CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

COUNCIL MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Dan Kirkpatrick, Mayor	☒	☐
Clint Allen, Councilman	☒	☐
Sylvia Chess, Councilwoman	☒	☐
Adam Fritzsche, Councilman	☒	☐
Rodney McCubbins, Councilman	☒	☐
Mary Reaster, Deputy Mayor	☒	☐
Tana Stanton, Councilwoman	☐	☒

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to excuse Councilwoman Stanton from the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Voice vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick excused Councilwoman Stanton from the meeting.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Browning, Gebhart, Jacobs, McNamee, Myers, Riggs, and Taylor.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Chess moved to approve the September 15, 2025, Work Session minutes. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2025, Regular Meeting. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 24-25 AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM PARKLAND (P) TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) FOR PARCELS THAT INCLUDE CITY LOTS 1, 2 & 3 OF THE HAIL PLAT, PARCEL NO. A02000200160052600 AND PARCEL NO. A02000200160052700.

Deputy Mayor Reaster motioned to read Ordinance 24-25 for the second time by title only. Councilman McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 24-25 by title only.

Kathleen Riggs, City Planner, explained this zoning map amendment is to rectify a change that staff made with the update back in 2017. We have done this with similar parcels over the years when we noticed that there was a change made in that zoning map update overall City update in 2017, but more specifically she provided an overview of the zoning map. It is currently zoned parkland. She pointed out the five parcels that are located just north of Wright Park and the FISH pantry on Funderburg Road. The applicant for this process is actually the City of Fairborn. She reviewed the aerial map and discussed the location of the area affected. The zoning is Parkland, and it is surrounded by medium density residential. She displayed the residential map prior to 2017 which shows these parcels as R1 which is a residential zoning in the previous zoning code surrounded by other residential zoning and parkland. This is just rectifying a change that they made and at the owner's request wanting these to match the residential and medium density residential that is currently in the surrounding neighborhood. This will then match that and bring that residential zoning back into play. Planning Board recommended approval.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 24-25 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, McCubbins and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 24-25 by title only.

Councilman McCubbins moved to adopt Ordinance 24-25. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, Reaster and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 24-25 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 25-25 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING CHAPTER 547, TREES, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, AND REPEALING PRIOR VERSIONS.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated Ordinance 25-25 involves an Ordinance about trees and he is involved in that committee, so he recused himself and stepped out of the Chambers and turned the item over to Deputy Mayor Reaster. Deputy Mayor Reaster asked if there was a motion to read Ordinance 25-25 for the first time by title only.

Councilman Fritzsche motioned to read Ordinance 25-25 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 25-25 by title only.

Deputy Mayor Reaster set the public hearing of Ordinance 25-25 for Monday, October 20, 2025.

Mayor Kirkpatrick returned to the Chambers.

RESOLUTION 45-25 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO.

Councilwoman Chess motioned to read Resolution 45-25 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 45-25 by title only.

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, explained the update to the Rules of Council has been a long time in coming. The last time we did this was in 2012. The Rules of Council were established procedures for meetings, litigation, public comment and Council and staff relations. The last comprehensive update was in May of 2012. There are outdated provisions which require revision to align with the Ohio Revised Code, the Fairborn City Charter, and current city practices and Council priorities. The review was completed with City Council during the work session on September 15, 2025. This is organized in 17 plus sections, and it is a 25-page document that they decided to put into a handbook for Council which would assist with training. The key updates include a new preamble or prologue reflecting the City in Motion, a definition section that defines some of the terms used in the Rules of Council because there are differing opinions on what those definitions are, expanded legislative procedure for Resolutions and Ordinances. It walks you through the difference between a Resolution, a first, second and third reading of an Ordinance so that is less confusing for folks that don't do this every other week with all of us. It clarifies work sessions and off-site budget meetings. He knows that every year for our annual work session for October we meet off-site at the Spark-Fairborn facility because it is a larger area so that if more residents would want to come and participate they can come and join us for that work session when we talk about the coming year's proposed budget. Those are always properly noticed through both our social media and through our website as well as the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code for public notices through the Clerk of Council. We just wanted to clarify that. Strengthen, Conflict of interest and recusal provisions, just as you saw the Mayor leave during the first reading for a committee that he helps serve on. That particular section covers the Conflict of interest and recusal as well as updated citizens participation and council communication media sections. Summary compliance and alignment in State law and Charter and Codified Ordinances, public participation ensures constitutional access and ADA compliance. Executive Sessions consolidate Ohio Revised Code Chapter 121.22 and our Charter Rules and Boards and Commissions updates Section 18 with current appointments and authorities, censure and discipline define processing and record keeping, Proclamations and Ceremonial matters ensure transparency and consistency are all in this particular updated document.

