

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO
February 24, 2026**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 24, 2026.
Council President Rosso called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

*******ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS*******

Present: President Rosso, Kovach, Gee, Cizl, Fogel, DeBottis, Morrow, Mayor Radeff,
Finance Director Rummell, Service Director Hastings, Law Director Ward.
Excused: Petrucci
Attending Videographer, Citizens.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

***Public Hearing-** *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

Council - *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas all.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to include Work Session minutes of February 17, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Fogel, Morrow, Cizl, DeBottis, Gee. Yeas All.

***Work Session-** *Motion by Cizl/Second by Gee to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2026 meeting with any noted corrections. Yeas All.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ohio Municipal League Seminar.

Recommendation from Planning Commission for PRD Concept Plan and Rezoning.

Public hearing for concept plan set for March 24, 2026 at 6:45pm.

Public Hearing for rezoning set for April 14, 2026 at 6:45pm.

PRESENTATIONS: Mayor Radeff submits Meghan Kreis for the position of member of the Civic Community Council.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the appointment.

ROLL CALL: Gee, DeBottis, Cizl, Kovach, Fogel.

Nays-Morrow

Mayor Radeff states as I spoke about before, the city last year obtained a grant from ODOT, which allowed us to create, with the Sheffield Village and the school, a mobility plan. This is for active transportation. We did have that completed. There's a lot of work that's been put into it. We do have the final draft. I have Kate here from O'Toole. They were the ones that put together this whole study and she was kind of the lead on the project.

***Katie Seib- Toole Design** says the mobility plan is an active transportation plan. You might be asking me, what is active transportation? What does that mean? It means non-motorized transportation, specifically walking, biking, wheelchair use, folks with mobility impairments that use mobility devices, and otherwise rolling on streets. So, the purpose of these plans is to make active transportation a comfortable and available and safe option for everyone who would like to and needs to use active transportation for transportation. The plan had 2 major components. Community engagement, which included a community and public survey that also was circulated through the schools. A stakeholder group that met regularly to help inform the plan, and public feedback sessions and community boards posted at events like

Senior Coffee and the Community Days. It also included data analysis. So, we did some infrastructure assessments in the city and the village to understand what's out there now, where the gaps are, where the barriers and challenges may be, as well as understanding generally what the needs are of the community. You put that all together and you end up with a series of recommendations for infrastructure and programs to hopefully help guide decision making, help guide and offer options for future vision to support active transportation. The history of the project, as Mayor had said, Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Village jointly applied for the ODOT program. The program is informed by ODOT's Active Transportation Plan Development Guide, which is a plan to develop these plans across the state. So, ODOT contracted with Toole Design., it's not O'Toole Design. I just wanted to be clear in case anyone Googles us or wants to read about the company. ODOT contracted with Toole Design and Carpenter Marty Transportation to produce the plan for Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Village. We started last spring, walked through those steps that I outlined a moment ago, community engagement, data analysis, and just this spring have completed the draft and final plan. So, I have 1-2 slides for each chapter in the document just to kind of give you a tour of what's in there, starting with the intro, which has a vision and some definitions of what active transportation is and what it includes. Importantly, this plan also checked the box for being a school travel plan. So, we did additional outreach beyond what is in an active transportation plan to engage with the schools, interviewing the principals and the staff to understand what kids are doing today, if they walk them back to school, what routes they take, what challenges they may have, and circulating the survey specifically to schools. So, this helped the plan satisfy the requirement for a school travel plan, which is one of the components you need in order to apply for ODOT's infrastructure funds for safe routes to school. We also took a look at recent plans and initiatives in both communities to make sure that what's recommended in this document helps build momentum and support for the direction you're heading in. In chapter 2, we covered today's conditions, focusing on demographic data. This is where we did some of the infrastructure mapping that I referenced earlier, like levels of stress, for example. So, understanding how the infrastructure today interacts with the environment to produce a positive experience or a stressful experience if you're walking. We all kind of know what it feels like to walk on a stressful street, but to put that on a map, you have to make some decisions about data and have a good, strong understanding of what people need in order to feel comfortable and safe. There're maps that summarize where we feel the most stressful to walk or bike in the community today. We also examined recent crash data that involved bikes or pedestrians and did field work and school interviews. So, you may have seen us out there this past summer walking around and getting a good understanding of the infrastructure. I briefly mentioned engagement. We did talk to lots of people at various events. This is the timeline of our engagement. Overall, I just pulled a couple of the trends of what we heard from the surveys, from the meetings that we had where we got a chance to talk with people. We heard a lot of great things. People really love the trails, the parks, the destinations in the community, enjoy those spaces and would like to be able to access them more and more safely. We also heard that many people rely on active transportation and access to transit or would like to be able to rely on active transportation to get around. We also heard some safety concerns related to old, uneven, missing, narrow sidewalks. That was one of the top concerns that we heard. It feeling scary and uncomfortable to bike, especially on main streets where there's lots of traffic. That

