

**CITY OF READING, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 07, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

For the full detail of this evening's Council Meeting, please visit www.watchreadingohio.com.

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President of Council, Kevin Mattscheck, led those in attendance in a prayer and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger, & Mrs. Eadicicco.

OTHER CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bo Bemmes, Law Director Dave Stevenson, Treasurer Brenda Owens, Auditor Sabrina Smith & Clerk of Council Carla Bronner.

Mayor Bo Bemmes offered his condolences to the family of former City of Reading Police Officer, Dennis Daley who passed away on March 30, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 24, 2026, Council Minutes Meeting made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger. Motion carried by voice vote.

AUDIENCE ASKING PARTICIPATION:

(1) Dwight Daum – *“Public records request for all public records held by the committees of council, council itself, council clerk of council, mayor, or anyone in the mayor’s administration that have anything to do with planning for a new firehouse/administration building, the expansion of the police department, renovation of the stadium, and/or the transfer the stadium to the school district, including, but not limited to, emails, handwritten notes, renderings, drawings, and exhibits, along with all communications regarding scheduling of the special council meetings held in January of 2026.”*

(2) Liza Durbin

(1) Crosden Report: *“Mrs. Kroger noted changes that have been put in place in the police department. I still have several questions about how the report was initiated, and what steps were taken before the city decided to retain a consultant. I’d like clarity regarding what issues were known and when, and what remediation efforts were attempted. I would expect there were serious concerns after losing five officers, or a quarter of the workforce. Were exit interviews conducted? And if so, what themes were identified? Why did it take so long to address the issues? Before spending such a large sum of taxpayer funds, what alternatives were considered, and why were they ruled out? Who recommended hiring a consultant? Who approved of it? And what criteria were used to select the firm?”*

(2) Levy brought up in December: *“In a December meeting, the levy was brought up. This was an emergency, and several meetings were rushed through in January. At the same time, it was stated that*

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planning had been underway for 18 months. Those two messages don't align, and many residents have felt blindsided. It would go a long way to share discussions that took place over the 18-month period, noting options that were evaluated, including alternatives to the levy, and an estimated cost of each option. Many feel that there are two separate issues and should be handled that way. Why wasn't resident input solicited through town hall, survey, or other outreach, before the levy was positioned as an emergency measure? Absent that, it doesn't feel like the residents' input was important or wanted. By comparison, other cities provided clearer project information such as future planning, project status, existing conditions, upcoming decisions, and they describe how they communicate with residents. Things like digital updates, printed publications, newsletters, and social media. Most importantly, they make a visible effort to seek resident input early. For example, through surveys and other engagement. I continue to hear about the facility tours, and now there's a town hall meeting. This should have been done before the levy was proposed, not damage control after the fact."

(3) Questioned Safety Service Director's lack of attendance at Council Meetings: *"Mr. Mayor, I asked you about the attendance of the Safety Service Director. He rarely attends city council meetings. 4 out of 24 meetings last year, 2 so far this year. With the recent issues regarding the Police and the Crosden Report, the stadium, firehouse, police, administration building levy, and the ODOT proposal, it seems he of all City employees should be at these meetings. Not only to update residents, but also answer questions. I understand staff may have competing demands, but residents need consistent public-facing updates on major projects. One of your responsibilities is to ensure he is held accountable. At the moment, it doesn't appear he is meeting his obligations, and might I note, he just received a 4% increase. Covering him by reading his reports isn't reflective of strong leadership."*

(4) Addressed Mayor Bemmes visiting a neighbor of hers that had a "Vote No" sign in their yard: *"Mr. Mayor, I heard directly from one of my neighbors, one that had a "vote no" sign, they told me you visited them, sharing information on the city website about the levy, discussing their vote, and asking them to reconsider. I don't think it's appropriate for you to go to houses that have a "vote no" sign in their yard to try and change their vote. This is intimidating, and frankly, I'd go so far as to call it unethical. They have certainly already made up their mind if they have a sign in their yard. It would've been more appropriate for you to spend time before anyone even knew about this levy, to speak with, and inform residents about these projects, and what options were looked at."*

Shelly Kroeger's Response: Requested Mrs. Durbin to email her questions to her, to which Mrs. Durbin agreed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) March 2026 Mayor's Court Monthly Disbursement Report

132 Bench warrants Issued, 239 Cases Heard & \$17,067.00 Collected

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

GUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL REPORTS:

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MAYOR: Robert “Bo” Bemmes:

Responded to Mrs. Durbin’s Comments:

- The Safety Service Director is available 24/7 for comments. He can be emailed at pross@readingohio.org, or called at City Hall. Many of the reports read at Council Meetings come from him. If any residents have any questions for him, send him an email, or me (Mr. Bemmes, rbemmes@readingohio.org). The mayor expressed that Mr. Ross’ presence at the Council Meetings is no different than if people would reach out to him via email or phone call with their questions, comments and concerns.

