



Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Mayor Bacci Calls the Roll

Present: Council Member Rick Centa, Council Member Contipelli, Council Member Matthew Schoeffler, Council Member Unger, Council Member Volek

Absent: Council Member Todd Bloam (excused)

Motion to excuse Council Member Todd Bloam was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes

Motion to accept the June 10, 2026 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, the June 10, 2026 Caucus Meeting Minutes, and the June 10, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as prepared and place them on file was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council Member Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0.

Financial Reports

Motion to accept the Income Tax and Net Profit Revenue Reports for June 2026 and the Position of Cash for June 2026 as prepared was made by Council Member Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0.

Legislation

Resolution No. 2026-71 – First Reading

Resolution No. 2026-71, approving the payment of certain claims and transfers for the month of June 2026, was presented for first reading only.

Resolution No. 2026-72

A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his authorized representative to prepare and submit an application to participate in Cuyahoga County's 2027 Supplemental Grant Program, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-73

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit an application to participate in the 2027 Cuyahoga County Municipal Grant Program and to execute contracts as required, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Unger and seconded by Council Member Volek. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-74

A resolution authorizing a change order to the Hillside Redevelopment East 71st Street Storm Sewer Extension Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Volek and seconded by Council Member Centa. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-75

A resolution authorizing a change order to the Klima Gardens Pavilion Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council Member Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-76

A resolution authorizing a change order to the Village's contract with Anthony Allega Cement Contractor for the Toscana Hall Site Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-77

A resolution authorizing a change order to the 7133 Marcelline Court Improvements Project.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-78

A resolution authorizing a change order to the Village's contract for the Klima Gardens Pavilion and Site Utility Project, Phase 1, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Unger and seconded by Council Member Volek. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-79

A resolution adopting the alternative tax budget information of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027, submitting the same to the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Volek and seconded by Council Member Centa. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2026-80

An ordinance amending the Village's current appropriation ordinance so as to adjust appropriations, transfers, and advances from the various funds of the Village of Cuyahoga Heights to individual accounts for the current expenses of the Village for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Centa and seconded by Council Member Contipelli. The motion carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Resolution No. 2026-81

A resolution authorizing a contract with Paladin for security hardware, including a recording server and related components, for Bacci Park and the Service Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to dispense with the three-reading requirement was made by Council Member Contipelli and seconded by Council Member Schoeffler. The motion

carried 5-0. Motion for adoption was carried 5-0.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Jack Bacci reported that the Fourth of July holiday passed with minimal incident under the updated fireworks ordinance, with only one violation identified by officers, which was resolved without further issue. Mayor Bacci noted that The Village wide Shred Day event would be held at Gateway Recycling, located at 4223 East 49th Street, on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, with Service Department staff on hand to assist. Mayor Bacci also announced that Parks and Recreation will host a Christmas in July pool party for pass holders on Saturday, July 25th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. July birthday wishes were extended to Village employees Christina Caporuscio and David Lukas on July 2, Michael Hawryliw on July 11, Tony Dorris on July 17, Nick Mancini on July 18, and Fire Chief Michael Suhy on July 27.

Council Report

Council Member Centa

No report.

Council Member Contipelli

Council Member Contipelli extended condolences to Christina Caporuscio on a bereavement. Council Member Contipelli also questioned when the Courts Project Bid will be opened. Mr. Sciano explained we are holding off until August for the Bid opening.

Council Member Schoeffler

Council Member Schoeffler raised constituent concerns regarding vehicle speeds on East 49th Street and inquired about the possibility of deploying a speed monitoring trailer or installing speed humps. Mayor Bacci acknowledged the concern and noted that prior trailer deployments indicated most drivers were traveling at or near the posted limit. Mayor Bacci committed to directing Police Chief Sturgill and Deputy Chief

Schoeffler to conduct a formal speed study on the corridor and to report findings at the following month's meeting.

Council Member Schoeffler also inquired about the anticipated completion and public opening of Toscana Hall. Mayor Bacci indicated that an August 21st opening event is being discussed, timed to coincide with the first Cuyahoga Heights football home game, and that a tailgate-style event would be organized for the community. Mayor Bacci noted the date had not yet been finalized and that Council would be informed once confirmed.

Council Member Unger

No report.

Council Member Volek

Council Member Volek commended the Service Department for its work performed under difficult heat conditions.

Department Report

Police Chief Sturgill

Police Chief Sturgill acknowledged condolences extended to the Rittman community and Officer Sergeant Scott Ries following a shooting incident over the preceding weekend.

Parks & Recreation Director Wheaton

Parks & Recreation Director Wheaton reminded attendees of the Christmas in July pool party on July 25th and encouraged the public to attend.

Service Director Sammons

Service Director David Sammons thanked Council Member Volek for his recognition of the Service Department's performance.

Fire Chief Suhy

No report.

Law Director Chojnacki

No report.

Chief Fiscal Officer Meriwether

No report.

Administrative Assistant Schoeffler

No report.

Assistant Building Commissioner LaBella

No report.

Engineer Sciano

No report.

Comments from the Audience

Andrew Nagy, son of the late Gerald Nagy and responsible party for the property at 4619 East 49th Street, addressed the Council. Mr. Nagy acknowledged receipt of a property violation notice and stated he is actively working to address the cited items visible from the street. He raised a concern that photographs included in the notice were taken in the rear yard of the property without his knowledge or consent, and noted that the backyard contains documented hazardous conditions, including sinkholes, that pose a risk to uninvited individuals. Mr. Nagy respectfully requested that Village personnel not enter the property without his prior permission going forward.

Assistant Building Commissioner Ken LaBella clarified that staff had entered the rear yard to knock on the back door after receiving no response at the front, and that additional violations were observed at that time. Mayor Bacci acknowledged the

concern and confirmed that such access would not occur in the future without the property owner's permission.

Motion for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:26 pm was made by Council Member Schoeffler and seconded by Council Member Unger. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: August 12, 2026



Mayor



Renato Contipelli (Aug 17, 2026 15:52:38 EDT)

Mayor and or Council President



Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council