CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Adkins, Barker, Browning, Gebhart, Jacobs, McNamee, Myers, Riggs, Schell, and Taylor

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked that everyone take an extended moment of silence for all of the military members who are in harm's way.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Chess moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026, Council Work Session. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

PRESCHEDULED

Amy Gayheart, Fairborn City Schools Superintendent, provided the attached power point presentation. She explained it to the community on February 17, 2026, with the roll out of the Strategic Plan, but they have taken the show on the road, and they are trying to get in front of as many groups as they can to share this information as it defines who they are as a school district and where they are doing over the next five years. She also discussed the four pillars of the plan including teaching and learning, future-ready skills, student life and experiences, and operational efficiency. She discussed the Portrait of a Skyhawk initiative which are the characteristics, skills, and attributes they want to build in students by the time they graduate so they are well enabled to go out into the world and be successful. Those characteristics are adaptability, responsibility, problem solving, critical

thinking and communication. She discussed the complimentary document that lists the smart goals for each of the focus areas and the key performance indicators. This plan was designed with community input. When they transitioned into strategic planning, they took that group broke it down into key players within the district with administrators, board members, and union leadership. It is a five-year plan that they look at as a marathon. They are open to any other groups that would like to hear about the strategic plan. Her office door is always open for anyone who might have questions or would like to talk about the plan. They are so grateful to the community for the new schools, and they look forward to the new Middle School opening in August 2027. When it does, the City of Fairborn will have the newest school facilities in all of the Miami Valley.

Councilman Dodd thanked Amy Gayheart for her and the board's hard work.

Councilman Allen stated they heard the story in the work session just a few minutes ago. There are a couple of points that he wanted to make. The fact that they are creating this environment where character counts and they are setting the students up to be ready for the world. As he was telling Tim Steininger, the hard work comes in staying on task and working through those challenges as they continue to work through the strategic plan. This is a strategic plan, and it takes work to get there. The way it is laid out is still a full body approach. They are going to need the community to help us. Mrs. Gayheart agreed.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins thanked Mrs. Gayheart for her presentation.

Councilwoman Chess likes the way it is laid out as her colleague has said. She likes the fact that it is well rounded. This brings the holistic approach to learning to our scholars. She appreciates the hard work they have put in to make this possible so the citizens of Fairborn can know how to market what they are trying to put out there. She thanked Mrs. Gayheart.

Councilwoman Reaster started her political career with the schools, and she is incredibly honored to have been a part of it. She is so excited to see the continued evolution of the City schools. The re-evaluation of the needs of our students today, tomorrow and beyond are ever changing. She appreciates that and the ability to adapt and change and grow as they move forward. Today's technology will be outdated tomorrow. She appreciates the aforethought spent and the ability to adapt, change and grow. We are building our future whether they stay in Fairborn and build their family and their life, or they go out into the big crazy world. She is so proud of Fairborn and Fairborn City Schools. This is a great time.

Councilwoman Stanton encouraged everyone look into the details of this. As was mentioned, Council had the opportunity to have a deeper look at this in the work session. You could not come away completely impressed if you look at this plan and all the work that went into the key performance indicators and the smart goals to achieve the plan to keep them on track. It is very impressive and worth reading to anyone.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this is a wonderful document that was prepared for them. He thanked Tim Steininger for being a part of this. There is an old saying that as the school goes, so the community goes. This is really evidence of that statement. We have the