- The Mayor doesn’t recall any home that he may have visited that had a “Vote No” sign, where he, in Mrs. Durbin’s words, “tried to intimidate” anyone. The mayor asked Mrs. Durbin to identify which neighbor she’s referring to and he’ll apologize. The mayor went on to state that people are free to vote how they want. He did admit that he knocks on doors and has campaigned throughout his life, speaking his point of view and listening to others consistently.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter. Our annual Easter egg hunt was a great time and very well attended as we had close to 100 happy kids and many parents and grandparents.

Pool sign- ups are on the 1st three Saturdays in May (May 2nd, 9th and 16th) from 10am till noon at the VYO/Haffey Fieldhouse

Litter clean-up day will be on Saturday April 25 and we are asking that interested residents come to Koenig Parks small pavilion at 10 am where we will hand out gloves and litter bags. Our Public Works Garage will be open from 8am till 2pm on April 25 for Reading residents to bring old household items. Please no lithium batteries or paint or any hazardous materials. We will also have a dumpster for old tires.

For the year 2025 Ninety-Eight homes were sold in our City. The average sales price was \$240,000 with the average days for these homes being on the market being Five Days. These incredible stats are in large part due to the excellent public services that we provide every minute of every day, the excellent Schools that we have and the outstanding organizations we have that with the City’s help offer many great opportunities for our youth. Three long known, often discussed and debated issues that would be excellent additions for our City are, a modern facility to house our excellent Fire/EMS Department and their life saving VERY EXPENSIVE equipment, much needed room for our outstanding Police Department (The Police Departments area at City Hall would triple including their Police cruisers being parked inside when not in use, and much needed space for crime prevention, lifesaving trainings) and finally addressing our very dilapidated Stadium. We now have an issue on the ballot that would address all three. While it is never a good time to ask our residents and businesses for more of your hard earned money, allowing our facilities that directly affect all of us every day to become more outdated, poor functioning and more costly to improve is not a wise approach for us to take. Thankfully our forefathers sacrificed and accomplished major improvements for all of us that improved our daily lives and now it is our turn.

On Thursday, April 9, at 6pm we will be hosting our 9th Community Facilities Tour. The tour begins at City Hall at 6pm where all who attend will be able to ask questions concerning our plans to vastly improve our Police and Fire/EMS departments’ facilities which will vastly improve our vital safety services. We will then go to Veterans Memorial Stadium to show the state of our Community athletic/recreational facilities there and show how improvements will vastly improve opportunities for our residents of all ages. Many individuals, business leaders, schools (MND, Classical Academy, St Ursula, St Gabriel, and our Reading Community Schools) and organizations including our Reading Youth Football and Cheerleaders, Reading Youth Soccer, the Police Academy, our U S military and many others use our track and athletic fields. We will have two more facilities tours on April 15th and 25th.

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As spring athletic seasons begin I want to thank the many incredible volunteers who keep so many of our youth busy playing healthy, character-building sports through our VYO and Reading Youth Soccer and any of our other incredible organizations. It has long been known that boys and girls involved in organized sports are far less likely to get in trouble and their bodies are more likely to be strong and healthy. They are far more likely to be better students and better more productive citizens as they learn the values of hard work, teamwork and sportsmanship. They learn how to celebrate team victories together and how to gracefully accept losses again better preparing them for their futures. Nothing helps our Police, Fire/EMS and Public Works Departments more than our excellent schools and organizations that keep our youth busy doing great things.

Please call me anytime at 513-509-8619, and let's have a conversation. If I get excited during the conversation, please ask me to settle down. I'm passionate about what I do. Put a lot of time in it, a lot of research into it, a lot of waking hours into it, and the last thing I ever wanted to do was make an enemy in it. But you know what? Leadership roles, it's unfortunate. But anybody who wants to step up and do it up here, I admire you all to put yourself and your family through it, and find out what it's like. We need more people to step up.