Again, Council received a copy of this for the September 15, 2025, work session and staff recommends approval of Resolution 45-25 for this new Rules of Council handbook.

Councilman Fritzsche thanked staff for the work put into putting this together.

Councilman Allen thanked Mr. Gebhart and said this has been a long time in coming. We have been working on this since Paul Keller was Mayor. He appreciates all the hard work that went into this.

Councilman McCubbins reminded the citizens that this is a living document. It is not just set on the shelf and then forgotten. They will put it into a cycle to be re-evaluated on a timeline. Mr. Gebhart agreed.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked staff for their work on this. As has already been said, it is overdue, and he is glad they are doing it.

Deputy Mayor Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 45-25. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, McCubbins, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 45-25 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 46-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2024 PAVEMENT REJUVENATION PROGRAM.

Councilman McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 46-25 for the first time by title only. Councilman Fritzsche seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 46-25 by title only.

Haley Myers, Assistant City Engineer, explained the Resolution would allow Engineering to participate in the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for asphalt rejuvenation. She provided background information on asphalt rejuvenation. She explained they had 19 eligible streets selected that were repaved as part of last year's paving program that they are looking to complete the asphalt rejuvenation process completed. The estimate for this work was just under $53,000. They are looking to work with Pavement Technologies, Inc. as they have that active contract through the Ohio Cooperative purchasing program. The estimated was just over the $50,000 cutoff that of what needs Council's approval. Overall, Engineering recommends adoption of Resolution 46-25.

Councilwoman Chess asked if Ms. Myers was asking for approval of the $53,000. Ms. Myers explained if an estimate exceeds $50,000 to participate in the co-op program that is when it needs to come to Council. Since the estimate was higher than $50,000, she is bringing it forward.

Councilman McCubbins asked if going through this co-op we get better pricing. Ms. Myers stated that is the goal. Through the Ohio Purchasing process and when this goes into place at the beginning of the year as she believes the contracts are renewed annually, those companies bid out for it. It is a competitive bid process, it is just at the state level. Hopefully, we will get better pricing through that.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Ms. Myers for the work that went into this.

Councilman Fritzsche moved to adopt Resolution 46-25. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, six: Fritzsche, Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 46-25 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 47-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL IIJA FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 47-25 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 47-25 by title only.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, explained he had two Resolutions for Council tonight. He provided an overview of what he was presenting. For this one they have the MVRPC grant application. As always, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission is soliciting transportation project applications to receive federal funding. These funds are managed at the state level by the Department of Transportation, and they are allocated locally by MVRPC through a competitive process. These applications are ranked by MVRPC and that is how the funds are distributed. The funding source they are targeting this year is the Surface Transportation Program and the subsection of that is STP Resurfacing. There are three main requirements for this program. The primary one is that the project needs to also have local match dollars which we always provide, and we are able to do so thanks to the Street Levy. The second requirement is a Resolution from City Council which is why we are here this evening. The third one is we need to provide a priority ranking of the projects. This is particularly useful if there is more than one application. Seeing as we only have one STP application this year this will be our priority rank number one project.

