



January & February 2026

The new year is off to a full and meaningful start. I'm honored to have been selected by my council colleagues to serve as Vice President for 2026. In this role, I lead Committee of the Whole meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, drawing on the leadership skills from my professional career to continue the work that makes our community thrive.

From planning community celebrations to showing up for students and neighbors, January and February have set a strong tone for the year ahead. Read on to see how I've been working for you.

Connect With Me

After a hiatus, I'm excited to bring back my constituent hours, a dedicated space to talk about what matters most to you. Bring your ideas, your questions, and your neighbors. I'll bring the listening ear.

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Getting to Work

Highlights of Actions, Projects, and Initiatives

- Attended the Gahanna Jefferson Board of Education Organizational Meeting to witness the swearing-in of newly elected members, whom I will be partnering with in my role as City Council liaison to the school board.
- Gahanna Juneteenth 2026 planning continues — performers are being sourced and secured, and sponsors are being solicited.

- Led efforts for the Black History Month reception and corresponding resolution, during which local historian Tom Gregory presented on the life and legacy of Cora Mae Thurman, the first African American graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School.
- Approved a new collective bargaining agreement with the United Steelworkers (USW) union covering city employees through January 2029.
- Approved supplemental appropriations across multiple capital funds — including TIF, State Capital Grant, Water Capital, and Sewer Capital Improvement — to keep priority infrastructure projects moving forward.
- Approved the seasonal hire of a Council Office intern through the MORPC Summer Internship Program, bringing fresh energy and civic engagement to our work.
- Facilitated interviews and ultimately appointed Evan Ecos to the Civil Service Commission and Fair Housing Board through December 2027.



Passing the Black History Month Resolution honoring the legacy of Cora Thurman — February 2, 2026.

Resident communication topics included:

- Seeking ways to support the houseless community in and around Gahanna and Franklin County
- Questions regarding the city's policies and practices on Gahanna Police Department assistance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations
- Requests for support related to unexplained, significant increases to water bill
- Fraudulent Sidewalk Maintenance Program Appeal emails that caused confusion among residents
- Questions about how the city has communicated residents' responsibility to shovel sidewalks
- Continued concerns regarding future construction at Creekside
- Ongoing concerns from a resident and local advocate regarding a pending resolution request

About Town

Recap of community events and activities



Taking it all in at the ribbon cutting of the new Gahanna Lincoln High School — January 10, 2026.

- **1/10:** Attended the ribbon cutting of the new Gahanna Lincoln High School (GLHS).
- **1/22:** Volunteered with Community Shelter Board for the Point in Time Count of people experiencing homelessness across Franklin County and Central Ohio.
- **1/31:** Attended GLHS Black Box Theatre's production of 12 Angry Jurors, staged at Gahanna City Hall.
- **2/1:** Attended the Intentional Chain of Empathy demonstration, showing solidarity with all of our neighbors.
- **2/7:** Facilitated a workshop on civic engagement at the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Columbus' 10th

Annual Teen Summit.

- **2/27:** Attended Diaspora Truth from the Youth, produced by GLHS educator Dr. Donja Thomas and featuring many GLHS students.
- **2/28:** Attended and hosted a table at the Gahanna Gala, raising funds for the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation.



A glamorous night supporting the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation at the Gahanna Gala — February 28, 2026.

In the Know

Stay informed about what's happening in our community

- **Subscribe** to periodic email updates from me and other city communications.
- **Attend meetings**. Regular Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the Month (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a City holiday). Committee of the Whole meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- **Receive agendas** for council and board/commission meetings via email.
- **Watch online**. All council and board/commission meetings are streamed live via the city's Youtube page.

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