

Council met in **REGULAR SESSION** on Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:42 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 Ms. Gearhart, Ward Five (5).

The Clerk called the roll: Members present: President Griffin, Mr. Stoll, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hager, Mr. Poorman, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Beck, 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, March 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 February, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2026

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT BUTCHER AND SONS
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT
WITH BUTCHER AND SONS FOR THE 2026 RESIDENTIAL DEMOLITION PROGRAM, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 39- 2026

PRESENTED BY MR. HARRIS TITLE: AMENDING BARBERTON CODIFIED
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1604 OHIO AND NATIONAL FIRE CODES
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BARBERTON CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1604 TITLED “OHIO
AND NATIONAL FIRE CODES” TO REFLECT AN UPDATE IN THE INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE,
UPDATED WORDING IN SECTION 1604.15, AND THE ADDITION OF SECTION 1604.19 “FIRE
DEPARTMENT SPECIALITY FEES”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023
“BARBERTON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES RELIEF PROGRAM” AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2023, BY AMENDING SECTION 2(B), SECTION 2(C), REMOVING THE INCOME
THRESHOLD, AND ADDING NEW WORDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. STOLL TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
VERDANTAS LLC AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH VERDANTAS LLC FOR THE WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL CENTER’S NO FEASIBLE (NFA) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$685,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 42 - 2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: AUTHORIZE PAYMENT ROETZEL AND
ANDRESS AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY AN
INVOICE TO ROETZEL AND ANDRESS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,613.50 FOR LEGAL SERVICES
RENDERED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2026

PRESENTED BY MRS. BECK TITLE: ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEXT NATURE
ENVIRONMENTAL HARTER PARK RENOVATION AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH NEXT NATURE ENVIRONMENTAL
TO DEISGN AND IMPLEMENT THE UPCOMING HARTER PARK RENOVATION PROJECT USING
THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUND ALLOCATION OF
\$125,000, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: CITY OF BARBERTON 135TH ANNIVERSARY
250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON COMMEMORATING THE 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF OHIO
COLUMBUS BARBER’S FILING OF THE INCORPORATION DOCUMENTS ON MARCH 23, 1891 AND
CELEBRATING FOUNDERS DAY WHICH WAS PROCLAIMED AS MARCH 23, 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.

This ended the Consent Agenda.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

During the Finance Committee Meeting this evening the following Ordinance was discussed and by majority vote of committee, Council Rule 702 was invoked to suspend Council Rules 302 (The Ten (10)-Day Rule, Council Rule 304, (Not on Agenda), and Council Rule 401 (Not Called for at Committee of the Whole). The Clerk read the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. POORMAN TITLE: MICHAEL LEMLEY COMPENSATION
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO PLACE MICHAEL LEMLEY,
GENERAL FOREMAN UTILITIES IN THE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION DEPARTMENT,
AT PAY GRADE 6/STEP 9, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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. 45-2026 BE ADOPTED.** All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. MOORE TITLE: LOSS OF CONFIDENCE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN
THE CITY OF BARBERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

This was the Second Reading. The First Reading was on Monday, Monday, March 9, 2026. The Third and Final Reading will be on Monday, April 13, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2026

PRESENTED BY MR. MOORE TITLE: LOSS OF CONFIDENCE PARKS COMMISSION
CHAIR A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING A LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE MAYOR'S
DECISION TO NOT ADHERE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO REMOVE
THE CHAIR OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This was the Second Reading. The First Reading was on Monday, Monday, March 9, 2026. The Third and Final Reading will be on Monday, April 13, 2026.

This ended the Second Readings.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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.

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

It was moved by Mr. Poorman, seconded by Mr. Stoll, that **ORDINANCE NO. 24-2026 BE ADOPTED**. All Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

This ends the Third Readings.

APPOINTMENTS

There are none.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Greer stated that the Clerk has turned in her notice and pointed out that a job description and copy of the advertisement being placed was in the packet for each Councilmember. No comments or remarks were stated.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE BODY

Mr. Shreve, Service Director pointed out that the Building and Zoning Appeals Board has a change of date for the month of April. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the normal time. This is a one time change.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor began his comments by stated that the Change for Change will be held this Friday at the Civitan Club to benefit Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM). Also, this Saturday will be "*Remembering the Magic*". The 1976 Barberton Magic State Champion Basketball team players will be at the high school and speaking on their memories of that time and honoring Coach Jack Greynolds and his career coaching basketball in the Barberton School System.

The Mayor stated that now that the budget (Ordinance 24-2026) has been passed there will be many projects around the city able to move forward. The Mayor stated that if anyone has questions regarding any projects or programs to reach out and ask.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:01 P. M.

Shorter Griffin
President of Council

Laura J. Ries-Price
Clerk of Council