So, the proposed STP resurfacing project for the year is the Dayton Yellow Springs Road resurfacing. Now, don't get too excited Dayton Yellow Springs is a very big section of street and he is not looking on knocking it out in one go. They are looking at evaluating the section of Dayton Yellow Springs Road from Five Points at Maple Avene all the way to the 675 intersection. They are looking at state fiscal year 2030 STP Resurfacing funds. This will be different from prior STP applications as they are just looking to do a resurfacing for this time. They are looking at doing roadway milling and resurfacing. This would also include base repairs, pavement markings, signal traffic protection hardware, and structural adjustments, as necessary. The construction estimate of this work is looking at just under $850,000 with the Fairborn local share of this work being just under $170,000. He stated the pavement condition of Dayton Yellow Springs Road is good to fair, but it is obviously reaching a point where you are starting to see some cracks and some base failures coming through. It is very important to start planning for doing an appropriate resurfacing and base repair of the pavement when the time comes and by applying for the grant funding now it gives them the opportunity should they receive the funds to get a proper plan in place to start working on DYS. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 47-25.

Deputy Mayor Reaster asked him to elaborate for the general public the why year 2030 as it seems so far away. Mr. Jacobs stated the way these federal funds are appropriated and allocated in the state where they basically work on a five-year timeline. Their window for this year is for state fiscal year from 2030 to 2031. The funding is made available as they are. Because they are managing millions and millions of dollars every year, planning, design, environmental and right-of-way considerations that these projects necessitate in order to follow state guidelines you really can't accommodate in a couple of years. That is why they give ample time from the time you apply for these projects to the times that their construction funds are actually used and executed. So that is the majority of it. They must follow state guidelines and regulations they have to go through a thorough planning process to make sure that these federal funds are spent appropriately.

Councilman McCubbins asked if we get approved for this will the funds be funneled through the MVRPC. Mr. Jacobs responded, yes. Councilman McCubbins asked if the MVRPC would handle the contract. Mr. Jacobs stated should the project be selected, it would be programmed into the Department of Transportation's PID program for the project at which point us as an LPA entity would be able to manage it ourselves. Or we can allow the state to handle it all and then we would just pay for it. It is just a matter of how much manpower do we want to expend on managing going through the design process and the project management for the construction or do we just want to take a step back approach and let the state handle it all. There are advantages and disadvantages to each one, but since the Engineering works on maintaining our LPA certification it is just the main benefit of us being able to manage our own project. Councilman McCubbins asked if there is a chance if other project fall out that this project could get moved up sooner to 2030 if approved. Mr. Jacobs said, yes it has happened. Generally, MVRPC is graded on how effectively they are in allocating and spending these funds. It is very important for them to have no carry-over funds. Obviously, construction costs and pricing changes.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this does not include the resurfacing over the 675 overpass. Mr. Jacobs said no, they are done there.

Councilman McCubbins moved to adopt Resolution 47-25. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, six: McCubbins, Reaster, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 47-25 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 48-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Councilman Fritzsche motioned to read Resolution 48-25 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 48-25 by title only.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, stated similarly to our last Resolution this one is for the Ohio Public Works Grant application they are doing this year. He provided a project

overview. They are looking at doing improvements on Beaver Valley Road particularly north of New Germany Trebein Road. This is the last little bit of Beaver Valley. It is the New Germany Trebein intersection. Greene County is currently doing a traffic study on making improvements to the intersection. One of those improvements is the addition of crosswalks for pedestrian safety at the intersection of New Germany Trebein and Beaver Valley Road. That conversation started a conversation of looking at the corridor and pedestrian safety and what they found was we currently have a culvert that accommodates only two lanes of traffic and a very tight grass shoulder. There is no sidewalk and there is no other way of pedestrians getting from the south side of the City to the intersection. We have an odd situation where we have a new community here in Fairborn, which is the Glenview Apartments who installed sidewalks to the intersection, but they don't have anywhere to go or to connect to the City with them. With that said they are looking at making improvements in the section of the road by replacing the culvert with a newer one. This culvert was installed back in 1989. It is functional with a sufficiency rating that is adequate, but it does not serve our needs anymore for more than just vehicular traffic. They are looking to include the replacement of the Beaver Valley Road culvert. This will allow two primary functions. It will give us the ability to widen the road for increased left turn capacity on that southbound traffic. Right, now that left-turn lane accommodates two cars at best so they are looking at widening it to allow more stacking and it would allow for the installation of new sidewalk which will officially connect that intersection and the Glenview community to the rest of the City. It will also provide access to the Prairie Reserve. Greene County Parks is in the process of installing a new entrance there.

