

Record of Proceedings  
Coshocton City Council  
Meeting Held: April 21, 2025

The Committee Meeting started at 5:45pm

President Hilgenberg called the meeting to order. Items for tonight's council meeting were discussed. President Hilgenberg also inquired if there were going to be any Ordinances for the next meeting.

- 1) Auditor Kirkpatrick asked if they could look into amending Ordinance 12-23 the Lodging Ordinance. She would like to add a late fee or a penalty clause to the ordinance. Discussion followed. It was determined that the City council would stay consistent with what the County does and add a ten percent penalty clause. She will get with the Law Director to get the ordinance revised.
- 2) SD Crown will have an ordinance for the Edgewater Terrace street work to do be completed.
- 3) Utility Director Kadri will have an ordinance to modify the sewer ordinance to prevent clear water from entering the storm sewers.

President Hilgenberg introduced Jillian Taylor who will be replacing Mike Gross after his resignation at our last meeting. We will need a motion to add her to the agenda for tonight's meeting.

The Ordinance Committee met to discuss the bike ordinance. They are waiting on the state to come back with regulations in reference to electric bikes. Will revisit after getting those recommendations.

Mayor Mills update

- 1) Second street traffic light project is moving along. It should be completed in three to six months. Please be patient.
- 2) The mayor has been collaborating with the Homeless Committee, helping direct homeless people to their services.
- 3) We received a final report from the Knowlton School of Architecture in reference to our zoning. Last updated in 1962. They had quite a few great recommendations.
- 4) Hall Park equipment is installed. We received a grant from Steve Oster to be able to complete this project. Need to pore the base, then it will be completed.
- 5) Northeast Main and Hall Drive need repairs due to the detour from Chestnut Street. As soon as Chestnut Street is complete, they will repair those areas.

Service Director Crown updated the council on projects.

- 1) Clean up Coshocton day will be April 26, 2025, starting at 8:30am. The first fifty people there will get a free t-shirt.

The committee meeting concluded at 6:15pm.

The regular session of the Coshocton City Council was called to order at 6:30pm by President Hilgenberg. Council Members present, Ms. Kayley Andrews, Mr. Tom Barcroft, Mr. Chad Johnson, Mr. Jim Kreis, Ms. Michelle Turner. Also, present were Mark Mills, Mayor, Max Crown, Safety Service Director, and Amy C Shutt, Clerk. Tom Barcroft made a motion to excuse Roger Moore, seconded by Kayley Andrews, and all members voted yes.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Councilmember Turner made a motion to add Jillian Taylor to the agenda, seconded by Chad Johnson, all members voted yes.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** President Hilgenberg confirmed that all council members had received the committee minutes and council minutes from the April 7, 2025, meeting. Kayley Andrews made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Chad Johnson. Michelle Tuner abstained due to being absent from the previous meeting. After a roll call all members voted yes.

April 17 Ordinance Agenda and Minutes are attached to these minutes.

**Petitions & Remonstrance's:** None

**Reports on Standing or Special Committees:**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Mills was present.

- 1) Clean up Coshocton day will be April 26, 2025, starting at 8:30am. The first fifty people there will get a free t-shirt.

**Service Director:** Max Crown was present.

**Law Director's Report:** Bob Skelton was present.

**Auditor's Report:** Sherry Kirkpatrick was present.

**Treasurer Report:** Denell Skelton was not present.

**Sheriff's Report:** Chris Walters was not present.

**Tax Report:** Jackie Cushman was not present.

**Property Code Report:** Dep. Mark Sharrock was not present.

**Fire Department** Chief Rusty Dreher was not present.

**Utilities,** Dave Kadri was present.

**Port Authority,** Tiffany Swigert was not present.

**LEGISLATION AT FIRST READING:**

16-25 APPROPRIATION. Ordinance will run its course.

**LEGISLATION AT SECOND READING:**

11-25 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COSHOCTON TO DONATE MONEY TO OUR TOWN COSHOCTON TO FUND THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Ordinance will run its course.

**LEGISLATION AT THIRD READING:** None

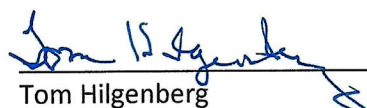
**RESOLUTIONS:** None

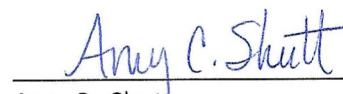
**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Michelle Turner made a motion to appoint Jillian Taylor to the unexpired term of Mike Gross, seconded by Chad Johnson, all members voted yes.

**Communications :** None

**Adjournment:** Chad Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kayley Andrews, all members voted yes. The council adjourned at 6:37pm. The next council meeting will be on Monday May 5, 2025, with the Committee Meeting at 5:45pm and the Council Meeting to follow at 6:30pm.

