



City of Gahanna

Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole

200 South Hamilton Road
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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Merisa K. Bowers
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Kaylee Padova
Stephen A. Renner
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Jeremy A. VanMeter, Clerk of Council

Monday, January 12, 2026

7:00 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Gahanna City Council met for Committee of the Whole on Monday, January 12, 2026, in Council Chambers. Vice President of Council Jamille Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The agenda was published on January 9, 2026. All members were present for the meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

B. ITEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

[MT-0001-2026](#) A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA BIDDING FOR THE 2026 STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Vice President Jamille Jones opened the agenda item from the Department of Parks and Recreation and recognized Director Stephania Ferrell. Director Ferrell stated that she had three items for Council consideration, all related to competitive bidding. She presented the first item as a request for permission to bid the Street Tree Planting Program. She explained that the program prioritized replacement trees and that residents would receive notification prior to any planting, with the opportunity to opt into the program. She noted that this marked the third year of the program and that, due to available funding and continued commitment to the effort, the program had reached the threshold requiring competitive bidding. She formally requested a motion granting permission to bid the Street Tree Planting Program. Vice President Jones asked whether there were any questions or discussion.

President Trenton Weaver thanked Director Ferrell and expressed enthusiasm for the program's progress. He asked whether the program targeted large areas with significant tree removals, particularly those involving hazardous tree replacements. Director Ferrell confirmed that this was correct. President Weaver then asked whether the City maintained a map or

parcel list for the proposed plantings or whether potential vendors would propose locations within the scope of work. Director Ferrell responded that staff had identified a list of approximately 120 trees eligible for the program, but the final list of plantings would not be established until residents received notification letters and opted into the program. President Weaver thanked Director Ferrell and stated that he had no further questions.

Councilmember Kaylee Padova stated that she was looking ahead to both the Street Tree Planting Program and the Street Tree Pruning Program. She asked whether bids for both programs would likely come from the same companies and whether there was a reason the two scopes of work were not combined, or whether they could be combined if the same vendor submitted the lowest bid for both. Director Ferrell explained that separating the scopes of work allowed the City to better understand the value of each service independently. She noted that while the same vendor could potentially be awarded both contracts, separating the programs remained beneficial for evaluation purposes. Councilmember Padova then asked whether the City could request better pricing if the same vendor were awarded both contracts. Director Ferrell replied that the competitive bid process governed pricing and that the City was limited to the bids received through that process.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

MT-0002-2026

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA BIDDING FOR THE 2026 STREET TREE PRUNING PROGRAM

Director Ferrell introduced the second item and noted that it related to the same overall effort but involved a different scope of work. She stated that care of the City's existing tree canopy remained a priority and that consistent management, including pruning, remained necessary to sustain that initiative. She requested a motion granting permission to bid the Street Tree Pruning Program. Vice President Jones asked whether there were any questions.

Councilmember Nancy McGregor asked whether this marked the first year the City had pursued a contract for street tree pruning. Director Ferrell confirmed that this marked the first large contract of that nature. She added that the City had previously completed pruning along arterials to address low-hanging hazards and keep them out of the roadway and right of way.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

MT-0003-2026

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA BIDDING FOR THE ACADEMY PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

Director Stephania Ferrell presented the final item from the Department of Parks and Recreation and requested permission to bid the Academy Park Renovation Project. She explained that the project included multiple

components, including a redesigned playground, an expanded shelter house to serve as a concession area, restroom facility, and trailhead, an improved parking lot with added stormwater infrastructure, a newly surfaced basketball court, and an improved on-site trail network. She stated that funding for the project was included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Funding Request and formally requested a motion granting permission to bid the project. Vice President Jones asked for questions and recognized Councilmember Michael Schnetzer.

Councilmember Michael Schnetzer stated that he looked forward to seeing the project move forward and noted that the project had been discussed for several years. He asked whether the Parks and Recreation Department had considered potential disruptions to other programming at Academy Park, specifically referencing the Gahanna Junior League Sports "Gahanna Blast" travel baseball tournament typically held in late June or early July. He asked whether the department planned to communicate with affected stakeholders. Director Ferrell responded that staff understood the potential impact on Junior League Sports and other park user groups. She stated that the department had scheduled a meeting with Junior League representatives to discuss the construction schedule and timeline.

