

**CITY OF WAYNE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 2026-4
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
WAYNE CITY HALL**

A regular meeting of the Wayne City Council was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Rd.

Mayor Rhaesa called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Mayor John P. Rhaesa, Mayor Pro Tem Brock, Kevin J. Dowd, Kathy Lawrence, Donald L. Quarles, Deborah R. Wass

Members Absent: Rabih H. Darwiche - Excused

Also Present: Diane Webb, City Manager, George Contis, City Attorney, Tina M. Parnell, City Clerk

02-26-0339 Motion by Wass, seconded by Lawrence, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the agenda, as presented.

02-26-0340 Motion by Quarles, seconded by Dowd, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the meeting minutes of February 3, 2026, as presented.

02-26-0341 Motion by Wass, seconded by Brock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-01, an ordinance to amend the Wayne City Code, Chapter 1610 "Fire Prevention Code, by rescinding section 1610.14, "Site Inspections of Non-residential Businesses and structures" as the "Self-Inspection" Program is no longer in effect.

02-26-0342 Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Brock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the City of Wayne official four (4) color logo as option 1 (1869 in white). first reading of Ordinance 2026-02, an ordinance to amend the Wayne City Code, Chapter 1610 "Fire Prevention Code, by amending section 1610.15, "Fees" to Allow for the Amount of Fees Required for Fire Department Services to be Set by City Council Resolution.

By consensus of City Council, Communications and Reports were received or acted upon as indicated:

- a. Revenue and Expenditure Report for Period Ending January 2026

02-26-0343 Motion by Quarles, seconded by Lawrence, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve to renew the City of Wayne membership in the Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$9,030.00 to be paid from the City Council Membership and Dues budget.

02-26-0344 Motion by Dowd, seconded by Quarles, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Traffic Control Order #626, to create a left turn only lane and a straight traffic only lane on northbound Second Street at West Michigan Avenue.

02-26-0345 Motion by Wass, seconded by Quarles, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2026
- b. Commission on Aging Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026

02-26-0346 Motion by Quarles, seconded by Dowd, and carried by a 6-0 (Darwiche absent) roll call vote, it was resolved to approve go into Closed Session so that City Council may consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the below pending litigation, because an open meeting would have detrimental financial effect on the City's litigating or settlement position, pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e):

McFarlin, Sr. v City of Wayne, et. al., U.S.D.C. Eastern District of Michigan,
Case No. 25-cv-12780

McFarlin, Sr. and Burgos v City of Wayne, et. al. U.S.D.C. Eastern District of Michigan,
Case No. 25-cv-13789

McFarlin, Sr. v City of Wayne, et. al., U.S.D.C. Eastern District of Michigan,
Case No. 25-13832

McFarlin, Sr. and Burgos v City of Wayne, et. al. U.S.D.C. Eastern District of Michigan,
Case 26-cv-10011

City of Wayne v Anthony Wayne Miller, State of Michigan Court of Appeals,
Case No. 22-001565-CZ

Council went into Closed session at 6:33 p.m.

Council reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

02-26-0347 Motion by Wass, seconded by Quarles, and carried by a 6-0 (Darwiche absent) roll call vote, it was resolved to approve to close the Closed session and reconvene the meeting.

02-26-0348 Motion by Lawrence, seconded by Brock, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m..

John P. Rhaesa
Mayor

Tina M. Parnell, CMC
City Clerk

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