intersections can feel daunting and can feel hard to cross and that lack of lighting on trails and some streets can make places feel less safe. Pulling that all together into the plan, we have some proposed projects and some proposed programs. I'll start with infrastructure. The plan recommends, and this is covering the city of Sheffield Lake and Sheffield Village, so big range of community space, you know. Across both cities, 4.7 miles of sidewalks are in the plan, nearly 10 miles of bike facilities, about 12 miles of trails, and 13 intersections and crosswalk improvements. Really this is meant to be a long-term vision. It doesn't mean things don't change as grants come up or there's opportunities to kind of think differently about something that's not on the map or have conversations with the community about what these places should look like, but it's a starting point for that discussion. We also included some proposed programs, so education and awareness building about biking and walking and active transportation, including support for more bike parking, walk and bike to school events, bike-friendly business programs. These are all eligible through the ODOT Safe Routes to School Program for funding and they can be led by community partners, including schools. The last chapter covers the priorities and implementation of the plan. So, you have that big map with lots of big ideas, lots of vision. Where do you start? Prioritization is a good way to help you get a data-driven perspective on what projects may have the most impact. So, you see on this slide, you see that table on the right. It has the scores and the method that we use to score each and every project. So, it wasn't me sitting and saying, oh, this project seems great, let's prioritize it. It was the data of if the project is close to a school, if it's close to lots of destinations, neighborhoods, if it has a proven safety impact or would address a street that has systemic or common safety problems, etc. So, the end result is a top 10 list of projects, but all the ideas in the plan do have a score associated with them. What rose to the top? A couple of ideas. Starting with Lake Rd. bike lanes, upgrading them where possible. We heard a lot of comments from the public and the community about how it feels to bike with just paint between you and fast-moving traffic. Ferndale Ave. sidewalks near the schools. Colorado Ave. scored highly. So, that's a very busy route and it's one of the county's priorities for safety because it has many crashes per year. Harris Rd. came up because it's on the street that Brookside is on. Then some of the crossings. I just picked a few of them that came up as high priorities in the plan. Places where there's trail connectivity or where there's a lot of destinations on either side of the street that people cross or need to cross. The plan will also include more information on several of the key recommendations so that there's a starting point for grant applications, for additional engineering work, and just to kind of get the ball rolling. The projects that are going to be included in the deep dive are Abbe and Walker, which is the intersection by Guenther Park, to help provide connectivity east/west for people who are crossing to get to the park. Oster and Harris, there's a new paved trail that comes out right at Harris. So, providing some support for improving that crosswalk, so that folks can better access that trail. Colorado and East River, which is in the village. That's a skewed intersection, but there's a trail crossing right there. So, taking a look at some safety improvements. Then Forest Lawn Ave., which is closest to an elementary school and has very narrow sidewalks. So, what's next? I think this is where there's some overlap between the plan and the next steps, but an immediate implementation opportunity is the Safe Routes to School Grant. The plan was completed with enough time for you to apply, which is great news, to this first round. The Safe Routes to School program funded by ODOT is an amazing program because it covers up to 100% of the design,

engineering, and construction, which most funds don't. This plan does qualify the city to apply. So, we've been working on application materials for you, including Forest Lawn Ave. sidewalks and crosswalks, Harris Rd. and Oster Rd., because those would form a nice route. It tells a great story for the narrative of that grant. Lorain County Public Health is also interested in some of the non-infrastructure program ideas to support safer walks and bikes to school. So, they're supporting that ask for those events and support.

