

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 8:21 P.M. in the Council Chambers with President Griffin presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Shorter Griffin. The Invocation was given by Councilman At Large Mr. Stoll.

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Griffin, Mr. Stoll, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Poorman, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Beck, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Gearhart, and Mr. Harris.

It was moved by Mr. Stoll and seconded by Mrs. Miller to approve the Minutes of the Regular Legislative Meeting held on Monday, February 9, 2026 as presented. All Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Poorman and seconded by Mr. Stoll to accept the Finance Department Report for the month of January, 2026 as presented. 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.

CONCENT AGENDA ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT MINUTEMEN HR
MANAGEMENT SERVICES AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO MINUTEMEN HR MANAGEMENT
SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BARBERTON'S WORKER'S COMPENSATION GROUP RETRO
PROGRAM FOR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT – LAW
DEPARTMENT LEGAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR
CONTRACT WITH THE LEGAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY, TO PROVIDE
LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO INDIGENT PERSONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250 PER CASE, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. STOLL TITLE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT WPCLF LOAN
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND
AGREEMENT (WPCLF) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON FOR DESIGN, BIDDING,
CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES;
AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN, AND DECLARING
AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT EVERBRIDGE INC.
NIXLE CONTRACT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO
AUTHORIZE PAYMENT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,729.83, TO EVERBRIDGE INC FOR THE
ANNUAL NIXLE CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 89-2025
EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 89-2025, "EMPLOYEES NOT INCLUDED IN
NON-BARGAINING PAY GRADES," IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF PART TIME
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT
GROUP PURCHASING GROUPS AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
BARBERTON TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH BOTH "HELPING GOVERNMENTS ACROSS
THE COUNTRY" (HGAC) AND "SAVVIK BUYING GROUP" PURCHASING GROUPS, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Ms. Gearhart, seconded by Mr. Stoll, 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 Mr. Stoll, that the Ordinances and/or Resolutions on the Consent Agenda
BE ADOPTED. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE METER READING SYSTEM
REPLACEMENT PROJECT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE
OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS,
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING ADVANCED RADIO
METERING SYSTEM EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUNICIPAL
SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES
THERE TO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk also read the following:

Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of
not to exceed \$200,000 of notes (The Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the
Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing advanced radio metering system
equipment to be used in connection with the municipal sewer and water systems, together with all
necessary appurtenances thereto (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.
2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section
133.20 of the Revised Code, is 10 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the
improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of
the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five
years shall be deducted from the maximum maturity of the Bonds; therefore, the maximum maturity of the
Bonds is 5 years.
3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 20, 2032, which is 15 years from April 20
2017 the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose. Signed February 13, 2026 by
Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, 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. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, that **ORDINANCE NO. 26-2026 BE ADOPTED.** All Members
present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, RECONSTRUCTING, PAVING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk also read the following:

Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$1,200,000 of notes (The Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of improving streets and roads in the City by resurfacing, reconstructing, paving and making other improvements, , together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.
2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 15 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from the maximum maturity of the Bonds.
3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 13, 2042, which is 20 years from April 13, 2022 the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose. Signed February 13, 2026 by Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, 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. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, that **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2026 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PAY COSTS OF MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM INCLUDING REPLACING WATER MAINS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk also read the following:

Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$1,200,000 of notes (The Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of making improvements to the water system including replacing water mains, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 40 years, being my estimate of the life or period of usefulness of the improvement. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from the maximum maturity of the Bonds.

3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 9, 2045, which is 20 years from April 9, 2025 the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose. Signed February 13, 2026 by Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, 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. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, that **ORDINANCE NO. 28-2026 BE ADOPTED**. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: NOTE ORDINANCE
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT AN ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 OF NOTES, IN
ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF
IMPROVING THE CITY'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY CONSTRUCTING AND
IMPROVING STORM WATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
STORM SEWERS, DITCHES, BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES, WETLAND
CONSTRUCTION, CATCH BASINS AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE RETENTION AND
CONTROL OF WATERS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO
AND ACQUIRING ANY REAL ESTATE OR INTERESTS IN REAL ESTATE NECESSARY
THEREFORE, AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY
COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Clerk also read the following:

Fiscal Officer's Certificate.

To the Council of the City of Barberton, Ohio:

As fiscal officer of the City of Barberton, Ohio, I certify in connection with your proposed issue of not to exceed \$200,000 of notes (The Notes), to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds (the Bonds), for the purpose of paying costs of improving storm water drainage facilities including but not limited to storm sewers, ditches, backflow prevention devices, wetland construction, catch basins and other facilities for the retention and control of waters, together with together with all necessary appurtenances thereto and acquiring any real estate or interests in real estate necessary therefor, as designated in the plans approved or to be approved by Council (the improvement):

1. The estimated life or period of usefulness of the improvement is at least five years.

2. The estimated maximum maturity of the Bonds, calculated in accordance with Section 133.20 of the Revised Code, is 40 years. If notes in anticipation of the Bonds are outstanding later than the last day of December of the fifth year following the year of issuance of the original issue of notes, the period in excess of those five years shall be deducted from the maximum maturity of the Bonds.

3. The maximum maturity of the Notes is April 12, 2043, which is 20 years from April 12, 2023 the date of issuance of the original notes issued for this purpose. Signed February 13, 2026 by Jeremy Flaker, Director of Finance, City of Barberton, Ohio.

It was moved by Mr. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, 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. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, that **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2026 BE ADOPTED**. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This was the First Reading. The Second Reading will be on Monday, March 9, 2026 and the Third and Final Reading will be on Monday, March 23, 2026.

This ended the First Readings.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

There are none

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 8 - 2026

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK & MS. GEARHART TITLE: ADOPTION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT CODE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW CITY OF BARBERTON DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck, seconded by Ms. Gearhart, that **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2026 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

TO THE BARBERTON TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (TIRC) :

Stacy Carr & Cory Hunt

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and seconded by Mrs. Miller to appoint Stacy Carr to the Barberton Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and seconded by Mrs. Miller to appoint Cory Hunt to the Barberton Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

TO THE BARBERTON HOUSING COUNCIL per ORC 3735.65-3735.70

William Judge & Cory Hunt

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and seconded by Mrs. Miller to appoint Mayor William Judge to the Barberton Housing Council per ORC 3735.65-.3735.70. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Beck and seconded by Mrs. Miller to appoint Cory Hunt to the Barberton Housing Council per ORC 3735.65-.3735.70. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Comments

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

No Comments

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor stated he had no comments.

With nothing further, it was moved by Mr. Stoll and seconded by Mrs. Miller to adjourn. All Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:56 P. M.

Shorter Griffin
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council