

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 15, 2026

Niles City Council held a special meeting on July 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Niles Senior SCOPE Center in Niles, Ohio for the express purpose of agenda items only.

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

The Clerk, Abbey Lavelle called the roll:

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

Motion by Sheely to excuse Aaron Johnstone, seconded by Stredney. Motion carried.

Doug Sollitto raised the concern of allowing public comments at this special meeting. Phil Zuzolo clarified that a motion would need to be made to suspend council rules to allow for public comments. Stredney made a motion to suspend council rules to allow for public comments, Sheely seconded. Weddell-N ; Sheely-Y ; Leskovec-N ; Julian-N ; Lastic-N ; Stredney-Y. 2 Yeas ; 4 Nays. Motion fails and no public comments will be permitted for this special meeting.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. ____ (Draft No. 119-26)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NILES TO ADOPT THE
TRUMBULL COUNTY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

It was moved by Julian, seconded by Weddell to give a second reading to this Draft No. 119-26

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Draft No. 119-26 has received its second reading on this 15th day of July 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. 120-26)

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE
UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL, SEWER AND STREET FUND FOR BOND
ISSUANCE COSTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 121-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE FOLLOWING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECTS: CLARIFIER WEIR COVERS, SCREEN ENCLOSURES, AND BLOWER REPLACEMENTS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 122-26)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 32-26, KNOWN AS THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH ORDINANCE; APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 123-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED PARK FUND FOR BANK SERVICE CHARGES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 124-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGENCY FUND CALLED “CREDIT MEMO CLEARING FUND” FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING OVERPAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS AND APPLYING THOSE CREDITS BACK TO THE CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF NILES; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. ____ (Draft No. 125-26)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED CREDIT MEMO FUND FOR REFUNDS; AND, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Doug Sollitto raised his concern for Draft No. 120-26 and what it pertains to. Auditor Giovanne Merlo clarified that Draft 120-26 is to authorize the funds needed to pay for the cost of going to get the bonds that were previously approved at the last meeting. Doug wanted a breakdown of the \$1,000,000 bond for the City building. Giovanne clarified that the \$1,000,000 does not have a breakdown of costs yet as the City has yet to go out for bid for the projects. Giovanne added that Council already approved this money to be used for City building improvements and can not be used for anything outside of what it was approved for. The Mayor added that the City will be applying for a grant to help fund the window replacement project.

Ed Stredney commented on Draft No. 124-26 and Draft No. 125-26 explaining the updates to the City’s billing software and how credits will be applied to customer accounts on the City side of things.

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

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

Rules are suspended and the consent agenda has been adopted on this 15th day of July 2026.

Doug Sollitto addressed the lack of notice by the newspaper of tonight's special meeting, and he would like to see notice posted on the City website so that residents can be made aware just in case the newspaper fails to post it. Abbey addressed this stating that she is working with IT to post all public meeting notices on the Events page of the City website.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Leskovec, seconded by Lastic to adjourn the meeting.



Abbey Lavelle, Clerk of Council



Doug Sollitto., President of Council