Councilman Morrow asks does this cost \$125,000? Ms. Seib responds in staff time, yes. Councilman Morrow asks and its primary thing is safety for children crossing the street? Ms. Seib replies no, it's active transportation for everyone, but there was a focus on schools and kids. Councilman Morrow asks and there's nothing about putting a raised crosswalk at Colorado Ave.? Ms. Seib replies the plan did look at the infrastructure on Colorado Ave., yeah. So, that intersection I mentioned at East River and Colorado, that's one of the priority crosswalks on that street. Councilman Morrow asks but we spent \$125,000? Ms. Seib replies you did not. The project was fully funded by ODOT. Councilman Morrow asks but through us though, right? It was a grant that we applied for? Ms. Seib replies the city and the village applied for it jointly. ODOT funded the project. They didn't give the money directly to the city or village, but hired us to conduct a plan on behalf of the residents. Councilman Fogel asks is there any chance to connect Sheffield Village to Sheffield Lake with a trail? Ms. Seib responds yes. We did look at French Creek Reservation, the network of trails that go north. We took a look at what's going on at the lakefront. So, there's quite a few north/south options that could maybe provide that connectivity in the future. Abbe Rd. is in the plan that could possibly provide that. So is Lake Breeze, which has been studied before but had some constraints at the time and then Colorado, which connects east/west, of course, across those, as well as Harris. Councilwoman Gee says I saw that you had up there different places where you had the screens set out and people putting the red dots on the boards. I assisted with that during community days. We got quite a good turnover, but in August, we had it at Monday Morning Senior Coffee, and I see you only had December 8th down. Ms. Seib responds yes, that's because I wasn't able to go there with you, Rosa, in August. I did come back and get the boards, and we pulled them into the survey. So, when you see the survey right up in the plan, that includes the feedback you got at that event. Councilman Morrow asks was there any door-to-door or town hall done for the community engagement? Ms. Seib replies there was not. There was the community days booth and there was senior coffee as well as the public survey. It was open for about 6 weeks at the beginning of the school year. We received a couple hundred of responses from village and city residents. It was distributed through social media and various channels and then it was also distributed in paper here. So, I grabbed the paper copies and added them into the results. Mayor Radeff states and it was mentioned at multiple meetings, especially city council.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Roads, Drains, Water, Sewer and Refuse: None. **/Safety:** None. **/Buildings, Lands, Vehicles & Equipment:** Excused. **/Ordinance:** None. **/Finance:** Chairwoman Gee says I would like to advise at our next meeting there will be a presentation discussing the different things that we're looking at towards the finance dept. **/Council Representative to the Joyce Hanks Community Center:** Excused. **/Council Representative to the Park Board:** Representative Kovach reviews the minutes of the February 16, 2026 meeting. Councilman Morrow says I'd