Staff is looking at doing this project in 2027. OPWC grants do work a little closer in terms of when they are applied for. We are looking at a construction estimate of just under $1 million with the Fairborn share sitting at one-half million. They are looking at splitting this 50/50 with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 48-25

Councilwoman Chess thanked Mr. Jacobs for his work. She hopes the grant will be accepted.

Councilman McCubbins asked if this would be in conjunction with the other portion of Beaver Valley that Beavercreek is doing from 675 down. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is a separate project that we are currently participating with, so Beavercreek is running point on that in terms of managing the design and construction of it. That one is scheduled for next year. They are going to be removing and replacing all of that concrete pavement that is under the 675 overpass. Councilman McCubbins asked if this would have any kind of effect on the wetlands that are over there. Mr. Jacobs stated no and as part of the design they are putting a portion of the design for environmental assessment. Any time they are working with a stream and replacing a structure, there is a level of environmental awareness they are going to consider so that it does not negatively impact the wetlands or any other areas.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated he is glad to see a sidewalk go into that area.

Councilman Allen moved to adopt Resolution 48-25. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, six: Allen, Reaster, Chess, Fritzsche, McCubbins, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 48-25 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 49-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH PURDUE PHARMA L.P., CERTAIN OF ITS AFFILIATES, AND THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND SEPARATELY WITH THE "GROUP EIGHT" OPIOID MANUFACTURERS.

Deputy Mayor Reaster motioned to read Resolution 49-25 for the first time by title only. Councilman McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 49-25 by title only.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, explained Resolution 49-25 authorizes the City to participate in two national opioid settlements. As they know the opioid litigation has been ongoing for at least 9 years now and this is just another round of settlements, but this is significant because the Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family represent $7.4 billion. This is part of a nationwide effort to hold manufacturers and distributors accountable for their role in the opioid epidemic. The Group of Eight settlement is for $700 million. Ohio, like every state in the country got involved in the opioid litigation very early on and took it away from local governments and they are the clearing house for all funds. The State takes 15 percent; local communities get a direct distribution of 30 percent and then the OneOhio Fund is a private nonprofit that is sponsored by the State where you submit grants to get additional access to funds. An important point to note is these funds are restricted. They cannot go into the General Fund as they are for treatment and recovery, services, preventative education programs, and the like. This is a housekeeping measure because when the City first joined the opioid litigation the City Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to participate in the settlements. It is always good to keep Council informed when settlements come through so Resolution 49-25 authorizes the City Manager to execute required participation forms to participate in both sets of settlements. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 49-25.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated they have talked about this before. When do they expect to see any dollars flowing? Mr. McNamee stated getting to the mechanics of the distribution the Purdue Pharma and Sackler Family is going to be distributed over the course of 10 years. The City will start seeing funds for that as early as next year on a pro-rated basis for the remaining years. The City will receive a larger amount of the Group of Eight, again that will start next year because several of the Group of Eight are paying one lump sum. There is a website where you can go and see what their expectations of the settlement are, but as he has learned throughout this process, just wait until you get the check. Mayor Kirkpatrick just did not want the citizens to think there would be a windfall of money and there is a process to go through with this. Mr. McNamee agreed.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Resolution 49-25. Deputy Mayor Reaster seconded. Yeas, six: Chess, Reaster, Allen, Fritzsche, McCubbins, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 49-25 duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened Citizens Comments.

