

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting

February 23, 2026

- Call to Order:** Mr. Balthis at 6:32 p.m.
- Roll Call:** Mr. Ashton, present; Mr. Balthis, present; Mr. Brillhart, present; Mrs. Cebula, present; Mr. DeRemer, present; Ms. Loza, 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
- Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the February 17, 2026 Special Council Meeting were approved as written.
- Reports and Communications:** None

New Legislation
(First Reading)

No New Legislation

Reports of Council's Standing Committees
(Third Reading)

Planning & Zoning:

No Report.

Finance & Appropriations:

Temp. Ord. A-9

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to enter into settlement of a legal claim, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Nichols-Rhodes moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-9, second by Mr. Brillhart. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Improvements:

Temp. Ord. A-10

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts, according to law, for the annual resurfacing and/or repair of various streets as described in Exhibit

‘A’ attached hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Falls and authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a contract or contracts for pavement preservation on various streets within the City, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Ashton moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-10, second by Mr. DeRemer. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Public Affairs:

Temp. Ord. A-12

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a NOPEC Energized Community Grant Agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Inc., for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-12, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Temp. Ord. A-13

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract or contracts to transfer real property known as Open Space Block E in the Woodland Preserves Subdivision, Cuyahoga Falls, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Loza moved to adopt Temp. Ord. A-13, second by Mr. Stams. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0).

Community Development:

No Report.

Schedule of Committee Meetings

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| Planning & Zoning: | Subject to Call. |
| Finance: | Subject to Call. |
| Public Improvements: | Subject to Call. |
| Public Affairs: | Subject to Call. |
| Community Development: | Subject to Call. |

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. Bryan Hoffman, Finance Director, presented Report 21 to Council. In the General Fund, they have not received any property tax. They do not receive that advancement of funds until at least February and get the first-half settlement usually at the end of April or beginning of May. The Local Government, County and State of Ohio Line Items are up approximately 11 percent over

2025. That is the only area they have been looking at in the General Fund and have not noticed any significant changes. The Municipal Income Tax Fund is down about \$200,000 from the 2025 total for the first month of the year. Throughout the collection data that they have, they are still anticipating the budget number will be good with income tax revenue collections in 2026 over 2025. They will have flat income tax from 2024, 2025, and 2026 and so it is a concern that they have not seen growth in income tax, but this is very similar to other communities.

The Street Construction Maintenance Repair Fund Line Item for Personal Services and Other Operations is higher than 2025. That is due to the harsh winter conditions this January. They do budget for that every year. The past several years, they have not had harsh winters and have had budgetary savings in the Street Maintenance Repair Fund. In the Leisure Time Fund, revenue for the Natatorium in 2026 picked up 3.8 percent over 2025. In membership numbers, they are holding steady in 2026. Waterworks is selling preseason passes. The golf course has not had a lot of activity due to the weather, but Downview Sports has seen some activity primarily due to the driving range, so there will be some revenue coming in from Downview. All the other numbers for one month are coming in as planned.

Mr. Stams asked if the City, on behalf of its taxpayers, has had any discussions or are there any plans to invoice the Federal Government for the illegal tariffs that have been put upon citizens the last year. Mr. Hoffman stated he is not aware of any discussions concerning invoicing the Federal Government for any revenues or any cost associated with tariffs. He would be happy to look into any remedies that the City could take on behalf of the residents regarding any sort of tariff cost to them that would be reimbursable by the Federal Government.

Mr. Balthis thanked all the City employees who have worked many hours of overtime with the incredibly cold temperatures repairing water lines and clearing roads. This weather has been horrific from an infrastructure point of view, so thanks to all City staff that keep things moving.

Mr. Brillhart moved to adjourn, second by Ms. Nichols-Rhodes. Motion passed, voice vote (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Russ Balthis, Council President

Dana M. Capriulo, Clerk of Council