seen a plan of the remake of Guenther Park, and I saw that they had the parking put to the rear of the park, rather up at the front of the park. I just wanted to know what was the wisdom behind that, because it would seem like that would cost a lot more to place it at the rear of the park, and then plus potentially having some dangers and having to patrol it and having to plow it and everything like that. It just seemed like it would have been cheaper, safer to put it up diagonal parking on the road there. Service Director Hastings responds some of the design considerations were the proximity to the various amenities in the park, enough handicap parking, and a big part of it had to do with the placement of the maximum number of youth fields that they could have there in addition to the splash pad and the proposed expansion of the concession stand area. We had several renderings that just turned out to be the best as far as maximizing the intention of the park with multiple soccer fields. They have different youth sizes, admittedly I'm not sure on that, but they're identified in the plan. From my world, a considerable amount of infrastructure that you would have been putting that parking lot on was also brought into consideration and the potential demolition of that or maintenance of that area. **/Representative to the Planning Commission:** Representative Fogel reviews the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting. **/Council Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals:** None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR/SAFETY: Mayor Radeff reports before the meeting today, I did meet with the Boy Scouts, a younger troop. They had to come in and for one of their projects, they had to speak with the mayor about local government. It was a really good event. There're about 4 gentlemen who are, I believe, they're Cub Scouts actually and I was able to show them around the city, City Hall here, and talked to them about our local government. Also, before this meeting I did go over to the community center. We had our fraud prevention seminar which was put on by the detectives. It was a packed room. It seemed like there was a lot of good questions back and forth. I do want to thank the police and the detective bureau for taking their time to meet with citizens and talk about different fraud prevention strategies and things to look out for. There was a Power Point put together by the chief. I'll see if I can get that posted on our website and on our social media. Recently we found out for the rec center through Congressman Latta; last year they didn't submit the bill due to, I think they just didn't want to vote on it. This year they resubmitted the bill and we just recently found out that we are going to receive \$500,000 towards the rec center. That brings us to over a million dollars that we've received in funding towards the rec center. I'll keep you updated on that. At last meeting I know that the VFW, their member had stopped and made some comments. I did speak with the building dept. and they had not called or cited anyone at the VFW. I'm not really sure who they spoke to, but I am going to have a meeting with Rodney and the building dept. just so we can get on the same page and figure out whatever resolutions we need too. Nothing's come from the city's aspect. Councilman Morrow says we got an email from Joe Miller's aide about capital projects requesting for this round. DO we have nay requests in? Mayor Radeff responds we will place our request. It's not due until March 22nd. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. **/SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Service Director Hastings states he has no report, but does intend

to provide a detailed explanation of all our projects that'll kick off this spring at the next roads and drains meeting. Councilwoman Gee says I'd like to thank you and the men for how quick they did the repair on Gayle Dr. I know there was a lot of confusion with residents, but every home that was affected did get the note on the door just like we were supposed to. I was hoping in the future if you and the mayor would consider restarting the text message alerts, I think we'd get a lot more people signed up this time compared to years ago when we did it. Mayor Radeff responds yeah, we're already working on that. Councilman DeBottis says my wife and I are frequent users of the path, almost every morning. I know this winter was a little more than we had in previous years. With the snowfalls that hit on like the weekends, is there any possibility to have someone plow those? The reason why I was asking, it seems like once they've been trampled on and then plowed, you know, when they're able to plow it, say that Monday, there's a good sheet of ice that lasts sometimes for weeks. It makes them just very dangerous and almost unwalkable. I know our priorities are the streets. I understand that. The 2 young men that ride the Kubota with the plow on it, I don't think they do the streets I was just wondering if there was a possibility, I know it would probably be overtime, but if those could be possibly taken care of so then they're passable and not as dangerous. Service Director Hastings responds I share your same concern. Admittedly, it's a budget thing, because that is our parks that do that and they're not as funded as well as the streets. Those same men are our backup drivers. Since there is an interest in it, maybe I could develop a policy when the snowfall exceeds a certain amount that it would be prudent to get them out there. *Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach to accept the report. Yeas All. /**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT**: Finance Director Rummell reports in front of council this evening I have council #006. That is an appropriation for law enforcement trust. This is money that was received as evidence and it was determined that the city is able to keep it. The appropriation would be to move the money into the law enforcement trust fund. Also, with the finance software, we did look at all options for it and we will be discussing that at the finance meeting. Last, but not least is the audit. I had gotten feedback from the auditors on changes that they would like to see in the financial, so those were sent over to the GAP team. I did just follow up with the GAP team. I'm hoping to have some answers on when that will be completed very soon. Hopefully by the next meeting I'll be able to give you an update on that. *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All. /**LAW DIRECTORS REPORT**: Law Director Ward reports I wanted to ask the council to make a motion to further amend the agenda to include the last 2 items in your packet. That is council #010 relating to the submission of an application for safe routes to school grant funds and council #011, relating to acceptance of NOPEC energized community grant funds. *Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to amend the agenda to include council #010 and #011. ROLL CALL: Gee, Cizl, Kovach, DeBottis, Fogel, Morrow. Yeas All. *Motion by Gee/Second by Cizl to accept the report. Yeas All.