Marsha Bayless, former Mayor of Xenia, who is in a much more relaxed position now as a Greene County Library Board member. She thanked them for the opportunity to speak about Issue 2. Her comments are attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Michael Cordray, 1504 Meadowlands Drive, thanked the Council and the Mayor for the opportunity to present his comments this evening. They recently had reason to drive on Commerce Center Boulevard between Garland and Dayton Yellow Springs Road on a regular basis. His morning drive coincides with the timing and the flashing of the school safety zone lights. He found on a nearly daily basis the failure of many drivers to adhere to the 20-mph speed limit as well as a number of drivers using the center corridor as a passing lane. He also saw that many of those dropping off students in what appeared to be an attempt to beat the traffic on the road. They were driving at an incautious speed and often ignored the exit stop sign from the drop off area. His request is that consideration be given to a traffic study in those areas as well as the potential increase in police presence on at least an irregular or semi-standard basis. In mid-September he posted his concerns regarding this matter on the Fairborn Friends and Neighbors Facebook page, and he received a reaction and comments from over 70 area residents who have experienced similar issues in the area. Several of them indicated they had brought this to the attention and yet they have not received any kind of a satisfactory response He does not know where that information was shared so he can't claim that anyone was intentionally being ignored. Now we have the attention and the traffic situation which seems a little bit more important because we are looking at the morning darkness as well the increase in the construction traffic because of the building of the new Middle School and an additional problem being that just beyond the identified crosswalk they have put in a temporary orange fence in order to border off the construction area. This causes the students that are crossing at the appropriate location to then again step off of the sidewalk and closer to the edge of the street. In the darkness it makes it very difficult to make sure that these students are visible. Again, these are issues that he thought needed to be brought to the attention. He is sure there are people that are not aware of it because they don't use Commerce Center Drive as frequently as the rest. There are also people who are students or parents of students in that area that probably need to pay a little bit more attention also. Again, he thanked the Council and the Mayor for listening to his comments and he appreciated the opportunity to share them with them.

Mark Conrad, President of the Miami Valley Military History Museum, located at 4 E. Main Street, Fairborn, Ohio. When the museum first came to town, one of the reasons they chose this City was based on an enthusiastic response to them coming here. They were told at their soft and hard opening that the City is here to support them and they will do whatever they can. Now, in the nearly four years since then they saw one building that would have been perfect for them torn down and it remains a grassy lot. They discussed another building, and it seemed like things were going pretty good only to be told, just kidding, we want $440,000 for that building. Now, they see that as not helpful. They would like to stay here in Fairborn because the people monetarily exist on donations.

They have done that for nearly 19 years they are not going anywhere. Artifacts wise they could give the Air Force Museum a run for its money if they had a big enough building. Now, he has always said that he won't live long enough to see that, but someday they are going to overtake them. Right now, think big, achieve big.

The reason he wanted to speak with them today, and oddly enough, in an ironic moment, today happens to be "Support Museums in Ohio Day." They have tried to get in here other times, but it just so happens that all the planets aligned today. He wanted to come before Council and get it on the record that we should be having a partnership. They have counterparts in other towns that they have a close working relationship with the City. They don't seem to be receiving that. In August they sent a proposal to the Fairborn Development Corporation, and they understand that they have a wide latitude in what they can do. Whether it is selling a building, renting a building, or loaning it, donating it and he wanted to make sure that each of the Councilmembers received a copy of that proposal. Not that he doesn't trust them, but the world has made him very paranoid. So, there are copies for Council along with the 2024 annual report. You will see they are not just a building of old stuff. They are good stewards in this community. They support Toys for Tots. They support the food pantry and numerous times they have supported Chamber of Commerce activities. They have supported the golf tournaments as well. They need to see some of that coming back to them. So, he hopes they will read that, and they will look at what they have done and what they bring to this community. He ponders to himself what kind of impact do we have. The very last page of the document contains a copy of Trip Advisors' top things to do in Fairborn, Ohio. The military museum is #1, Foy's is #20 and everybody in between are things like parks and places that people can go to enjoy themselves. With that he asked Council to take the proposal and read it. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated Julie Taylor will take those and distribute those to Council. Mr. Conrad stated he would be back to talk to them again.

Paul Keller, 731 Conservation Circle, stated, yes, Clint, he almost voiced an affirmative vote on the Rules of Council. This evening, he is here to voice his support for the Fairborn Fire and Police levy that is going to be on the ballot next month. As you know this is a renewal, no new taxes. Both of these departments are excellent departments. They are professionally staffed. They provide excellent support to our community. It is much more than firefighting or law enforcement. They are active in the community and the community events. They do safety training for our children, provide safety for our schools and our businesses and community as well. Events like Touch A Truck and many other awareness events. He wanted to encourage all of our citizens to share their support for these levies by coming out and voting yes.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed Citizens Comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, reviewed the October milestones. He thanked them for their service. He addressed Mr. Cordray, he has been in contact with the Police Chief this afternoon and they will start to see increased patrols on Commerce Center and he will also see radar signs go out in that area of the City. They will do more than spuratic

enforcement out there during the school year. They should start to see that as early as tomorrow morning. He thanked him for coming forward and pointing that out to Council.