Councilmember Stephen Renner referenced Director Ferrell's memorandum, which discussed stormwater management and potential treatment. He stated that he did not recall this being discussed previously and noted that he reviewed meeting minutes with assistance from Clerk VanMeter that indicated it had been mentioned as a possibility. He asked whether the project would include green infrastructure and requested additional detail regarding the treatment approach. Director Ferrell responded that staff were currently working through the specifications related to a bioswale component. She stated that she would be happy to provide a follow-up discussion with more detailed information but was not prepared to elaborate further at that meeting. Councilmember Renner then asked whether the department had considered inclusive or interpretive signage to educate the public about the stormwater infrastructure and its function. Director Ferrell stated that enhancing interpretive signage represented a systemwide goal and that the department intended to expand educational opportunities related to conservation impacts throughout the park system, including this project.

Vice President Jones asked about the number of parking spaces and requested a reminder of where the project stood relative to previous discussions. Director Ferrell responded that the existing parking lot included 298 spaces and that the project would add 46 new spaces, with the intent to expand the parking lot accordingly.

Councilmember Merisa Bowers asked whether earlier concerns about the project impacting field or play areas had been addressed. Director Ferrell responded that, due to the park's design, the soccer fields and associated green space would not be impacted.

Councilmember Kaylee Padova asked whether the Goblin Trail, which she noted was well loved by the community, would be affected by the project. Director Ferrell responded that there was a strong possibility the trail would be impacted. She stated that staff would make appropriate adjustments to ensure the trail was not simply eliminated and that an alternative plan would be developed.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

C. ITEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING:

MT-0004-2026

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA BIDDING FOR THE 2026 STREET & SIDEWALK PROGRAM (ST-1122)

Senior Director Kevin Schultz presented items from the Department of Engineering. He stated that he would present two items, both requests for permission to bid, like items previously presented by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Senior Director Schultz introduced the first item as a request for permission to bid the 2026 Street and Sidewalk Program. He explained that the program included the same scope of work completed in recent years, including curb repairs, crack sealing, micro-resurfacing, and other preservation treatments on selected streets. He stated that a map attached to the agenda identified streets scheduled for crack sealing versus other maintenance activities. He formally requested permission to bid the 2026 Street and Sidewalk Program. Vice President Jones asked whether there were any questions.

President Weaver asked whether the selection of streets for the program was based on a recently completed pavement analysis or rating. Senior Director Schultz responded that the Engineering Department planned to complete the pavement assessment in the spring of 2026. He noted that the assessment had originally been scheduled for the fall but was delayed due to an insufficient number of responses to the request for proposals process.

President Weaver asked whether the list of streets could change following completion of the pavement assessment. Senior Director Schultz confirmed that the list for the current program would not change but that future programs could be affected. President Weaver then asked whether Council would be able to review the assessment data once it was completed. Senior Director Schultz stated that staff would share the information once it was compiled. Mayor Jadwin acknowledged that the data might be difficult to interpret. President Weaver stated that it would be helpful, noting that residents

frequently asked when their streets would be paved. He explained that understanding the assessment would help address questions about why some streets received repairs more frequently than others. Senior Director Schultz agreed.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

MT-0005-2026

A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GAHANNA BIDDING FOR THE 2026 SIDEWALK LOOKBACK PROGRAM (ST-1123)

Senior Director Kevin Schultz introduced the second item from the Department of Engineering as a request for permission to bid the 2026 Sidewalk Lookback Program. He explained that, following the 2021-2023 Street Program, the City elected to perform sidewalk maintenance on those same streets. He stated that this item represented the next set of streets included in the lookback program and noted that the streets were listed in the report by individual street and intersection. He formally requested permission to bid the 2026 Sidewalk Lookback Program.