CITIZENS COMMENTARY: *Patty Gascoyne, 856 Irving Park Blvd.* says I know that I've spoken about the ordinance committees licensing of businesses and the registering or whatever ends up happening. I feel like the research done on the laws that are already there

to prevent nefarious activities going on in commercial enterprises, I feel like it's kind of wasted in a citizens' commentary. Like this is, even though it's valuable to some extent, it's not as impactful for a legislative body as it could be just as it is in Washington, D.C. or Columbus, OH or the little township I grew up in, Auburn Township, at a trustee meeting. When there is an ordinance coming up or a hearing on a possible legislation of any kind, there's a proponent testimony, time before the committee, committee as a whole, or there's opponent, proponent, opponent and an interested party. It's like 3 readings. I know you guys have 3 readings of possible ordinances here, but in my experience, which I've done a lot of hearings, gone to a lot of them from nuclear development or real estate stuff and other states' rights issues, many, many times. Here in my new hometown, we have readings, but it seems like they would be more valuable to everyone if there was proponent, opponent and an interested party being heard by the council from not just your citizens, but people like the Northeast Ohio Chamber of Commerce president would like to speak and get to something like the ordinance committee's recommendation for regulating licensing businesses, in-home businesses, commercial properties, whatever, but it's like why would I recommend him to come here when it's not really taken as a testimony, but as a public comment? It seems like it devalues the worth of the person, not the person, I'm not saying it personally, but the position behind this microphone to you all. It seems like it could be more impactful if it was actually taken into consideration as either proponent, opponent, or interested party testimony, just like everywhere else I've lived or been or testified. So, just given my 2 cents for my vast 56 years of experience on this earth, thank you very much and yeah, no licensing businesses.

Dennis Bring, 5389 E. Lake Rd. says something that's been bothering me lately is it seems like we're still neglecting our seniors over there at the center. I think they're not even allowed to raise money for themselves to have like a coffee or their Thanksgiving dinner or Christmas thing, whatever. These people have put their life and savings and everything into the city and done everything that they were supposed to do, but it seems like we still aren't paying attention to them. I think that as we get older, and I'm one of them, that everybody needs a place to go to where they can sit around and socialize and enjoy the city of Sheffield Lake, but I think what we ought to look at doing is possibly proposing a small amount of money in the line item out of the budget so that maybe the director Scott over there could oversee that, that they'd be able to have their coffee, their donuts or whatever, or even Thanksgiving dinner, cookouts. We do food trucks, we do movies in the park, we do all these things, but we still seem to neglect these people. It's stressful for a lot of these people who are older to handle these events, and somehow, I think we should start paying more attention and get them some help over there so they can enjoy themselves and be part of this community like they should be. It's just my thought. President Rosso replies the city pays for all the coffee. Mr. Bring replies they're not allowed to have any money. The city wanted to take their money away. Mayor Radeff replies no, we pay for their coffee. It comes in all the time. President Rosso says we will follow up. Mayor Radeff says we will follow up with Scott. That's what the event expense is for. That's why we put money in that line. The comment about collecting money, I think the previous law director had told Scott not to have them do that, because if they're not a proper 5013C and someone starts claiming money is gone, it becomes a legal issue and we're not going to collect money if it's going to be a city run thing. Councilman Morrow says if you want to submit anything to me as far as a budget

for any type of program that you want, I can run it by council as well. I'm very open to making sure our seniors get the proper attention they deserve, because I think that we've paid more attention to the youth and the middle age in our community here, at least that's the perception and I'd like to see a little bit more attention paid to our seniors. Councilman Fogel says if we're paying this rec director \$20,500 a year, how is this even an issue? Mayor Radeff replies my understanding is we were paying for it.

