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## Committee meetings

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## Summary

- Council plans to vote on two ordinances next week at the Feb. 9 meeting. One will allow the city to continue the development of Mud Brook Trail and extend the walking path. The city received a \$500,000 grant to help with the project.
- Council members highlighted the city's financial responsibility in several recent projects, like the use of tax increment financing (TIF) and a large grant award to help fund the Mud Brook Trail project, and the expected carryover of leftover 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds.
- Overall, it was a very brief meeting with no one addressing the council during the public comment period. There were a few attendees aside from council members and city staff.

## Follow-Up Questions

- How many of the vendors the city is contracting with this year are new? How many of them have contracted with the city before?
- What is the cost for the electrical outage management system? Has the city previously contracted with this service or a similar service provider? How many annual outages does the city experience?

## Notes

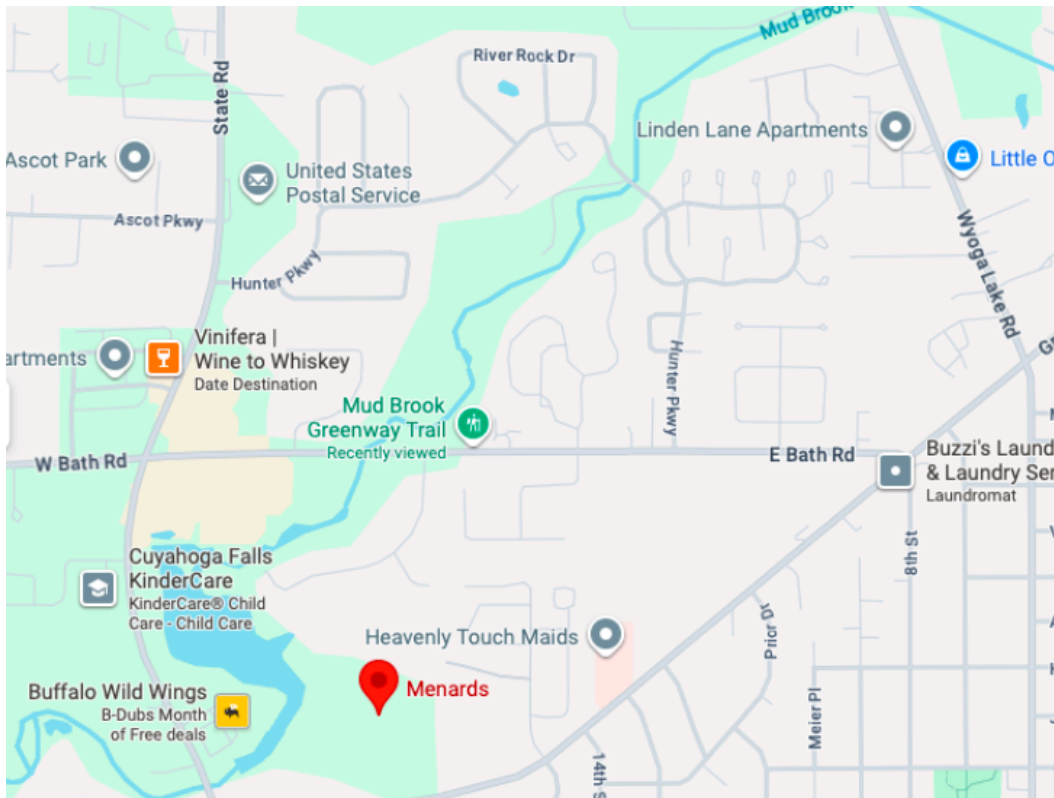
- Only two new pieces of legislation were discussed during committee meetings, and council voted to bring them to council for a final vote at the Feb. 9 meeting. All meetings take place at [The Natatorium](#), at 6:30 p.m.

### Quick summary of legislation passed at the previous meeting:

- Much of this legislation was covered by a [fellow Documenter on Jan. 20](#).  
**[Ord. 1-2026](#)**: Allowing the city to enter various contracts for annual services, supplies and equipment for the city's Electrical Division. Vendors listed: Anixter Inc., Bell Lumber and Pole Co., Brownstown Electric Supply, DECO Supply Co., Echo Electric and 13 other vendors. [See the full list](#):
- **[Ord. 2-2026](#)**: Allows the city to contract with Milsoft Utility Solutions for installing and maintaining an electric outage management system. The cost for the system is not listed in the legislation.
- **[Ord. 3-2026](#)**: Allows the city to contract with Collins Excavating & Construction, Core & Main LP, East Jordan Iron Works, Ferguson Enterprises Inc, KJ Excavation, S&S Excavating Inc., and Superior Drain for annual water, sewer and storm water services in 2026 (including water treatment chemicals, waterline and sewer line supplies, meters, etc.)
- **[Ord. 4-2026](#)**: Allows the city to contract with Power Line Supply Co. for equipment for capacitor banks at Valley Substation.
- **[Ord. 5-2026](#)**: Allows the city to sell property known as "Vacant Land" on Orchestra Street that contains a water retention basin for the Blossom Glen subdivision. According to the legislation, the basin was failing and creating flooding issues in the development.

- **[Ord. 6-2026](#)**: Allows the city to sell property at [2550 Northland St.](#) for Habitat for Humanity housing development.
- **New legislation discussed at the Feb. 2 council meeting**
- **[Temp. Ord. A-7](#)**: This would allow the city to enter contract(s) for the [Mud Brook Greenway Trail](#) Phase 2 project.
- Cuyahoga Falls City Engineer Tony Demasi said the first phase of the park's development was completed in 2022, with a trail between Wyoga Lake Road to Bath Road.
- The second part of the trail connects to the end closest to Bath Road and extends the development around Old Mill Drive (behind the Menard's and Buffalo Wild Wings shopping area on Graham Road). Demasi said the pathway will be a combination of limestone pavement and composite deck boardwalk, and a 200-foot bridge crossing Old Mill pond.
- Demasi said the project cost is about \$3.3 million, and the city was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Other funds from the project would come from the city's TIF fund.
- The project is scheduled to be completed in summer 2027, Demasi said.

- Here's a snapshot of the Mud Brook Greenway Trail area



- Brian Ashton, Public and Industrial Improvements Committee chair and at-large council member, said Phase 1 of the project was successful and he has seen visitors frequenting the park. Ward 5 Council Member Michael Brillhart and Council President and At-Large Member Russ Balthis congratulated the administration on the grant award. He said, "This will be a real plus for our whole city."
- [Temp. Ord. A-8](#): This would allow the city to carry over \$464,795 in unused Community Development Block Grant funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- There were also a few new faces at the meeting: [Marie Willis-Guarneri](#), representing Ward 7, and [Nikki Cebula](#), representing Ward 3.
- [More about Mud Brook here.](#)

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