best schools in the entire area. It is fantastic to see how all of the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. He is very proud. He gets to brag to the other Mayors in the area about our schools. He appreciates all they are doing for the children in the community. Mrs. Gayheart stated she appreciates the continued partnership with the City on behalf of the schools. She thanked Council for allowing her to present.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 7-26 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 547, 901, 903, 907, 912, 913, 915, AND 1323 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO, RELATING TO ENGINEERING DIVISION PERMITS, CONNECTION CHARGES, FEES, AND PENALTIES.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Ordinance 07-26 for the second time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 7-26 by title only.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, stated they had the opportunity to have a work session but given the extent of the changes that they are making he will be going through the same examples and just give everybody the opportunity to see the work that they have put together in getting these updates moving. He explained the need for the Ordinance is because it has not been updated in 20 years. They took the opportunity to look at everything in their department and go through it to see how they could improve the process and streamline it and update what is necessary. The goal is to create an inclusive schedule of fees that can be updated regularly. They are streamlining the language of each Ordinance. He explained the first step in this process was doing an extensive review of all applicable Ordinances to verify the fees and charges. They found and established 19 changes across eight chapters of the City Ordinances that require updates or that they would like to update. These changes include revision of fines and penalty fees and left them in the Ordinance language itself, while taking all the permitting fees into the newly established Engineering Division schedule of fees. Its centralized location covers all the fees that could be presented and looked at. The newly established schedule of fees is to be reviewed annually for any appropriate revisions which would need City Manager approval. As it stands right now, today, it is a mixed bag. Every right of way permit does not need Council approval for the fees to be adjusted. The language on it says "the City Manager shall approve a schedule of fees in accordance with the type and size of the job to be performed. On or about January 1st of each year the City Engineer shall review and appropriately revise the fees that shall remain in effect until the City's next annual modification. When this update process originally began, they looked at that and said they could work with that. Unfortunately, for the water and sewer divisions since the language is engrained in it such language was not there. So, they are proposing to bring all the permitting fees that they have into the same umbrella in terms of that administrative process. At the end of the year, he will take a look at where our fees are and determine if anything needs to be revised and propose the submittal to the City Manager and he would approve it. That is what they would like to move forward with is all these fees. It is just part of the consolidation process to try to get everything in one location.

The Engineering department covers tree permits, right-of-way permits, water and sewer permits with connection fees and they have revocable encroachment permits. He explained how they arrived at their fees. They looked at adjacent neighborhoods, Kettering, Beavercreek, Xenia, Centerville, Montgomery County and Greene County. They looked at a wide net of what everyone is charging for connection fees, utility, and right-of-way fees. They took a look at the last time fees were inspected, updated, or established and they factored in inflation. Some of these have been 20 years. The value of the dollar, the value of labor and costs and everything involved with this work have changed. They need to adjust as needed. Of course, the analysis of staff time and equipment for inspections and reviews. On the water and sewer side it was a little bit more streamlined. They worked with the Water and Sewer Division and looked at the meter factor size table that the American Waterworks has suggested and followed the same guidance.

He began with the right of way permit. This is sidewalk, curbs, drive approaches, street gutters, anytime someone wants to extend their driveway or address a trip hazard that has been cited by the Engineering Department. Someone needs to work on their sanitary lateral and they are going to have to get into the right-of-way. Those are the usual impacts where a right of way permit is required. The biggest impact is on property owners. They are usually the ones that will go out and hire a contractor to do some work in the right of way, and the contractor will come in and pull the permit. If the homeowner is knowledgeable enough to do the work, they can always pull the permit themselves and not have to be registered or bonded. They are accepting the liability at that point of the work being done to City standards. As he has told his staff they always try to work with homeowner's as best they can. Just because someone is doing a sidewalk and drive approach and possibly doing some work on the curb, which does not make it three separate permits. They always try to cover everything with one blanket permit. So, it is just the one fee that they have to pay. Unlike the concrete and street cuts that homeowners tend to have when they are working on their own properties. They have run into utility permits for fiber optic internet which runs through easements. They cover streets and miles and right now as the permits are written we don't have an adequate way of capturing that work. They will submit a dozen sets of plans covering an entire neighborhood and staff charges $30 because that is all they can put in for it. As an extension of the right-of-way permit, they are introducing utility permits. It is an extension of the right-of-way permit that will cover the utility installation across multiple parcels. It is based on the length and the scope of the work that they are doing. This follows a very similar schedule of what Greene County does for the utility installation. The biggest impact on this would be the utility companies. They are the ones that want to come in and do the multiple miles of work, and we now have an adequate way of not just capturing the work from a review and administrative perspective, he and Haley Myers will be the ones reviewing that all the installations are taking place in the right-of-way or the easement. If there is no easement or if there is no easement or they are doing something wrong, they have them revise the plans and submit. Once they submit and everything is approved our inspectors have to go out regularly and make sure the restoration is done correctly, that the installation of infrastructure is going where it needs to be. Sometimes they have calls and concerns from residents saying they damaged their driveway or they are operating equipment on private property. They generally have to work with these

companies to make sure that their work is sticking to what they submitted. Once they are completed, they have a permit to track any and all restoration that will be required.