Katie Eadicicco Comments:

- City Hall and the Fire Station have been a topic of conversation during Council meetings for as long as she can remember, even before her time on Council, dating back to when she was younger and still living at home with her parents.
- Public Input: There has been countless conversations about this stadium on the Forum, people have visited Council to speak, members of Reading Youth Football, coaches, volunteers, and board members came to speak about the stadium. Mrs. Eadicicco has been discussing the stadium since she started on Council in 2020. The topic of the stadium was discussed back with Frank Carnevale was Mayor, well over 30 years ago, pointing out that this is definitely not a new issue and that it has been kicked down the road plenty. Mrs. Eadicicco thinks that Public Input is one of the things that *did* lead this Council to where this topic has landed. Mrs. Kroeger also added that July of 2025 the news did a story on the stadium.

Bob Boehner Comments:

- Pointed out that he was on Council with Frank Carnevale and explained that the reason Council decided not move forward was because that property was deemed to be more valuable for a business at the time. Also, the railroad track behind it was, at that time, used a lot and that would be a problem.
- Addressed the Mayor in saying that he'd appreciate concrete information about what he's done since the Police Report came out. Mr. Boehner acknowledges that the Mayor has been working on it, but would like a report given to Council so that they're all aware of what's going on. Mrs. Kroeger added that she gave a whole report on it not long ago.
- Stated that he has issues getting timely responses from the Safety Service Director, Patrick Ross, and that when responses do eventually come, they're always at the last minute.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: Patrick Ross: *(No Report, Absent)*

LAW DIRECTOR: Dave Stevenson: *(No Report)*

TREASURER: Brenda Owens: *(Absent, Report given by Finance Committee Chairman, Andy Bronner)*

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**City of Reading
March 2026 Income Tax Receipt Summary
With Prior Years Comparison**

Individual Residents Income Taxes

	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 25 to 26
January	\$97,988	\$140,011	\$107,314	\$77,445	-27.8%
February	\$62,179	\$73,859	\$63,674	\$76,725	20.5%
March	\$120,959	\$127,546	\$133,559	\$175,888	31.7%
April	\$441,112	\$479,159	\$501,122		
May	\$73,112	\$73,028	\$45,617		
June	\$117,960	\$80,804	\$103,558		
July	\$35,819	\$29,749	\$18,836		
August	\$34,271	\$62,099	\$39,350		
September	\$86,325	\$77,164	\$71,634		
October	\$52,893	\$47,668	\$84,036		
November	\$25,276	\$66,383	\$74,229		
December	\$49,879	\$130,517	\$45,375		
Yearly Totals	\$1,197,773	\$1,387,987	\$1,288,304	\$330,058	
YTD Progress	\$281,125	\$341,416	\$304,547	\$330,058	8.4%

Payroll Withholding Income Taxes

	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 25 to 26
January	\$699,906	\$721,376	\$667,033	\$662,030	-0.8%
February	\$483,701	\$495,911	\$565,608	\$582,773	3.0%
March	\$477,447	\$561,572	\$561,705	\$532,355	-5.2%
April	\$701,491	\$733,139	\$732,277		
May	\$480,917	\$502,943	\$546,264		
June	\$475,836	\$585,100	\$645,009		
July	\$671,451	\$561,747	\$578,310		
August	\$459,951	\$547,775	\$544,493		
September	\$491,289	\$546,441	\$541,657		
October	\$580,966	\$575,534	\$584,812		
November	\$482,419	\$539,195	\$661,935		
December	\$469,943	\$605,426	\$518,050		
Yearly Totals	\$6,475,316	\$6,976,158	\$7,147,153	\$1,777,158	
YTD Progress	\$1,661,054	\$1,778,858	\$1,794,346	\$1,777,158	-1.0%