Mary Ann Post, 200 Abbotsford Dr. says I've been doing a lot of work at the senior center. I was told once that seniors had better step up. I'm 82 years old and I was doing all the stuff at the community center. It got so to the point where I am now retired. I cannot do that anymore. I'm sad, because I was overwhelmed with all the stuff that I was doing. I just want everybody to know that I was not paid, Scott was, and I was doing planning, I was doing setting the tables up, I was doing hospitality, sending out cards to everybody, at my own expense with the stamps. 2 books of stamps for \$30 and I was buying 4 books of stamps a year, which turned out to be \$60 that I did because I love these people, I love them so much, but I just could no longer afford that. They love it when they get cards, when I did the centerpieces, they would come in and the joy on their faces was absolutely wonderful to see. I love these people, but I could no longer do all of that. I'm tired.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Gee states Scott is the rec director and also the manager of the community center, but if you read his job description as rec director, he is supposed to be handling all of the different programs at the community center. I'm very much aware of what hasn't been able to be done there, and someone really does need to listen to these people because it's not the mayor saying it, it's not Mr. Hastings saying it, but Scott is telling them things that no one sitting up here is aware of. I'm aware Cindy is the council person for the community center, but her board is no longer an advisory board. It's titled something different now, and I don't think she's even aware of what's going on. Someone does need to look into this because we do pay him for two jobs, and it's not just the seniors that have complaints. There're other groups that have spoken out with concerns and complaints about the center. This needs to be looked into. Councilman DeBottis says I wanted to recommend a committee to explore and investigate senior transportation services for the city of Sheffield Lake. President Rosso asks the law director to explain the options. Law Director Ward reports the procedure for the establishment of a subcommittee is controlled by council rule #48 which indicates that if the chairman of a committee of council requests that a subcommittee be established, it should council, by a majority vote, approve the request of the chairman of such committee. The subcommittee shall be established in a form acceptable to council as may be determined by council on a case-by-case basis. So, that's the rule that controls the setting up of a subcommittee. President Rosso replies I think what Mr. DeBottis wants to do is put a group together that does some research, fact finding on all the options or all the information we can possibly gather about setting up or creating senior transportation. The question is, he can do that and have non-council members involved. It doesn't fall under you have to have an agenda in meetings, because they won't be able to vote on anything and technically not even recommend anything, but they'll get all the facts together, then whoever, I'm just going to say Mr. DeBottis is going to be the chairman, it could be whoever, would

then come back to council with these facts and say here's everything we've gathered, here's our options, here's everything we need to know and then council would make the ultimate decision which would then fall under the normal council would vote and all of that. If you did it to where it was like a council committee, it would only be council people and then you'd have to have an agenda and the meetings and all that. This way allows much more flexibility and allows broader input that we talked about earlier. So, it's not technically a subcommittee under a committee. I think the way we talked earlier; you would prefer having it be open. Councilman DeBottis responds and the reason for that, I'd like to have at least, if 2 other council people would like to come on and possibly 1-2 residents to get everyone's input and ideas. I think involving residents we would not be able to do that with option one. Law Director Wars says that's correct. Brief discussion about open meetings act, recommendations/voting in subcommittees. *Motion by Gee/Second by DeBottis to create a subcommittee under finance to look into the feasibility and cost of senior transportation for the seniors of Sheffield Lake. ROLL CALL: DeBottis, Morrow, Fogel, Gee, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas All. Councilman Morrow says I've got a number of things here, but the first 2 are sort of similar. I want to create 2 citizen advisory committees. I'd like to see about meeting here in chambers on a Saturday morning to have town halls for them and the 2 that I want to talk about are the stormwater runoff and drainage and the municipalization of the electrical grid. I could create a committee for each one of those. President Rosso replies we have a subcommittee under roads and drains and that's where the drainage one should go. We had one set up before. If you're talking about you just want to have like an open town hall that it's not really; they don't vote, they don't do anything you just want to talk to them. You can just have a town hall meeting if you want. Councilman Morrow replies well I want to use council chambers. I think that it should be approved by council. President Rosso says quite honestly, I'm not even sure you even have to come to me. All I would ask is you talk to Brandy to make sure there's no conflict scheduling and book it. Councilman Morrow says we want to advertise it on the city's Facebook page and on the website. We want to give information and receive information. President Rosso responds you can do both of those without council action. Councilman Morrow states I did an inspection of the weightlifting equipment that was purchased. It's not entirely clear exactly what we have and I don't know if the mayor can shed any light on this, but we have a bunch of pieces/parts that are sitting around and it doesn't look like that they're kept together. It doesn't look like we know if we have all the parts to the machine. The machine looks like it's a valuable machine it looks like it's in good condition, but then we also have a bunch of artificial turf and we have what looks to be batting cages or pitching cage of some type that was purchased there. I can't see from what I was told; was is that this was going to be for the rec center and I don't know if that's true or not. I'd like to ascertain if that's what this was purchased, because I just I don't see us putting that turf in a new building if we were to build it. At this point since it's not approved, I don't know how we purchase something for a project that wasn't approved. I'd like to make the recommendation; I don't know if it has to be a motion that we inventory what we have, we take pictures of it, we wrap it up properly and get it put away so that we know if we have all the pieces/parts to it or not. I think that that's a logical to do. I think we should inventory everything that we have and whether or not it's usable or not. Mayor Radeff replies we took it apart; we have all the pieces. The turf was not, if we were gonna do the rec center, we would put in new turf. That was just thrown in. They were getting rid of the building and I