The water and sewer permit is the most extensive in the increase to the fees. These increases are primarily to account for the inflation over time. One of the things he wants to make clear here is when engineering does a water and sewer permit it is for new connections. That means it is a new connection to the water main or the sanitary main. Existing homes, if you have a clogged sanitary lateral or a collapse and you are doing a restoration and you don't have to go to the main, that does not warrant a new connection fee. If you need to make an update to the water line as you are working from the curb stop to your property, that does not warrant a connection fee. This is only for new connections. The biggest impact on this is going to be the residential developers, like Inverness Homes and Ryan Homes. These are the entities that are going to absorb the cost of this increase, but it is a necessary increase because again they have not changed it in a very long time. Even after the increase they are proposing Fairborn will still be on the low end compared to adjacent communities.

He reviewed the updated fees: Right of Way Permit is going from $30 to $60.
Right of Way Utility Permit – goes up to $700.
Water Connection Permit – goes to $1,100.
Water Main Installation Inspection Fee based on the linear feet of the waterline, varies by project.

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 7-26.

Mayor Kirpatrick opened the public hearing.

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, stated he has been a resident of the City of Fairborn for 15 years. He is here tonight as a concerned citizen to speak out about the proposed permit increase presented during the work session by Manuel Jacobs and the Engineering Department. Before he gets into his concerns he wanted to say something that he means. He has no disrespect whatsoever toward Manuel or his staff. It is clear that they put a significant amount of time and hard work into the proposal and he appreciates that. His concerns are not about the people. They are about the proposal itself. He also wanted to be upfront about something. He understands how the world works. He understands the cost-of-living increase and inflation. He knows that nothing stays the same forever. His first concern is comparison. He may have misunderstood. They were told that Huber Heights and Beavercreek, Greene County and Montgomery County were used as benchmarks for what our fees should be. Both of those cities have over 10,000 more residents than the City of Fairborn and both are experiencing far more commercial construction than we are. His second concern is if these fees have not been reviewed in 20 years, that is an administration issue not something the residents should have to pay for all at once. The reasonable approach is a gradual phased increase not a sudden doubling across the board. This brings him to his third concern. The impact on everyday residents, we are not talking about corporations here, we are talking about the homeowner who wants to widen their driveway or put in a fence in their backyard. These are regular people just trying to take care of their property. Doubling permit fees will make some of those people think twice. There is a reasonable path forward. A higher increase

on commercial side makes sense. Contractors and large corporations have budgets to absorb it, but the residential homeowner is in a very different position. He asks that Council request a revised proposal. He is not asking for fees to not change. He is asking for fairness. He thanked Council for their time and their service. He stated if he missed something, he would like Manuel to explain it to him, so he is clear on it. He had work done at home. He had his driveway widened and he put up fences and obtained permits. He did everything he was supposed to do. He thinks that some of the contractors that have come out there might not have wanted to come out. If Mr. Jacobs would like to add he would be welcome to hear it.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, agreed it is a considerable change. They had discussed internally briefly the process of doing a gradual increase and if that is Council's wishes they could explore that. As Building Inspection and other departments have done, they have felt they need to start now to make the changes. For a lot of the residents, which are the biggest concern, we really are talking about going from $30 to $60, but he does not think it is asking a lot. Compared to what we are asking now, yes, it is double, but that is how they see it. But, as always, he is willing to re-evaluate and take consideration and really what they are looking to do here is unify and centralize where all of fees are and have the ability to make revisions. If they were to move forward with it and make revisions at the request of Council or they receive information that these fees are really genuinely impacting it. A revision of a fee does not mean it has to go one way. The same way we are increasing them, maybe we can adjust back. There are other ways of looking at and just to give some numbers on it last year alone, they had 44 new residential water and sewer connections, 2 commercial new sewer and water connections, 58 water repairs, 58 sewer repairs and 73 curb sidewalk and approach inspections. These are fees that generally come through the Engineering Department and 75 utility right of way tied to utility inspections. A number of people are coming through the Engineering Department. They need guidance and they want to follow the specifications. They want to go about it the right way, such as Jimmy said they genuinely appreciate it when someone comes in to do the permits instead of trying to go over and do the work themselves. It is much easier to work that way. They have taken the position of this is considerable increase especially in the Water and Sewer Department, but they felt it was adequate now or at least start getting the groundwork for how these changes need to be implemented or revised in the future before moving on so that is what he is presenting. If anything needs to be changed or modified that is up to Council.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Councilman Dodd stated he totally agrees with Manuel Jacobs that it is something that should have been done a while ago that wasn't. He applauds them for taking the effort in putting it together. The one item he would suggest with the City Manager is that after a year we look at it again and see if, like Mr. Jacobs said, they could always go back down and see if things need to be adjusted accordingly. Other than that, he thinks this is a needed item.