  
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Tom Hilgenberg  
Council President

  
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Amy C. Shutt  
Council Clerk

## **City of Coshocton – Special Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Thursday, April 17, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** City Hall Conference Room

**Meeting Called By:** City Council Ordinance Committee

**Meeting Type:** Special Topic Discussion

### **Attendees:**

- Mayor Mark Mills
  - City Service Director Max Crown
  - Council Member Michelle Turner
  - Council Member Tom Barcroft
  - Law Director Bob Skelton
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## **Agenda**

### **1. Review of Current Bicycle Ordinances**

- Overview of existing bicycle-related municipal code
- Discussion of potential updates or revisions to improve accessibility, safety, and alignment with planned infrastructure improvements
- Input from council members and legal guidance from Law Director Skelton

### **2. Review and Consolidation of Nuisance Ordinances**

- Presentation of current nuisance ordinances and identified redundancies or conflicts
- Discussion of proposed consolidated draft ordinance
- Legal input on enforceability and clarity
- Next steps for council consideration and public communication

### **3. Additional Comments and Questions**

### **4. Summary of Action Items and Next Steps**

- Assignment of tasks and drafting responsibilities
- Scheduling of follow-up meeting if needed

### **5. Adjournment**



## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Mayor Mark Mills.

### 2. Discussion: Bicycle Ordinances and Proposed Bike Route

Council Member Michelle Turner initiated discussion on the City's current bicycle ordinances. She presented suggested changes based on the City of Granville's bike ordinance model and distributed printed materials to attendees.

Additionally, Michelle provided documentation on the *Coshocton Connector Path Project*, a collaborative initiative with Frank Cugliari and Matt Gauerke. The project includes a proposed bike route through the city of Coshocton with the following path:

- **Start:** Wandle Drive
- **Route:** Arrowhead Drive → 14th Street → Denman Avenue → Nicholear Avenue → 16th Street → Orange Street → Hickory Street → Walnut Street → Water Street
- **Connection Points:** The proposed route links to the existing McWane Ductile bike path and provides access to the courthouse.

Following extended discussion, it was decided that no changes would be made to the current bicycle ordinances until feedback is received from the State of Ohio. However, the group agreed to move forward with the in-town bike route project. The City will place signage along the designated path, with a completion target before Memorial Day 2025.

### 3. Discussion: Nuisance Ordinances

Law Director Bob Skelton led the discussion regarding the City's current nuisance ordinances. He highlighted the need to streamline and clarify the code while maintaining its original intent and enforcement authority. The group concurred that revising the nuisance ordinance to eliminate redundancies and improve clarity is a priority. The project will proceed accordingly.

### 4. Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 PM.

# The Coshocton Connector Path Project

## Vision Statement

"To create a healthier, more connected, and sustainable community by developing a network of safe and accessible bikeways that encourage outdoor recreation, alternative transportation, and environmental stewardship."

## Mission Statement

"To develop and maintain an interconnected system of multi-use trails and bike-friendly infrastructure throughout Coshocton County, linking cities, villages, and neighboring regions. Through strategic planning, partnerships, and community engagement, we aim to promote active lifestyles, economic growth, and a greener future."

## Current Situation

Currently, Coshocton County has a limited number of multi-purpose and bicycle trails, primarily located in and around the city of Coshocton and Lake Park. Existing trails include:

- **Three Rivers Bikeway**
- **McWane River Walk**
- **The Scarr Loop**
- **The 621 Connector**

## Upcoming Developments

- The **County Commissioners** have a multi-use path slated for construction in 2025 along **CR 621**, beginning at the Connector Path on U.S. 36 and continuing through Canal Lewisville.
- Additional funding has been applied for a **multi-use path from Lake Park Canal Boat entrance**, following **SR 83 and U.S. 36**, past Genesis Medical Center, and potentially crossing via a footbridge similar to Newark's SR 16 bridge.
- The **City of Coshocton** is revisiting extending the multi-use path in Coshocton and exploring a connection between **Skips Landing and Newcomerstown** as part of a regional bike trail initiative.
- The City is also working on **Safe Routes to Schools** to create a safer, more accessible biking environment for students.

## Committee & Partnerships

Council At Large Representative **Michelle Turner** has joined the newly formed **Three Rivers Bike Committee**, working with residents and organizations such as:

- **Rails to Trails Conservancy** (Eric Oberg)
  - **Ohio-Erie Coalition** (Dan Rice & George Ebey)
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## City Council Proposal: Coshocton Bike Route

### Goal:

Requesting City Council's support in purchasing **signage and paint** to mark a **bike route through town**, improving accessibility and safety for cyclists.

