. Gearhart on the updated wording of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Ms. Gearhart and seconded by Mrs. Beck to amend the wording of this ordinance, clarified by Law Director Lisa Miller, as follows. Per President Greer, the Clerk called the roll. All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried. The Clerk re-read the Ordinance as amended:

ORDINANCE NO. 118 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS” CREATING SECTION 6.09 TO REQUIRE ALL
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN SECTION 6 OF THIS CHARTER TO VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO
RECORD, 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. 118-2025 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 119– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION A REPLACEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “ELECTIONS” AND REPLACING WITH A NEW ARTICLE 7 ENTITLED
“NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS” ALLOWING FOR NON-PARTISAN ELECTIONS, 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. 119-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 120 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY
ENTITLED “AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER” REVISING SECTION 12.02 TO CHANGE CERTAIN
DEADLINES, ELIMINATE PARTISAN REQUIREMENTS AND REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEARING,
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. 120-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 121– 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.02(c), TO CHANGE THE
APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY
ENGINEER 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. 121-2025 BE ADOPTED.** Mr. Heitic asked for clarification on the wording of this ordinance, also 122-2025 and 123-2025 regarding the Classified versus Unclassified status of the appointee as stated in the Ordinances. Mrs. Miller responded with clarification of the wording. Mr. Heitic then stated his opinion disagreeing with the change in wording. Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris voted “Aye.” Mr. Heitic voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 122 – 2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON
CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE
SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR
NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE
CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.02(d), TO CHANGE
THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF UTILITIES 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. 122-2025 BE ADOPTED.** Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris voted “Aye.” Mr. Heitic voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 123-2025

PRESENTED BY MS. GEARHART TITLE: AMENDMENT CITY OF BARBERTON CHARTER AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS” IN SECTION 4.02(b), TO CHANGE THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER 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. 123-2025 BE ADOPTED.** Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris voted “Aye.” Mr. Heitic voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

This ended the First Readings.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 94-2025

PRESENTED BY MR. HEITIC TITLE: DISTRICT CREATION 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.

THIS IS THE SECOND READING. THE FIRST READING WAS ON JULY 14, 2025

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. 94-2025 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted “Aye.” Motion carried.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There were none.

APPOINTMENTS

To The Parks & Recreation Commission:

Mrs. Nina Angeloff for a term beginning immediately and ending 12-31-2026.

It was moved by Mr. Easterling, seconded by Ms. Gearhart, that Mrs. Nina Angeloff be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission representing the School Board. Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart voted “Aye.” Mr. Harris voted “Nay”. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Heitic made a motion to combine all the charter amendments into one issue to be presented to the Board of Elections. This motion was seconded by Ms. Gearhart. Mrs. Thompson stated that she worried about the amendment regarding non-partisan elections as if someone disagreed with that point that with the strong opinions on that topic people would vote no. Mrs. Thompson stated that she felt that with all the work the Charter Commission and Council has put into these changes they should each be considered individually. Mr. Heitic stated that he believes that Council should have this option. Ms. Gearhart believes that voters will not individually read each. Mr. Harris states that it's unfortunate that some things are so outdated in our charter. Mr. Harris also stated is displeasure with the procedure followed in going from the Rules Committee vote on recommendations to Ordinance being voted on before Council. Mrs. Miller stated that she is not sure what the Board of Elections will permit and that if Council advocates to send this as one (1) issue she will advocate for Council's choice. President Greer, with no other comments stated that considering the importance of this topic he would like a Roll Call Vote. The Clerk called the roll regarding Mr. Heitic's motion. Mr. Heitic, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Easterling, Mrs. Beck, Ms. Gearhart and Mr. Harris voting "Aye". Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Beck voting "Nay". Motion Carried. As a final Comment, Mrs. Thompson stated that she's worried about placing all the amendments in an all-or-nothing issue but she understands the thoughts on both sides and knows that it can always be re-submitted in the future.

