

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Organizational Council Meeting

January 5, 2026

Call to Order:

Mr. Brillhart, as senior member, at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mrs. Cebula, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present; Ms. Willis-Guarneri, present.

Mr. Brillhart accepted nominations for Temporary Chair. Ms. Nichols-Rhodes nominated Mrs. Spinner. There were no further nominations. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Mrs. Spinner is Temporary Chair.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mrs. Cebula, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Mr. James, present; Ms. Loza, present; Ms. Nichols-Rhodes, present; Mr. Siegferth, present; Mrs. Spinner, present; Mr. Stams, present; Ms. Willis-Guarneri, present.

Invocation:

Mrs. Spinner

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Siegferth

Mrs. Spinner accepted nominations for President of Council. Mr. Brillhart nominated Russ Balthis. There were no further nominations. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Mr. Balthis was elected President of Council and was sworn in by Mayor Walters.

Mr. Balthis accepted nominations for Council Clerk. Ms. Loza nominated Dana Capriulo. There were no further nominations. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Ms. Capriulo was appointed Clerk of Council and was sworn in by Mayor Walters.

Mr. Balthis accepted nominations for President Pro Tem. Mr. Brillhart nominated Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. There were no further nominations. Motion passed unanimously, voice vote (11-0). Ms. Nichols-Rhodes is President Pro Tem and was sworn in by Mayor Walters.

Mr. Balthis appointed a five-person Committee-on-Committees and Seating consisting of Mrs. Spinner, as Chair, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Balthis, Mr. Brillhart and Ms. Nichols-Rhodes.

Mr. Brillhart moved to recess into a Committee-on-Committees, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Council recessed into a Committee-on-Committees at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Reports of Council's Special Committees

Mrs. Spinner moved to approve and adopt the Standing Committee assignments, Boards and Commissions appointments, and seating arrangement with a favorable recommendation, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Mr. Brillhart moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council