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Summary

- City Council approved the 2025 street resurfacing program in Temporary Ordinance B-12. The ordinance was unanimously approved (11-0). This includes 44 streets throughout the city. See this [Signal Akron story](#) for a list of streets.
- City Council approved multiple grant-related ordinances. These include entering into [Northern Ohio Public Energy Council's \(NOPEC\) Energized Community Grant](#) and appropriating [Community Development Block Grant](#) carryover funds for 2025

Follow-Up Questions

- Why do they just call a question for every ordinance but never actually ask a question? (Editor's note: In Roberts Rules of Order, which many public bodies use to guide discussion, to end a debate and move to a vote the question is called (with somebody saying "I call the question." A two-thirds vote is needed to end debate and immediately move to a vote on the motion.)
- When are their committee meetings? Are they just at the same time or during regular council? (Editor's note: Committee meetings are held during council

meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 6:30 p.m., meeting only when pending committee business is at hand.)

Notes

- Council President and At-Large Member Russ Balthis started the meeting at 6:30 p.m.
 - Council Members present: Rachel Loza (Ward 1), Susan Spinner (Ward 2), Meika Marie-Penta (Ward 3), Joe Siegferth (Ward 4), Michael Brillhart (Ward 5), Gary DeRemer (Ward 6), Frank Stams (Ward 8), Jerry James (President Pro-Tem), Mary Nichols-Rhodes and Brian Ashton (At-Large)
- The previous meeting minutes from the Jan. 13 committee meetings and regular meeting passed without objection
 - Council did not take a vote, they asked for objections and the minutes passed without objection
- [City Council Clerk Dana Capriulo](#) said there are no readings of petitions, claims, communications or reports from city officials

New ordinances and resolutions

- Capriulo read the following Temporary Ordinances (Temp. Ord.) to be voted on next meeting
 - Temp. Ord. B-14: Contracts for [RiverLoop](#) and Riverfront Parkway enhancements and boardwalk repair, and Portage Trail Bridge lighting improvements
 - Temp. Ord. B-15: A third modifications contract with [Environmental Design Group](#)

Reports of Council's standing committees

- Spinner said the Planning and Zoning Committee has one ordinance to approve
 - Capriulo said Temp. Ord. B-9 approves a conditional use permit at 41 Steels Corners Road for Falls Investment Properties LLC, ([Valley Motors](#)) recommended by the planning commission
 - Spinner said the committee is in favor and recommends approval
 - Spinner moved to approve
 - Brillhart seconded
 - Brillhart called a question
 - Passed unanimously (11-0)
- Rhodes said the Finance and Appropriations Committee has one ordinance to approve
 - Capriulo said Temp. Ord. B-11 appropriates [Community Development Block](#)

- [Grant](#) carryover funds for 2025
 - Nichols-Rhodes said the committee is in favor and recommends approval
 - Nichols-Rhodes moved to approve
 - Brillhart seconded
 - Passed unanimously (11-0)
- Penta said the Public and Industrial Improvements Committee has one ordinance to approve
 - Capriulo said Temp. Ord. B-12 is the 2025 Cuyahoga Falls street resurfacing program
 - Penta said the committee is in favor and recommends approval
 - Penta moved to approve
 - Brillhart seconded
 - James called a question
 - Passed unanimously (11-0)
- Loza said the Public Affairs Committee has one ordinance to approve
 - Capriulo said Temp. Ord. B-13 enters into a grant agreement with [Northern Ohio Public Energy Council Inc.'s Energized Community Grant](#) Agreement for energy efficiency or energy infrastructure projects
 - Loza said the committee is in favor and recommends approval
 - Loza moved to approve
 - Ashton seconded
 - A council member called a question
 - Passed unanimously (11-0)
- Siegferth said the Community Development Committee has one ordinance to approve
 - Capriulo said Temp. Ord. B-8 approves Dale and Shelley Llewellyn's application to place their property (1949 Theiss Road) into an agricultural district
 - Siegferth moved to approve
 - Spinner called a question
 - Passed unanimously
- The next meeting will be Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Planning and Zoning, Finance and Appropriations, Public Affairs, and Community Development committees are subject to call
 - Planning and Zoning will have a public hearing on March 17
 - Public and Industrial Improvements will meet Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Public comment

- A community member said he runs a ministry on Bishop Street. He said council's responsibility and professionalism around city issues was inspiring.
 - Balthis said he appreciated his kind words
- The meeting ended at 6:41 p.m.