Councilmember Nancy McGregor asked whether the program included driveway aprons. Senior Director Schultz responded that the program did not include driveway aprons and applied only to the pedestrian sidewalk facility running through each parcel. Councilmember McGregor asked whether driveway aprons were addressed under the first item previously discussed. Senior Director Schultz explained that apron work fell under the Street Rebuild Program, which Council had approved earlier, and clarified that the Street Rebuild Program did include full curb, gutter, and driveway apron replacement. Councilmember McGregor commented that the City had received many complaints the previous year regarding partial apron replacements and stated that half-apron work looked poor. She asked whether the City could complete full apron replacements. Senior Director Schultz responded that driveway aprons represented the most expensive concrete component of the work and that, in many cases, apron maintenance remained the responsibility of the property owner. He explained that the City followed Columbus specifications, which required a one-foot cutback into the apron to maintain proper construction standards. He noted that complaints regarding the one-foot cutback had been minimal compared to the total number of completed projects during his tenure. Councilmember McGregor stated that partial apron work created additional seams, increasing the likelihood of deterioration. Senior Director Schultz agreed that seams could contribute to deterioration but reiterated that Columbus standards governed the City's approach. He explained that the specifications required minimum slab dimensions and that staff followed these standards consistently across curb, gutter, and apron work.

Councilmember Merisa Bowers asked whether clearer communication to

homeowners could address concerns, specifically by explaining that City work included apron replacement up to the one-foot cutback and that homeowners could independently contract with the same contractor to complete full apron work. Senior Director Schultz responded that the City already notified homeowners participating in the program that cutbacks might occur. He explained that, in some cases, cutbacks on the driveway side of the sidewalk extended up to four feet to ensure proper slope and eliminate hazards. He stated that allowing contractors to split work between City and homeowner projects created administrative, billing, and warranty complications. He emphasized that homeowners retained the option to replace their driveway aprons independently. Senior Director Schultz further explained that the program had operated for several cycles and predated multiple prior city engineers. He stated that staff refined notification letters regularly and that the cutback language had been added in recent cycles. He acknowledged that staff could review the communication again for clarity. Mayor Laurie Jadwin stated that staff could review the homeowner communication to ensure clarity and make revisions if needed. Councilmember Bowers agreed that there was always room for improvement, and Mayor Jadwin remarked that her staff would confirm her preference for revisions.

Vice President Jones asked about an overlap on McCutcheon Road, noting that it appeared on both the street and sidewalk program lists, and asked whether work would occur simultaneously. Senior Director Schultz explained that the street work on McCutcheon involved a preservation sealer applied to recently completed pavement, while the sidewalk work fell under the lookback program. He stated that the street portion of McCutcheon had been completed within the previous three to four years. Vice President Jones thanked Senior Director Schultz for the clarification, asked whether there were any further questions, and stated that the item would move forward on the consent agenda for January 20.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

D. ITEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

ORD-0002-2026

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING, APPROVING, AND RATIFYING THE SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR TAX YEAR 2024

Jeff Gottke, Director of Economic Development, presented the item regarding approval to continue the post-1994 Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) tax abatements. He explained that Council considered the Tax Incentive Review Council's (TIRC) recommendation for tax year 2024, noting that the City reviewed abatements one year in arrears. He stated that Council previously approved the 2023 tax year recommendation and that the City received the