### Proposed Bike Route:

- **Start:** Wandle Drive
- **Route:** Arrowhead Drive → 14th Street → Denman Avenue → Nicholear → 16th Street → Orange Street → Hickory → Walnut/Main Street → Water Street
- **Connection Points:** Links to **McWane Ductile bike path** and enables access to the courthouse

### Additional Proposals:

- **Widen future sidewalks on 2nd Street** (if needed) to allow safe bike access.
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## Long-Term Regional Vision: Expanding Coshocton's Trail Network

### Potential Future Routes:

- Adams Mills to Conesville along railway
- Conesville to Coshocton along railway
- Coshocton to West Lafayette along railway
- West Lafayette to Newcomerstown along railway
- West Lafayette to Baltic along railway
- Coshocton to Warsaw along U.S. 36 right of way

- River View HS to Killbuck, connecting to the **Holmes County Trail**, which leads to Columbus and Cleveland via Mount Vernon.
- **Pleasant Valley Drive to Lake Park**, connecting through city streets to the McWane River Walk.

## **The Ohio to Erie Trail Panhandle Route**

The **Ohio to Erie Trail** is a multi-purpose trail linking Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland. A proposed **Panhandle Route** would connect Coshocton County to this statewide network via Newcomerstown, West Lafayette, and beyond.

### **Proposed Regional Trail Development:**

- The **Mary Harris Trail** would encompass the **McWane River Walk**, the **Lake Park/Roscoe Three Rivers Bike Trail**, and the **621 Connector**.
- The first proposed segment is **Coshocton to West Lafayette along U.S. 36**, followed by expansion east to Newcomerstown.

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## **Economic & Community Benefits**

### **Boosting Local Businesses:**

- Increased traffic to local retail:
  - **Bexley Ann's**
  - **Rust Décor**
  - **Coshocton Antique Mall**
  - **Dean's Jewelry**
  - **Our Nest on Main**
  - **The Shops of Roscoe Village**
- Increased traffic to restaurants, wineries, and breweries:
  - **Rainbow Hills Winery**
  - **Ravens Glen Winery**
  - **Wooly Pig Farm Brewery**
  - **Huck's Tavern**
  - **Indian Bear Winery**
  - **The Warehouse Steak & Stein**
  - **Tlaquepaque**
  - **Sorrell's on the Square**
  - **Scoops Ice Cream**
  - **Main Street Station**
  - **Olde Thyme Country Market**



## Enhancing Tourism & Hospitality:

- Increased visitors to historic and natural sites:
    - **Roscoe Village**
    - **Johnson-Humrickhouse Museum (JHM)**
    - **Clary Gardens**
  - More overnight stays at local accommodations:
    - **KOA Campground**
    - **Village Inn and Suites**
    - **Super 8**
    - **Spark by Hilton**
    - Various B&Bs and Airbnb rentals
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## Next Steps & Call to Action

1. **City Council Approval:** Fund signage and road markings for the city bike route.
2. **Community Engagement:** Gather public input on bike-friendly infrastructure.
3. **Funding Opportunities:** Explore state grants and partnerships for future expansions.
4. **Long-Term Planning:** Work with regional partners to integrate Coshocton into the statewide biking network.

**Together, we can make Coshocton a premier destination for cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts!**

Future requests- bike parking

### General Rules:

- **Bicycles are vehicles:** Bicycles are considered vehicles under Ohio law, meaning cyclists must obey all traffic laws applicable to vehicles.
- **Ride with traffic:** Cyclists should ride on the right half of the roadway, riding with traffic instead of against it.
- **Obey traffic signals:** Cyclists must obey all traffic signals and control devices.
- **Stop at stop signs and red lights:** Cyclists must stop at stop signs and red lights.



- **Ride as near to the right as practicable:** Cyclists should ride as close to the right side of the roadway as possible, unless it is unsafe or impracticable to do so.
- **Two abreast in a single lane:** Persons riding bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles, electric bicycles, or motorcycles.
- **Passing on the right:** Passing on the right is no more legal for bikes than it is for motor vehicles.
- **Sidewalks:** Adult cyclists generally cannot ride on sidewalks or the Middle Path.

#### Equipment Requirements:

- **Lights:**

Bicycles must have a white light visible from at least 500 feet to the front and 300 feet to the side, and a red reflector visible from at least 300 feet to the rear, when in use between sunset and sunrise and when visibility is less than 1,000 ft.

- **Brakes:**

Every bicycle must be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway.

- **Audible Signal:**

A bicycle may be equipped with a device capable of giving an audible signal, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

#### E-Bikes:

- E-bikes are allowed on bike trails, depending on what class the e-bike is.
- Ohio categorizes e-bikes into three classes identified by motor and speed, according to the Ohio Revised Code.
- For county trails, e-bikes are allowed on bike trails, depending on what class the e-bike is.

#### Other Notes:

- Many Ohio communities have enacted local bike helmet laws for children, though no federal or Ohio state law mandates the use of a bike helmet.

- Bicycles cannot be parked in intersections, within 20 feet of crosswalks, in front of driveways, or within 10 feet of fire hydrants.
- If you are unsure about a specific situation, it is always best to err on the side of caution and obey all traffic laws and local ordinances.