



Special City Council
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Tiffany Hollis called to Order the City of Johnstown Special Council Meeting for February 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present - Mayor Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Donald Barnard, Matthew Huggins, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook

Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Staneart - City Manager, Dave Delande - Finance Director, Dave Riepenhoff - City Legal Counsel, Teresa Monroe - Clerk of Council

Public present - No public in attendance.

3. Invocation

Mr. Huggins offered the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee to include all members of council and Mr. Riepenhoff, city legal counsel; Ryan Green seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Matthew Huggins, Tiffany Hollis, Ryan Green, Jeff Barr, Kyle Cook

NOES: Donald Barnard, Nicole Shook

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 2

Council entered Executive Session at 5:03 pm and returned to Regular Session at 5:47 pm.

6. Public Hearings of Legislation

a. **RESOLUTION 2026-11 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SEPARATION AND SEVERANCE AGREEMENT WITH SEAN STANEART**

No debate or discussion by council.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to approve Resolution 2026-11 as written; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook

NOES: Donald Barnard, Nicole Shook

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 5 - 2

b. **RESOLUTION 2026-12** RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM DESIGNATION OF ACTING CITY MANAGER

No debate or discussion by council.

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to approve as written; Matthew Huggins seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Jeff Barr, Kyle Cook, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Donald Barnard

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

c. **RESOLUTION 2026-13** RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP LLC

No debate or discussion by council.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to approve resolution 2026-13 as written; Kyle Cook seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

d. **RESOLUTION 2026-14** RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE CITY MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND APPOINT MEMBERS

Mayor Hollis said this has been previously discussed amongst council, there are three members, the Mayor, the President of Council and the Acting President of Council. Corresponding names would be herself (Tiffany Hollis), Ryan Green and Donny Barnard.

ACTION: Kyle Cook moved to approve Resolution 2026-14 with the members named; Matthew Huggins seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green, Mayor Hollis

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

7. Adjourn

Mayor Hollis said the only other thing they would do tonight is read a press release, she read as follows:

City Manager Sean Stanearth to depart on February 21st, 2026. Johnstown Ohio City Manager Sean Stanearth will be stepping away from his employment with the city of

Johnstown on February 21st, 2026 and will be considering other professional opportunities for the next phase of his career. Sean has served as Johnstown City Manager from September 27th, 2022 to February 21st, 2026 and before that as the Assistant City Manager since May 4th, 2022. Sean served as Johnstown City Manager and Assistant City Manager while Johnstown began a new era after transitioning from a village to a city in 2021. City council and Sean have reached an agreement for the transition of this position. While the city begins its search for a new city manager, council has appointed Dave Delande as Acting City Manager and has retained Management Advisory Group to assist with the search and operation support. Under the city of Johnstown Charter, the city manager is responsible to council for administration of all municipal affairs placed in the manager's charge by the City Charter and legislation and the laws of the State of Ohio. City council thanks Sean for his service and is committed to finding the best fit for the next city manager. Thank you.

ACTION: Jeff Barr moved to adjourn; Ryan Green seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Mayor Hollis, Kyle Cook, Jeff Barr, Nicole Shook, Matthew Huggins, Don Barnard, Ryan Green
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 7 - 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

Next Council Meeting February 17, 2026