Business Profits Income Taxes

	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 25 to 26
January	\$21,712	\$72,579	\$95,461	\$21,302	-77.7%
February	\$17,868	\$30,745	\$56,538	\$23,752	-58.0%
March	\$100,690	\$58,593	\$58,013	\$36,568	-37.0%
April	\$231,557	\$162,557	\$222,222		
May	\$13,048	\$26,006	\$29,170		
June	\$136,640	\$143,130	\$148,898		
July	\$32,265	\$70,851	\$59,569		
August	\$38,469	\$56,349	\$14,598		
September	\$118,498	\$108,430	\$158,586		
October	\$18,497	\$16,253	\$50,267		
November	\$76,898	\$57,636	\$2,299		
December	\$53,959	\$45,256	\$52,632		
Yearly Totals	\$860,101	\$848,385	\$948,252	\$81,621	
YTD Progress	\$140,269	\$161,918	\$210,012	\$81,621	-61.1%

Total Income Taxes Collected

	2023	2024	2025	2026	% Change 25 to 26
January	\$819,606	\$933,966	\$869,808	\$760,777	-12.5%
February	\$563,747	\$600,514	\$685,820	\$683,250	-0.4%
March	\$699,095	\$747,711	\$753,278	\$744,811	-1.1%
April	\$1,374,159	\$1,374,855	\$1,455,621		
May	\$567,077	\$601,977	\$621,052		
June	\$730,436	\$809,034	\$897,460		
July	\$739,534	\$662,347	\$656,715		
August	\$532,692	\$666,223	\$598,441		
September	\$696,112	\$732,034	\$771,877		
October	\$652,357	\$639,455	\$719,115		
November	\$584,593	\$663,214	\$738,463		
December	\$573,781	\$781,199	\$616,057		
Yearly Totals	\$8,533,190	\$9,212,530	\$9,383,706	\$2,188,837	
YTD Progress	\$2,082,448	\$2,282,192	\$2,308,906	\$2,188,837	-5.2%

Total Refunds	2023	\$666,149	2024	\$104,275	2025	\$128,186	2026	\$24,447
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Brenda A. Owens- Treasurer 04/02/26

AUDITOR: Sabrina Smith: *(Absent, Report submitted electronically)*

March is now closed. The Monthly Statement of Cash will be added to today's minutes. Transfers have been made through March 2026.

We have our Pre-Audit Conference on Thursday, April 9 at 3pm with Renee Hernandez from the Auditor of State's Office. This is for Fiscal Years 2024 & 2025.

We are well into the Second Quarter with Payables and all things Finance. Our departments are working hard to get all documentation entered in a timely manner. April is a busy time at City Hall. Every department has a piece of this busy time.

I turned in a Scholarship Application to attend the Finance Officer Training in Sandusky, OH in June (\$1400). I should find out if I receive the scholarship later this month.

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**City of Reading
Monthly Statement of Cash**

As Of: 3/31/2026

Funds: 1101 to 9999

Include Inactive Accounts: No

Fund	Description	Beginning Bal.	MTD Increases	MTD Decreases	Ending Bal.
1101	GENERAL FUND	\$1,928,029.56	\$223,538.20	\$1,040,716.24	\$1,110,851.52
1220	CITY EARNINGS TAX	\$5,172,697.77	\$770,996.15	\$54,148.85	\$5,889,545.07
1801	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	\$11,621.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,621.13
1827	SEWER SERVICE FEE	\$667,143.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$667,143.21
1835	ACCURED SICK & VAC PAY	\$166,324.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166,324.46
2210	STREET MAINTENANCE	\$796,514.57	\$71,104.29	\$56,490.23	\$811,128.63
2215	STATE HIGHWAY	\$271,584.99	\$5,765.23	\$112,390.00	\$164,960.22
2222	MAYORS COURT COMPUTER	\$2,138.85	\$865.00	\$4,126.63	(\$1,122.78)
2223	DUI ENFORCEMENT	\$14,642.00	\$50.00	\$110.00	\$14,582.00
2225	EPA BROWNSFIELD GRANT	\$77,818.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77,818.78
2230	Streets & Curbs	\$736,532.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$736,532.99
2245	DRUG ENFORCEMENT	\$79,416.54	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$79,196.54
2260	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE	\$312,212.01	\$7,983.75	\$8,500.00	\$311,695.76
2265	ALCOHOL EDUCATION	\$12,715.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,715.28
2275	MUNICIPAL ROAD	\$11,653.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,653.63
2401	FEMA	\$241,272.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$241,272.00
2501	COVID RELIEF FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3430	GENERAL SINKING	\$5,102.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,102.95
3432	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	\$384.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$384.72
4240	STADIUM	\$239,547.76	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$245,047.76
4242	FIRE/EMS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$531,129.72	\$70,533.81	\$111,012.36	\$490,651.17
4243	POLICE & FIRE COMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4340	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	\$918,495.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$918,495.28
4341	STADIUM TRACK IMPROVEMENT	\$273.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273.85
4343	GROWTH FUND	\$674,552.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$674,552.57
4370	READING ROAD DEV	\$494.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$494.70
4380	OPWC SCIP	\$2,306.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.02
5433	WATER NOTE	\$728.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$728.23
5605	WATER	\$273,355.85	\$196,292.27	\$188,456.34	\$281,191.78
5608	WATER TRUST	\$143,715.25	\$1,423.30	\$463.18	\$144,675.37
8825	SEWAGE DISP TRUST	\$1,374,512.03	\$258,128.12	\$239,653.36	\$1,392,986.79
9999	Payroll Clearing Fund	\$53,943.52	\$506,621.04	\$506,349.38	\$54,215.18
Grand Total:		\$14,720,860.22	\$2,118,801.16	\$2,322,636.57	\$14,517,024.81