Mr. Harris stated that the Barberton Police Department was awarded the Game Changer Award from the Barberton Community Foundation for their work and dedication to the Barberton Community.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

President Greer reminded everyone regarding the August Recess and that the next City Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 due to the Labor Day Holiday Weekend. This will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting and that all committees will meet that evening so as to get the Legislative cycle back in sync.

Mr. Shreve stated that he just wants to make Council aware that there is a bid opening tomorrow so there could possibly be a "Special Legislative" meeting somewhere in the month of August so that the paving can begin sooner than later. The Clerk stated that she will need a minimum of 24-hour notice so that the public and news media can be notified. MR. Shreve stated that he is aware that ordering materials for these projects is six (6) to eight (8) weeks out and he wants to get this paving project done this year.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor began his remarks that he wanted to piggyback off of Mr. Harris's remarks and thank the Barberton Community Foundation for naming the Barberton Police Department for their Game Changer Award this year. The Mayor further remarked that a few years ago the Barberton Fire Department was a recipient of this award. All of our safety forces do an incredible job keeping us safe and it is a well-deserved accolade.

The Mayor wanted to thank everyone who attended the July Change For Change and to the Hungarian Club for hosting the event.

Last week the Mayor, his assistant and a few of the members of City Council met with Mr. Spiegel last week and walked around his block with him. Mr. Spiegel moved onto his street last November so he was not aware of issues that were addressed before that time. Explanations of some of his concerns were addressed and explained to him. They also walked around Lake Anna, joined by members of the Street Department and the Service Director, and discussed his concerns regarding the park and up-coming, in-progress upgrades.

The Mayor stated he had the opportunity to speak on a morning radio show last week regarding current happenings and up-coming upgrades and projects including the infrastructure projects that are happening or in the planning stages. This is always a good opportunity to keep citizens informed.

The City has committed and submitted grant applications for technology upgrades in the new Justice Center. Congresswoman Sykes is advocating on our behalf and has pushed for this grant .

The Homelessness Task Force is moving forward and met last week with those working on these issues at the County Level. We are working on and putting together a roadmap to being housed. We are also looking at alternatives and filling the gaps on how we can best serve this community and their unique issues. There is a trickle down from the national level to what is happening in Barberton. A lot of work has happened but a lot of work still needs to happen to fill these gaps. We need to build a safety net for people in these situations who fall through the cracks. Every organization has their own criteria of who they will help and there are always those that fall through those cracks and we need to find ways to help those as well.

The BCIC met this evening to talk about the sale of the Main Street Property that is moving forward.

America 250 met today and those plans are moving forward as well. There are plans for picnics in the wards for next year so if there are multiple parks in the wards, please select one park to have a ward picnic so that plans can be finalized for next year’s celebration.

Wednesday is the meeting at the Akron Library to discuss the sale of Summa and what that will mean to the municipalities affected and the uses for the proceeds of this sale.

We met today reviewing Summit County Suicide Prevention Agencies and what it means to our community. The Mayor gave examples of what has been done in the past to make the public aware that there are local agencies to help with someone having suicidal thoughts or depression.

During the August break the Mayor stated he will be contacting Council members individually to schedule meetings and also ride-a-longs.

The Mayor’s office is currently trying to collect email addresses from all citizens so as to keep them personally updated as to the progress and status of projects in their areas. There are numerous projects in progress at the present time. We are working with our software developer to create a “Projects Page” for the website to keep everyone updated on the progress of current and future projects within the city.

With nothing further, the Mayor opened the floor for questions and comments. Mr. Harris stated that he has email address for quite a few citizens and would pass them along to the Mayor’s assistant to log and update. Ms. Gearhart questioned the timeline for updating the website as it would be an idea for charter changes. The Mayor stated he was unsure as there is a cost for every web page created. The Mayor stated he would update Council with information as he got them.

Mr. Harris asked if there was an up-date for the Cox-Powell building. The Mayor stated that he has emailed parties involved and is awaiting a response.

The Mayor questioned Mr. Easterling regarding setting up a time and date for a meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:22 P. M.

Justin Greer
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council