think they just added that too and just said if we need it and we thought maybe something would come along. That was just free it was very unused turf. The netting you would use in the rec center obviously to block balls and things like that, but I mean I purchased it. 100% I'm allowed to make a purchase up to a certain amount without council approval. We knew that the rec center was something we were pursuing and we thought it was a good price range, so that's what we did and it was on 2 budgets ago inventory. We know what we have. Inventory is administrative. That's really all I'm gonna say on it and there's really nothing else for us to do on it. Brief back and forth on the line item used. Mayor Radeff says I guess I'm just a little confused, because we've already went through that specific audit and everything's good. Nothing was done incorrectly and we announced it once we purchased it. Councilman Morrow says I'd like to look at placing on hold anything to do with the field house at this point until we resolve the issues with the master plan. I want to get the information to make sure that we're doing what the citizens want us to do and we don't have that information yet. I'm hopeful that we can find that, but until we do, I really think that we should take a step back or slow down any activity on that. I don't think that we should be buying or purchasing anything for projects that have not been approved. Mayor Radeff responds we have to plan ahead and as things come up, if we think it's an opportunity to save the city money in the long run by doing certain purchases, we do. Again, that's an administrative decision that we continue to make. We've talked about this rec center now for 2 master plans and ever since I've been on city council. It's something I ran on, it's something that we've talked about Park Board and additionally nothing's wrong with the master plan. We did the master plan how we did it. It's been approved by everyone on council. You know you can make whatever motion you want, but we're gonna continue to pursue the projects that we've been talking about since day one and that we feel is what is best for the city. Especially through our communications with citizens, through the master plan, through other plans, through day-to-day conversations. We are confident in that and we're gonna continue to pursue it. Councilman Morrow says I wanted to know what went on with the FBI raid of city hall. President Rosso replies there was no FBI raid. The county sheriff came in and that was no billed by the prosecutor. There was no wrong doing done by anyone. Councilman Morrow asks why was there a raid then? President Rosso replies because someone made a false statement that turned out to be false. Quick back and forth about who made the false statement. Councilman Morrow says I'm just looking at rebuilding trust in the community. President Rosso says we have plenty of trust in the community. It was false. It was no billed. Councilman Morrow says the council chamber lighting, while we are looking at new video, I'd like us to examine potentially new lighting. The last one is about the parliamentary procedures. President Rosso replies I'm still looking at that. Councilman Morrow says I'd like us to look into adopting whenever we don't have procedures that are covered, that Robert's Rules of Order apply. President Rosso responds you can do that by changing council rules but that was removed from council rules years ago. Another brief back and forth about the false statement. Councilman DeBottis says as far as transparency with this weightlifting equipment, I think if we don't ever want it to come up again, for the sake of transparency, why didn't we get a list of what you bought, what it was for, what your intentions were and how much we paid for it. President Rosso says it was discussed in the park board meeting; you should have read the minutes. Mayor Radeff states you're asking us to do something for one instance that would require us to do it for every like