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Andy Bronner

There are 2 ordinances on the agenda for consideration tonight. The first is an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase 2 Police Ballistic Shields. If approved, the expenditure will not exceed \$14,000 and will be taken from the Special Capital Projects Fund. The second would authorize the Safety Service Director to purchase and equip 2 police cruisers. This total expenditure shall not exceed \$131,000 and will also be taken from the Special Capital Projects Fund.

UTILITIES, LANDS & BUILDINGS: Mark Bishop (No Report)

ZONING, PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT: Dave Powell: (No Report)

LAWS & CONTRACTS: Katie Eadicicco

My committee is working on finding information regarding a full-time grant writer. I've talked to Linda and I'm researching what cities similar in size/budget to Reading are doing and I'm gathering information and thoughts from our city's administration.

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My thoughts about the grant writer position are that it could be beneficial as long as the position not only pays for itself, but goes above and beyond in securing funds. For the position to break even and only pay for itself seems to defeat the purpose to me. That's not really helping the city budget.

That said, I'm doing some research as to whether the position could be part-time and how much over their salary would they have to bring in to make the position worth it.

Once I get more information together, I'll schedule a committee meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Shelly Kroeger:

Police Department run count for March 2026

Calls for service	1,333
Auto Accidents	46
Booking Original Charges	94
Total Criminal Charges	154

Citations Issued

Hamilton County	4
Arlington Heights	27
Juvenile	3
Reading Mayor's	100
Total Citations	134

Fire Departments run count for March 2026

EMS Responses	205
Fire Responses	56
Total Responses	261

Police Runs

- 3rd St. - Reported theft of car title from glove box of car
- Reading Rd. – victim reported being held at gun point while her purse and vehicle were stolen. The purse and vehicle were recovered in Springfield Twsp. after a FLOCK camera hit
- W. Benson St – victim reported her vehicle missing from city lot that she had parked in the month before.
The vehicle was located 2 days later parked on Pike St.
- E. Galbraith Rd. – Fatal car accident; being investigated by the Sheriff's Dept.; Alcohol suspected
- Reading Rd. – The Lounge; sex crime reported in the bar; investigation continues
- Elm St. – Burglary
- Pike St. - Theft of child's electric car
- Walnut St. – Theft of Amazon package
- 9000 Reading Rd. – American Legion for male that was nude in his truck. Subject located and was in possession of drugs
- 9000 Reading Rd. – American Legion Bar for subject with a gun. Subject was located and arrested
- Lakeshore Dr. – Criminal damaging for a vehicle with broken window
- Reading Rd. Auto theft. Vehicle was located in Colerain, suspect arrested

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Fire Department News

- Chief Owens attended the Reading Schools Safety Committee meeting on March 10th
- Multiple members provided fire and EMS coverage for the Presidential visit to Thermo Fisher on March 11th
- Asst. Chief Androne and Chief Owens attended the Business Roundtable held at the UC campus on March 18th
- Captain Burwinkel and Chief Owens attended the SW Ohio EMS protocol meeting on March 20th
- Met with representatives from Amberley Village to discuss potential Hatzalah implementation on March 23rd
- Asst. Chief Androne attended the Reading Elementary Career Day on March 24th
- Chief Owens attended the Safety Committee of Council meeting on March 24th
- Final inspection of the new engine was completed at the E-One plant in Ocala, Florida, from March 30 to April 1
- Multiple firehouse and city hall informational tours facilitated.