TIRC minutes in mid-December and placed the item on the agenda as soon as possible in January. Director Gottke reminded Council that state law required TIRC to recommend whether to continue, modify, or cancel existing property tax abatements. He stated that TIRC also reviewed pre-1994 reports and tax increment financing (TIF) area reports for informational purposes only. He reviewed the composition of TIRC for the year, explaining that membership varied by municipality and included representatives from the county auditor, commissioners, townships, affected school districts, and municipalities. Director Gottke outlined the reporting timeline. He stated that the Economic Development Department must submit reports to the Ohio Department of Development by March 31. He explained that staff sent reporting documents to businesses, followed up through calls, emails, and visits, and compiled the information for submission. He noted that TIRC, operating at the county level, typically met in mid-summer to review the reports and then sent recommendations back to the communities for legislative action. He stated that the City ideally completed this process within the calendar year, although multiple entities sometimes caused delays. Director Gottke explained the separate roles of the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, which reviewed existing abatements, and TIRC, which made formal recommendations to Council. He reported that 13 post-1994 abatements existed and that TIRC found all 13 in compliance and recommended continuation without modification. He noted that one abatement expired in 2024, returning approximately \$31,000 to the tax rolls. Director Gottke reviewed performance data related to job retention, job creation, and payroll. He stated that companies outside their job-creation windows exceeded their commitments, creating 593 jobs compared to 462 committed. He reported that total payroll exceeded commitments by approximately \$15.5 million, resulting in an estimated \$630,000 additional impact to the City in 2024. He explained that companies self-reported the data, and staff verified payroll with the Finance Department and physical investment with the county auditor. Director Gottke concluded his presentation.

Councilmember Merisa Bowers thanked Director Gottke and stated that she had substantive and procedural questions. She acknowledged additional context he provided by email earlier in the day and commented positively on local businesses outperforming projections. She asked about the abatement for Buckeye Elm Holdings Company LLC, created in 2020, and questioned an inconsistency indicating that job creation and payroll would occur by December 31, 2024. Director Gottke stated that the information was incorrect and clarified that the company had the entire abatement period to create the jobs. Councilmember Bowers confirmed that the abatement term was 10 years at 80 percent. Councilmember Bowers asked what would occur if, at the end of the 10-year term, the company fell short of its job-creation

commitments. Director Gottke responded that CRA abatements did not include clawback provisions. Councilmember Bowers expressed concern about that structure and asked whether guaranteed performance periods might provide better accountability. Director Gottke stated that job-creation windows of 36 or 48 months were standard but that each agreement differed, and he did not know the specifics of that abatement. Councilmember Bowers referenced a 2025 TIRC report containing an economist's study suggesting that abatements did not always deliver expected job creation, while TIFs performed better, and stated that Council should keep that in mind. Turning to procedural questions, Councilmember Bowers asked why Mifflin Township lacked representation at the TIRC meeting. Director Gottke explained that the county auditor's office issued invitations and that he did not know why the township did not attend. Councilmember Bowers noted that the City representatives listed did not match those confirmed by Council in 2024. Director Gottke stated that the confirmed representatives were unavailable and that temporary representatives attended so the City would not lack representation. Mayor Laurie Jadwin stated that staff reviewed the applicable code and believed the action taken complied with what the law permitted. Councilmember Bowers cited the Ohio Revised Code and questioned whether stand-in appointments were allowed. City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan cited Section 5709.85(A)(2), stating that the mayor appointed municipal representatives with Council concurrence. She stated that she had not been consulted before the meeting and offered to provide guidance in the future. Councilmember Bowers asked whether the representation issue affected the validity of the TIRC recommendation. City Attorney Tamilarasan stated that she needed additional time to assess potential exposure and believed there were likely no ramifications but would confirm. Mayor Jadwin asked her to also review the implications if the City had not attended the TIRC meeting. City Attorney Tamilarasan agreed. Director Gottke noted that the TIRC minutes were unofficial and stated that he observed Ms. Brant voting, although the audio recording might not reflect it clearly. He stated that corrections could occur when TIRC approved the minutes. Councilmember Bowers stated that Council would consider confirming appointees at a future meeting if needed to ensure a smooth 2025 TIRC review. She asked when Council needed to act on the TIRC recommendation. City Attorney Tamilarasan stated that Council had 60 days after receiving the county minutes to hold a meeting and vote. Director Gottke stated that the City received the minutes around December 15 or December 19 and remained within the 60-day period. He stated that this meeting was the first committee meeting after receipt.

Councilmember Nancy McGregor questioned whether the clock started when Council received the minutes. City Attorney Tamilarasan stated that the code referenced receipt by the legislative authority and that she was unsure

whether receipt by administration constituted receipt by Council. Councilmember McGregor noted that the votes were not close and questioned whether representation issues affected the outcome. Councilmember Bowers noted that was her question to the City Attorney.

