

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2026

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The meeting was called to order by Council President, Doug Sollitto.

The Clerk, Abbey Lavelle called the roll:

Weddell- P, Johnstone-P, Sheely-P, Leskovec-P, Julian-P, Lastic- P, Stredney-P, Sollitto- P

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Lastic to amend the general consent agenda to present a letter from an anonymous emailer. Doug Sollitto commented on the letter, stating that the minutes from the Bitdeer public hearing are an accurate representation of what took place that meeting and Niles has a plan of action going forward. It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to accept and place this communication on file. This letter will be on file with the clerk.

Ed Stredney raised concern about the anonymous letters being sent to the Clerk of Council to be read into the record via the General Consent Agenda. Everyone else who attends council meetings and speaks during public comments give their name. Ed believes that these anonymous letters should at least be signed by the author. Julian agreed. Philip Zuzolo clarified that anonymous letters would not be read into Council – they may still be submitted to Council. Phil added that if Council would like to no longer have anonymous letters read into Council, then Council rules must be amended.

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to accept and place on file the General Consent Agenda.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC REMARKS

(Public comments began at 8:01 into recording)

Geo Kuriatnyk first addressed Doug Sollitto's response to the anonymous letter read into council. Geo then questioned council about the issue raised by Lou Gerke a few weeks prior regarding the alley behind Red Dragon Convenient stating that the alleys should not be a secondary focus of the street resurfacing program. Philip Zuzolo clarified that alleys will be resurfaced and this alley specifically is on the 2027 street resurfacing program list – it is just not in the current budget for the 2026 street resurfacing program. The City has done the patchwork for this alley and it will get a full repave next year. Geo then addressed the number of car lots between Salt Springs Road and North Road for cheap resale cars. He added that the number of these car lots is growing and he does not believe that these car lots are within code. Geo then addressed the recent code enforcement letter posted on his door from Niles Housing Department for high grass. He added that Niles Housing Department does not have the right to come onto his property without a court hearing. Phil disagreed. Geo addressed the old GE building being covered in blue tarps and not being up to code under Niles Local Code. Julian added that the new owners are redeveloping the property. Geo then questioned Council about the Flea Market

building on Youngstown-Warren Road and when it is set to be demolished. Phil added that now that the City received grant money they are proceeding with the demolition.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION
(Legislation began at 16:25 into recording)

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 92-26)
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 FOR SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL XXIII; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Johnstone to give a second reading to Draft No. 92-26.

Michael Lastic abstained from voting.

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 92-26 has received its second reading on this 3rd day of June 2026.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 93-26)
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 FOR HIGG'S HOT RODS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Stredney, seconded by Johnstone to give a second reading to Draft No. 93-26.

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 93-26 has received its second reading on this 3rd day of June 2026.

The following drafts will be part of the consent agenda passed together with suspension of three readings, and adopted as an emergency as applicable in the corresponding legislation language:

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 94-26)
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A THEN AND NOW PAYMENT REQUEST FOR CONCRETE COUTURE CO. FOR REPAIR OF AN EMERGENCY WATER MAIN BREAK; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 95-26)

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

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 96-26)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE “RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN”; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 97-26)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 15-26 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2026/2027 GRANTS UNDER THE CDBG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 98-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM MISCELLANEOUS UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 99-26)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF NILES, OHIO'S INTEREST IN THE FREMONT ENERGY CENTER POWER SALES CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. TO THE CITY OF WESTERVILLE, OHIO AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.; AND, DECLARING AND EMERGENCY.

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

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended and the consent agenda has been adopted on the 3rd day of June 2026.

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS

(Miscellaneous remarks began at 20:07 into recording)

Aaron Johnstone spotlighted the recent projects in Downtown Niles – Riverside Park and Public Square and thanked all who were involved in bringing those projects to life. Aaron also highlighted the Von Isley Estate and the lease agreement with Niles to revitalize the neighboring property. Considering how far Von Isley has come with the Estate house, Aaron is excited to see where this project goes.

James Sheely also thanked all those involved in the Riverside Park project and commented on how great it came together. He attended the ribbon cutting with his grandson, who loved the park.

ADJOURN

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


Abbey Lavelle, Clerk of Council


Doug Sollitte, President of Council