

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2025

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Niles City Council held its regular meeting on November 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Niles Senior Center in Niles, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Robert Marino and the Clerk, Nicole Bacak, called the roll:

Weddell- P, Johnstone-P, Sheely-P, Devorich-P, Julian-P, Lastic- P, Sollitto- P, Marino-P

Council held a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Thomas Scarnecchia, who passed away.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to accept the minutes from the November 5th regular meeting and place them on file.

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FROM- Billing Department

Billing adjustments- October 2025

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sheely to accept and place on file.

Motion carried.

Before public comments, President Marino turned the meeting over to Mayor Mientkiewicz for a presentation to recognize the Niles McKinley Girls Soccer team. Auditor Merlo introduced all the members of the team that were at council this evening. Mayor Mientkiewicz presented the team with a proclamation for their outstanding season.

After the proclamation, the meetings returned back to the agenda.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

(Public comments began at 11:48 into recording)

NONE

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

(Legislation began at 12:00 into recording)

President Marino said there needs to be a motion to amend the agenda for legislation this evening. Council is requesting Draft No. 192-25 be removed from the agenda.

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Lastic to remove the draft from the agenda.
Motion carried.

The following drafts will be part of the consent agenda, being brought to the floor for the first time, passed together with suspension of three readings, and as an emergency.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 179-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE HAULING AND DISPOSAL FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 180-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR POLYMER FOR SLUDGE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 181-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR SPECIFICATIONS FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE, SODIUM BISULFITE, AND ALUM FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 183-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 101 TO THE GENERAL FUND MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY FUNDED BUSINESS GRANT APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 184-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT 101 TO THE GENERAL FUND MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CITY FUNDED BUSINESS GRANT APPROVED BY THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 185-25)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BID AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 186-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH USI INSURNACE SERVICES LLC AGENT FOR PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL OF OHIO INSURANCE; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 187-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF NUMEROUS PARTS AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE IT DEPARTMENT TO BE SOLD BY INTERNET AUCTION ON GOV DEALS AS THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 188-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR POLICE AND PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 189-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION BUDGET TRANSFERS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 190-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED WATER FUND AND APPROVING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT REQUEST FOR THE MAHONING VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 191-25)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 25-25 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NILES TO ACCEPT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S HOUSING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING, AWARDED TO MODERNIZE THE CITY'S ZONING CODE IN AREAS PERTAINING TO HOUSING THIS RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE CITY TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH A CONSULTANT WHO WILL ASSIST THE CITY WITH THE HOUSING RELATED ZONING CODE UPDATES. THE PROJECT AND EXPENSION OF GRANT FUNDS WILL TAKE PLACE SUMMER 2025 THROUGH SUMMER 2026; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 193-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CASH TRANSFER FROM THE SEWER FUND FOR SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 194-25)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED POLICE PENSION & FIRE PENSION FUND FOR COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 195-25)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING DIRECT HIRE OF CURRENT LABOR MAX EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE CITY OF NILES; AMENDING NECESSARY SECTIONS OF THE HIRING POLICY; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to suspend the rule requiring three readings to this consent agenda.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Sollitto to adopt this consent agenda.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This consent agenda has been adopted on the 19th day of November 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 182-25)

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY AS REQUIRED BY
HOUSEBILL 96; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

It was moved by Sollitto, seconded by Lastic to give a first reading to this Draft No. 182-25

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

This Draft No. 182-25 has received its 1st reading on the 19th day of November 2025.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL FOR GENERAL PURPOSE

(Public comments began at 17:37 into recording)

NONE

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 17:45 into recording)

President Marino wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Mientkiewicz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Auditor Merlo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Law Director Zuzolo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Safety Director Kaniclides wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Service Director Kaniclides wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chief Stevens wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Weddell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Johnstone wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Sheely wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He believes we live in the greatest nation in the world. He hopes and prays that we can keep it that way for years to come. We owe this to our veterans, and we need to make sure that we are reaching out to them this time of year.

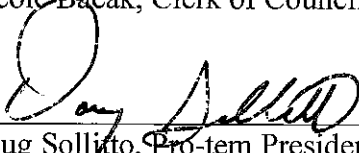
Mrs. Devorich wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to adjourn the meeting.



Nicole Bacak, Clerk of Council



Doug Sollitto, Pro-tem President of Council