SERVICE: Bob Boehner:

Reading Public Works Council Report April 7, 2026

City crews have been picking up brush and leaves

City crews have made asphalt repairs throughout the city

City crew cleaned out the roof drain at City hall

City crew poured curbing back on JudiAnn Ct

City crew repaired the road way at Reading & Illinois Ave

City crews made some road repairs on Siebenthaler Dr

City repaired the glass block at the old pump house

City crews cleaned up the off ramps to Ronald Regan and trimmed the weeds

City crews repaired catch basin at 9655 Reading Rd and 2461 Galbraith Rd

City crews moved the soccer goals to the proper locations throughout the City

City crew repaired a guard rail that got struck on East Columbia near the High school

City crews repaired a storm sewer at the dead end of Carol Dr

City crew removed all the Christmas decorations

City crews repaired water line at the service garage

City crew participated in touch a truck at the Reading high school

City crew repaired water main leak on Dorian Dr

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RECREATION: Scott Thamann:

Hyde Park Landscaping has begun work on the David Schworer and Banjo Memorial Dog Park this afternoon.

The water has been turned on for all of our public restrooms and water fountains. Thanks to our Public Works employees for taking care of this.

On April 25, we will have our Clean Up Day. If you want to participate and help clean an area of the city, please report to the small pavilion at Koenig Park at 10:00 a.m. Supplies will be provided.

Sign-ups for pool passes and the first session of swim lessons will begin on Saturday, May 2. Sign up inside Haffey Fieldhouse. We will have sign-up opportunities on May 2, May 9, and May 16, from 10 a.m to noon each day.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Katie Eadicicco: I've been talking to Mark Bishop about the city's website and more ways to communicate with the public. I believe Mark has gotten some great information together and I would like to make a motion to put updating and reworking the city's website into the Utilities Lands and Buildings Committee.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Boehner to place this into the Utilities, Lands and Buildings committee. Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

Mrs. Kroeger suggested a digital sign at a major intersection in Reading to assist with better communication with the City. Motion made by Mrs. Kroeger, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to place this topic into the Utilities, Lands & Buildings committee. Motion carried by 7-0 roll call vote.

Mr. Bishop called his next Utilities, Lands & Buildings committee for April 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION:

READING OF RESOLUTIONS:

(1) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT MEMORANDUM OF INTENT WITH READING COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOLS IN REGARDS TO RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AT THE STADIUM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Second Reading)*

Resolution was declared a second reading only.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-11R

(2) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY AGGREGATION CONSULTANT AND TO ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM TO STABILIZE AND TO REDUCE COSTS AS NEEDED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Dan Deters of Energy Alliances gave deeper insight into current pricing and explained why they're requesting Council to give the Safety Service Director the authority to turn the best contract around once it is identified by Energy

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Alliances.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner, to suspend the rule that requires a second & third reading. Motion carried by a 6-0-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “yes,” and Mr. Bishop recused himself from the vote). Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Bronner to adopt the resolution. Motion carried by a 6-0-1 roll call vote (Mr. Powell, Mr. Bronner, Mr. Boehner, Mr. Thamann, Mrs. Kroeger & Mrs. Eadicicco voting “yes,” and Mr. Bishop recused himself from the vote).

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

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READING OF ORDINANCES:

(1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE BALLISTIC SHIELDS.

Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mr. Boehner, to suspend the rule that requires a second & third reading. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mr. Bronner, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the ordinance as amended. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

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(2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND EQUIP SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Mr. Boehner, seconded by Mrs. Eadicicco to suspend the rule that requires a second & third reading. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote. Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mr. Boehner to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-13

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Katie Eadicicco

I sent out the updated Rules and Regulations Regarding Council Procedure. We discussed them at our last meeting. I have not made any changes since I first sent them out after my committee reviewed them. I would like to make a motion to approve the latest copy of the Rules and Regulations Regarding Council Procedure.

Motion made by Mrs. Eadicicco, seconded by Mrs. Kroeger to adopt the newly revised Council Rules.
Motion carried by voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Boehner moved to adjourn. Mrs. Kroeger seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

X _____
Carla Bronner
Clerk of Council

X _____
Katie Eadicicco
President of Council, Pro-Tem