Vice President Jones asked what the situation would be if the City had no representatives at all. City Attorney Tamilarasan stated that she would research that concern. Vice President Jones asked for further questions or discussion. Hearing none, she stated that the legislation would receive first reading on January 20, 2026, return to the next Committee of the Whole, and come back as a regular item on February 2, 2026, at Councilmember Bowers' request. Vice President Jones thanked Director Gottke for the presentation.

Recommendation: Introduction/First Reading on Regular Agenda on 1/20/2026; Further Discussion in Committee of the Whole on 1/26/2026; Second Reading/Adoption on Regular Agenda on 2/2/2026.

E. ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE:

Charter Review Commission Appointment Announcements

Mayor Laurie Jadwin followed up on the Council discussion from the organizational meeting on January 2, 2026, at which time Council announced its appointments to the Charter Review Commission. She explained that, because Council announced some appointments at that meeting, she delayed announcing her mayoral appointments. Mayor Jadwin announced her appointments to the 2026 Charter Review Commission and stated that the selected individuals brought a mix of professional experience, community involvement, and a commitment to public service. She appointed Richard Maxwell, Ray Mularski (consistent with the tradition of appointing the former City Attorney to the commission), and Carrin Wester. Mayor Jadwin thanked all appointees, on behalf of Council and the City, for their willingness to volunteer their time, expertise, and service to the community, and stated that she looked forward to the work of the commission in the coming months.

F. ITEMS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Padova:

Sgt. Coffee Co. Ribbon Cutting

Councilmember Kaylee Padova announced that a ribbon cutting would take place on Thursday, January 22, for SGT Coffee, which opened a coffee bar at The Well in the Creekside District at 140 N. Hight Street. She stated that the

event would occur from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and that she planned to attend and offer recognition. Councilmember Padova invited other Councilmembers to attend and asked those interested to notify Clerk VanMeter by Tuesday, January 20, 2026, so signatures could be collected at the Tuesday night meeting and materials prepared in advance of the event. She stated that she would answer any questions.

Vice President Jamille Jones asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, she thanked Councilmember Padova.

Councilmember Bowers:

[RES-0001-2026](#)

A JOINT RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 19, 2026 AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AND THE NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE IN THE CITY OF GAHANNA AND COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING RETIRED JUDGE JAMES E. GREEN FOR HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE AND JUSTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Councilmember Merisa Bowers stated that Council traditionally adopted a resolution recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the National Day of Service. She explained that this year also provided an opportunity to highlight retired Judge James Green, whom she described as one of Gahanna's strongest advocates for justice. She stated that Judge Green planned to attend the meeting and expressed enthusiasm about the recognition. She noted that Judge Green reviewed and vetted the information contained in the resolution. Councilmember Bowers stated that Judge Green served as a 31-year veteran of the municipal court and retired effective December 31, 2025. She added that his birthday occurred the previous week and expressed appreciation for recognizing him during his birthday month. She stated that Council looked forward to honoring Judge Green and his wife, Rhesa.

Vice President Jones noted that the item was a joint resolution and proclamation and thanked the Mayor for joining in the recognition. She asked whether there was any discussion.

Councilmember Nancy McGregor remarked on a police escort that accompanied Judge Green from the courthouse through Gahanna to his home and stated that the gesture appeared meaningful and well deserved.

Councilmember Bowers noted a last-minute correction to the resolution, clarifying that Judge Green served five years on the Ohio Supreme Court as an administrator rather than six years as general counsel. She stated that the corrected information appeared in the current document on Granicus.

Mayor Jadwin thanked Councilmember Bowers for the invitation to join in the joint recognition. She described Judge Green as an exceptional leader, a strong representative of Gahanna, and a phenomenal jurist. She stated that recognizing his service to both Gahanna and Franklin County would be a pleasure.

Vice President Jones asked the City Attorney for feedback. City Attorney Priya Tamilarasan stated that she practiced before Judge Green for 15 years and expressed that the recognition was well deserved. She stated her approval of the resolution.

Vice President Jones stated that the resolution would be placed on the consent agenda for January 20.