He thanked Fire, Police, Parks, and Public Works for their Public Safety in the Park this past Sunday. It was a great event from noon to three as part of the Fire Prevention Week activities for the City. Congratulations again to the milestone recipients for October.

He also congratulated the Finance Department. The State Auditor recently came out with their financial health indicators letter and for the City of Fairborn we received our highest rating ever with 16 of the 17 categories in the green light or the positive outlook column. They received one yellow precautionary because of the age of our infrastructure which we continually work on, but 16 of the 17 indicators of the fiscal heath of the City were in the green, positive-outlook category. Thanks to Hilary Browning and her staff as well as previous Finance Directors and their staff for helping get us into this position over the years.

The Fairborn Halloween Festival is coming up downtown on October 17th through October 19th. There will be all kinds of things going on downtown including the costume contest on the 17th.

The annual budget work session will be held at Spark Fairborn at 305 W. Main Street next Monday night from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As he stated earlier in the presentation for Resolution 45-25 we do that so it is a much larger room so if anyone wants to attend and sit through the budget work session and hear staff's proposal for the 2026 budget again that will be at Spark Fairborn from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. next Monday night. Mark it on your calendar it will not be here, it will be at Spark Fairborn. There will not be a work session for October 20th. This is in keeping with what we have done since Spark opened several years ago, so it will accommodate more residents if they would like to join us.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess thanked the milestone recipients. She reminded everyone that it is Cancer Awareness Month. Please keep those people in mind that are diagnosed with Cancer. Those who are beating cancer and those who have passed on. Please keep them in your heart and mind. There are a lot of conferences going on in the surrounding areas. If you can attend them, it would be of great importance. This does not only affect women. It does affect men as well. The importance of safety on the streets is also important. There was a crash on I-70 with a person going the wrong way which caused a few fatalities. It is important to keep your hands free of devices while you are driving. Safety is so important. There are even reports of deaths in school safety zones. Protecte each other and our children in the school zones.

Councilman McCubbins congratulated the milestone recipients and the Finance Department. Specifically, the Finance Department as he thinks Fairborn has done a great job in keeping the budget lean. We have won numerous awards from the State of Ohio because of our financial budget. Time change is coming up in a couple of weeks. This is a good reminder to check your smoke detectors, change the batteries and don't forget

your carbon monoxide detectors. Many of the homes in Fairborn are heated with a gas furnace and that creates a major hazard. It is odorless, tasteless, invisible, silent killer so please don't forget to check those. It is also flu season so in addition to your vaccines make sure you increase your hand washing to prevent any illnesses.

Counciman Fritzshe thaked the milestone recipients for their work in the City and their continued service.

Councilman Allen stated it is always great to have citizen involvement. He congratulated the milestone recipients. One of the recipients has been with the City for 30 years. It is a testament to HR for helping to make that happen. The one-year milestones are also a testament of people wanting to come and be a part of the City staff. The levy support he can only shout out please consider supporting the levies for the Library, Police and Fire. These things are critical. In the environment we are in right now, every penny counts and they work for us. We cannot say enough about Police and Fire and what they do day in and day out as public servants. He appreciates Mark coming forward and talking about the Miami Valley Military History Museum. He appreciates the work, participation and them being in the City of Fairborn. Hopefully, they will continue to call this place home. They will do whatever they can to continue to share that news. It has already been stated about Breast Cancer Awareness, and he does not think we have to look far in any of our families to see how that disease affects us. Please continue to support research for the cure for that disease. Lastly, he thinks the theme is to just be kind.