Councilman Allen thanked Mr. Jacobs for the presentation. He does believe that after 20 years things probably do need to be rebalanced and looked at. Mr. Baker appreciated his comments related to how they do that. They don't want to make this burdensome on

the residents. He would like to see a process and he thinks they will get to that where every year they will look at certain areas, maybe not every last one of these particular chapters, but we have to have a process to follow so that we don't find ourselves 20 years later behind the power curve and it becomes the look as if it is going to be painful for the residents. He does agree that after 20 years the baseline is the surrounding areas. How are other surrounding areas looking at it? He thanked Mr. Jacobs for the presentation. We have talked about this for a minute, so that is all he has.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated he did not have anything.

Councilwoman Chess strongly agrees with her colleagues. However, she also agrees with Mr. Baker and his comments. She does think for the residents that choose to do their own work actually, based on the median housing income in Fairborn, we need to strongly look at how we increase those costs. She knows to some people that doubling it does not seem much, but for some seniors that are on a fixed income and things like that it could be just over that threshold. She thinks we should reconsider that just a little bit and tweak it if that is possible. She thinks he did wonderful job of putting this together. It has been a long time coming and it should have been done years ago. He has done a really good job on making that comparison with the surrounding communities. She does think we should look at that again.

Councilwoman Reaster agreed the changes are long overdue. Anytime you have a change in leadership whether it is Manuel new to his role, or Mike new to his role, gaps are always found and processes are found to be broken. So, this is one of those steps forward in fixing a gap that was found as leadership changes. It is uncomfortable as a homeowner in the City. No one likes to see the prices go up, but it is the unfortunate side of business. She appreciates the fact that they are looking at establishing the process of re-evaluating each year, willingness to step back if we find that the increases are a hinderance to progress or that they are out of bounds with what we are looking for. She believes the overall majority of these changes will impact new homes and contractors. Mr. Jacobs stated the bulk of it is tied to new connections, The biggest increases are tied to the Water and Sewer side, so yes, those are primarily impacted. They would impact on an existing residence or homeowner if they want to do an irrigation meter. If they want to add a new connection for an irrigation meter those new fees would impact them at that point.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked Mr. Jacobs for his work on this. Basically, the staff is doing the work and at one point in time the fee was set to cover the cost of the work and then it didn't get looked at for a really long time so gradually over time basically anyone having work done was basically being supplemented at some point by the City and not covering the costs. It is important to her that in all the areas where they can do that and they know the cost of the work the fee should cover it. She wanted to thank Jimmy Baker for bringing it up. He had reached out to her after the work session where they talked about this the last time, so she reached out to Mike and then Manuel answered with a very detailed explanation for the difference from the $30 to $60 fee. Where he was actually able to show the pieces that went into that permit and the dollars per hour of the labor. She used to be an industrial engineer and that was a part of her job all the time, so she completely appreciates that was the way Mr. Jacobs did that. When it came down