Recommendation: Introduction/Adoption on Consent Agenda on 1/20/2026.

Councilmember Jones:

2026-0002

Resolutions Calendar for 2026

Vice President Jones stated that the agenda included a list of ceremonial resolutions from the prior year. She proposed that Council review the list comprehensively and then revisit it on a quarterly basis to determine whether to continue the same resolutions, add new ones, or coordinate joint resolutions or proclamations with Mayor Jadwin. She explained that the discussion that evening would focus on the first quarter of the year. Vice President Jones noted that Council would again have a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day resolution. She referenced a cervical health awareness month resolution from the prior year and stated that no Councilmembers had expressed interest in repeating it for the current January.

Councilmember Merisa Bowers stated that, for a future January, she wanted Council to consider recognizing Human Trafficking Prevention Awareness Month. She noted that the observance often occurred quickly in January and stated that Councilmember Padova was aware of individuals working with survivors who could be recognized in conjunction with that month.

Vice President Jones stated that Council would add that item to the list for consideration in the following year. She then provided an update on Black History Month, stating that Council planned to adopt a joint resolution and proclamation. She explained that she contacted Mayor Jadwin earlier in the day and confirmed plans for a special presentation by Tom Gregory on Cora Thurman, the first African American graduate of the high school. She stated that the presentation would take place before the February 2, 2026 regular meeting, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and would include a reception with

refreshments. She explained that the goal was to invite the community to learn about Ms. Thurman's legacy in Gahanna. She thanked Clerk VanMeter for assistance in organizing the event. Vice President Jones stated that Council would formally present the resolution during the February 2 meeting to Ms. Thurman's granddaughter and to Mr. Gregory, and that formal invitations would be extended to Council and administration. Vice President Jones asked whether there was discussion on other items on the list.

Councilmember Michael Schnetzer stated that, although the discussion focused on the first quarter, he wanted to comment more broadly because he would not attend the next committee meeting. He noted that the list included approximately 17 ceremonial resolutions and expressed concern about the volume. He suggested tightening the list by limiting the number of resolutions per Councilmember or by applying qualitative criteria, such as recognizing meritorious service or significant achievements. He stated that multiple resolutions could detract from Council's capacity to focus on day-to-day City business.

Councilmember Kaylee Padova stated that she understood the concern but emphasized the importance of ceremonial resolutions in engaging community members who might not otherwise attend Council meetings. She stated that recognizing organizations, groups, and individuals helped connect residents to City government. She noted that Council typically limited presentations to one per meeting, occasionally two, and stated that recognizing residents and community members remained an important part of Council's role.

Vice President Jones stated that she also supported some reduction but emphasized the importance of maintaining recognition of heritage and awareness months, such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, and LGBTQ-related observances. She noted that the City did not otherwise formally recognize those events and stated that Council resolutions provided an important opportunity to do so. She asked whether Council would support bringing the matter back to a future committee meeting with recommendations to streamline the list. Councilmember Bowers expressed support. Vice President Jones stated that Clerk VanMeter and she would review the 2025 list, make recommendations, and bring the matter back to a future committee.

President Trenton Weaver asked Mayor Jadwin whether there were any joint proclamations or resolutions not on the list that she anticipated bringing forward and for which she might invite Council participation. Mayor Jadwin responded that she did not plan her proclamations on a full-year calendar. She explained that past joint proclamations resulted either from Council inviting her to participate or from her inviting Council to join. She noted that

some proclamations occurred outside Council Chambers within the community. She stated that most recurring items already appeared on the list and suggested continuing the discussion on streamlining before identifying any additional items.

Vice President Jones thanked everyone for the feedback and stated that Council would proceed with reviewing and potentially trimming the list at a future committee meeting. She noted consensus on proceeding with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day resolution and Black History Month recognition.

Recommendation: Further Discussion in Committee of the Whole scheduled on 1/26/2026.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Committee of the Whole, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Jeremy A. VanMeter
Clerk of Council

*APPROVED by the Committee of the Whole, this
day of 2026.*

Jamille Jones