Deputy Mayor Reaster expressed her gratitude to the milestone recipients for choosing to make Fairborn the place you choose to work. On September 22, 2025, she had the pleasure of attending the swearing in of our new Captain and Sergeants. She thanked them for choosing to serve the citizens of Fairborn. She knows if feels like forever ago and they just had the US Air Force Marathon, and the Fly Zone get better and better each year. Hats off to everyone who helped make that a success. The summer may be over, but the Park and Recreation Division still has a lot to do so please check out the website and check it out. She believes this weekend is Movie in the Park and it is Halloween themed. Last but not least, she thanked the citizens for their comments and engagement.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated last week he had the opportunity to attend the Leo club at the High School. He had a chance to hear what young people want in the community. He made a long list of what they would like to see. He encouraged everyone to listen to our young people. The things they want are interesting. They are our future leaders. He also congratulated the milestone recipients. There is a big event this weekend the football team is playing Xenia. He encouraged everyone to come out and watch the Sky Hawks take on the Xenia team.

Over the next several weeks you are going to see a number of groups doing Adopt A Highway programs. He knows of at least four that will be out. Most of them will be on Saturdays. Please keep an eye out for them. If you are interested in starting an Adopt a Highway in your neighborhood, please contact the City Street Department.

It was mentioned about a museum we have in town. We have a gem. We have something that very few other communities have access to and that is a very special museum. He

encourages you to visit. They receive donations daily, so right there at the corner of Main and Central is one of Fairborn's gems. Make an effort to see that museum. Our City Manager mentioned the Halloween Festival, which is coming up on the 17th through the 19th. The museum will be open during those days. In the morning on October 14, 2025, one of our local citizens Chuck Stout started these Breakfast with the Mayor events. He will be coordinating that at the Fairborn Senior Center. The idea is that citizens can come and ask questions about what is going on in Fairborn. There will be information about the levies. It is at 8:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

He wanted to come back to what Mr. Cordray said about Commerce Center Boulevard. We are very fortunate that we have the new schools. the construction has begun on the Middle School. He also has seen people speeding on Commerce Center. It is normally 35 mph except when the school lights are flashing then it is 20 mph. Yes, it seems like it takes forever, but let's not have an accident with our students. Please if you drive Commerce Center follow the speed limit.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman McCubbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, six: McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Fritzsche, Reaster, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN

Exhibit"A"

Thank you for the opportunity to share about Issue 2 supporting your Greene County Public Library.

Your Library has consistently delivered effective resources and services – all while maintaining responsible stewardship. Issue 2 will help your Library keep its services in place, especially serving our kids, our seniors, and our businesses...and keep your community strong.

With over 100,000 card holders in Greene County, your Library is busier than ever. Over 80,000 of those cardholders take part in almost 4,000 on site and virtual programs and services, and circulation of all materials is at all-time highs.

However, changes in State funding threaten Greene County Public Library's ability to keep services and materials at levels your community demands and needs. We have already seen reductions.

I am here today to ask you to **vote for Issue 2** on this November's ballot. Issue 2 is a one mil levy for a period of ten years – less than $3 a month per $100,000 accessed home value. This levy—which will never increase even if property values do—will ensure your library keeps current services and holdings in place and grows those resources to keep your community strong.

Vote for our Kids. Your Library works with and supports your school districts and daycares through all seven branches. It holds over 900 Storytimes a year. The Bookmobile visits over 2,000 kids a month. The tutoring program has helped more than 10,000 students in the last 4 years. And who has not heard of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?

Vote for our Seniors. Your Library delivers thousands of books to seniors who are isolated in their homes and in care facilities. Your Library teaches technology to seniors in your senior centers, and – of course – seniors never pay fines at your Library.

Vote for our Businesses: Your Library provides Internet access and public computers that hundreds use every year for job searches and applications. It supports business development and entrepreneurship through Spark Place, the Library's maker space serving Greene County.

I invite you on November 4th or by absentee ballot to vote for **Issue 2 and help your local Greene County Public Library keep what it has and keep your community strong.** Support Issue 2 and even consider placing a sign in your yard or business, or speaking on our behalf with friends, family and neighbors. About $35 a year for most property owners—and it will never increase even if property values do. Vote to help keep your community strong and provide resources and services used by more than 60% of Greene County. Help your Greene County Library keep what it has.

Thank you.