so every time we purchase something you want to list like that's just never how it's been and again we are here to work and not continue to waste taxpayer dollars on lists and creating public records. We are here to get the job done. Every city runs this way. The administration makes purchases for the day-to-day activity. We're looking ahead and making moves. None of these are we just went out and bought stuff because we wanted to, it's because we have plans, we have ideas and thoughts. Of course, when they come to fruition, when they're ready, we will absolutely share, but we're not going to share prematurely. Councilman Morrow responds we should never buy anything for a project that is not approved. I don't care if you think that it's a great idea. Get the project approved first, then buy it. If the project doesn't go through, then you just wasted the taxpayer's money. We have a right to set guardrails for the mayor, make no mistake about that and that's what I say that we should do. I mean we should not be purchasing anything for a project that's not approved. Mayor Radeff replies and the guardrails are an approved budget. We purchase within the budget lines. President Rosso says we appropriate the money and once we appropriate the money, they can spend it as they see fit.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

COUNCIL #005- SECOND READING-AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL FOR SUSPENSION: Kovach, Cizl, Gee, Fogel, Morrow, DeBottis. Yeas All.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL FOR ADOPTION: Cizl, Gee, Morrow, Kovach, DeBottis, Fogel. Yeas All

Ordinance Passes #9-26

COUNCIL #006- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, INCREASE, AND/OR DECREASE OF CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, OHIO, AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

COUNCIL #007- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SPLASH PAD AND ASSOCIATED APPURTENANCES.

COUNCIL #008- FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DONATION OF FUNDS FROM THE VFW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION IN MEMORIAL PARK.

COUNCIL #009- FIRST READING- A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DONATION OF FUNDS FROM THE VFW FOR THE PURCHASE OF RMR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S DUTY PISTOLS.

COUNCIL #010- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT FUNDS AND THE DECLARING OF AN EMERGENCY.

President Rosso says I think we need to make a correction because I think this needs to be sponsored by the service director and not a grant writer. Law Director Ward replies she is the one who submitted the request.

*Motion by Kovach/Second by Gee to amend council #010 and #011 to be sponsored by the service director.

ROLL CALL: Gee, Cizl, Kovach, DeBottis, Fogel, Morrow. Yeas All.

Law Director Ward says the grant writer indicated that the grant is due by March 5th. Perhaps, someone on council could move to suspend the rules. President Rosso replies I'm worried about something else, if we suspend the rules and we accept it, it doesn't have an emergency clause, so it won't take effect for 30 days. Law Director Ward responds it does have an emergency clause in section 6. Mayor Radeff says even if that was the case, they just need to see that we passed it.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES.

ROLL CALL: DeBottis, Morrow, Fogel, Gee, Kovach, Cizl. Yeas All.

*Motion by Gee/Second by Kovach FOR ADOPTION.

ROLL CALL: Kovach, Fogel, Morrow, Cizl, DeBottis, Gee. Yeas All.

Ordinance Passes #10-26

COUNCIL #011- FIRST READING- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before this council, *Motion by Kovach/Second by Cizl to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Yeas All.

CLERK OF COUNCIL AFFIRMATION: This Meeting of The City Council Of The City Of Sheffield Lake, Ohio Was Held And Conducted Under All Rules And Regulations Governing The Sunshine Laws Of The State Of Ohio As They May Apply. All meetings are recorded and available in council offices.

CLERK OF COUNCIL/COMMITTEES

Brandy Randolph

I, Brandy Randolph, duly appointed Clerk of Council of Sheffield Lake DO HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and exact copy of the Minutes of COUNCIL of February 24, 2026.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Richard Rosso

MAYOR

Rocky Radeff