to it the fee was increased to cover the labor costs and material costs of the work that they do. Mr. Jacobs stated they did look at everything. Councilwoman Stanton wanted people to understand there was a thing during Covid called greedflation. There were companies who legitimately had to raise their costs and then there were other companies that were watching and saying, well if they increased their costs so we will. This is not her impression of what is happening here. Staff is just being fiscally responsible here. She appreciates that. She does, however, like the ideas that came up today at looking at it again in a year. Councilwoman Stanton had another question because anytime up until now when this would happen it would come to Council and Council would review it and it is money that would get spent by citizens. When it switches to this she sees where it says the City Manager will approve it. She asked if this would still come before Council where it will be in a public meeting so there is public awareness in the future when fees go up. Mr. Jacobs explained from the language on the Ordinance they are looking to adopt the right-of-way permit, the existing policy which would go just to the City Manager so no, it would not go to Council for review every time. He is sure they can build that into the work session to provide for Council feedback. It would be Mike Gebhart's decision on how he wants to approach it and if he still wants to keep Council involved or go through a more public facing feedback period at the end of the year on where the permits are they can definitely approach it. This is a new way of how we are going to do things. They are trying to streamline the process. One thing for clarification is the language they are approving today and establishing the fees, and everything means that should it pass the first update on the fees would be adopted a month from now. This means that as part of this approval this Engineering Division Schedule of Fees that he is proposing will be submitted to Mike Gebhart. If any of these fees like the right-of-way permit if they want to make a revision on it or make a final decision on it, they still can. Just because they are the proposed prices it does not mean they are a hard lock on the legislation they are approving. This is the exact process they are doing to allow staff flexibility to make changes when needed. They approve the Ordinance updates. The Engineering Division Schedule draft is finalized, and it goes to Mike Gebhart, and it would be adopted as going into effect in a month from when the legislation passes. From here to then if they want to take one final look at the fees and take a more gradual approach, they can still have that conversation. These are the fees based on staff research as he has shown. They do feel $60 is fair from their perspective in terms of the time and effort that they put in, as simple as it is sometimes; but that is what they have determined. He has submitted it to Mike Gebhart for final approval, and they can go from there.

Councilwoman Stanton stated she doesn't think as a Councilmember that she necessarily has to interrogate every fee every year. It was more of a transparency thing. It is something that in the past it would have come to a public meeting if the fee was going to change. So going to the fee schedule is a nice way to do it, but that was her question would it still be presented even if it is a work session, so it is out there for anyone that follows City Council, yes, fees are changing. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated he would update all of Council at work session if we were going to do an increase. He thinks part of the reason we took this tact was because it sat for 20 years and nothing was done. He can't speak for his predecessors as to why that wasn't done. Again, transparency is big for him so of course, he would bring it back to Council to let them know what is going on and they would walk it through. Councilwoman Stanton stated there are many people

that follow this in the Chambers or check it out online. She thinks it would be good to continue that. She thinks this process is a lot more efficient, but transparency is needed.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this is a tough one. He knows that Mr. Jacobs put a lot of work into this. There have been a lot of comments that have been made about this. He appreciates the comments made by Mr. Baker. There are two sides to this. One, we waited way too long for this to happen, and it is time to get caught up. Part of it is the citizens of the community expect us to be caught up. Future increases, yes, like Mr. Jacobs said, look at them annually. Look at them when situations change, when expenditures change whether we go up or maybe even down depending on the circumstances. He appreciates all of Manuel's hard work on this.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 07-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 07-26 by title only.

Councilman Allen moved to adopt Ordinance 07-26. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven: Allen, Dodd, Chess, McCubbins, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 07-26 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE 8-26 AN AMENDING SECTION 913.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO, RELATING TO WATER RATE CHARGES.

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Ordinance 8-26 for the second time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 8-26 by title only.

Janel Regelski, Asst. Finance Director, explained this is adopting a one-year adjustment of 14 percent to the City's water rate. Water rates for the City's utility customers are established by Chapter 913.03 of the Fairborn codified Ordinances. The current rate established is $3.66 per 100 cubic feet of water usage. Through the adoption of this Ordinance, they are seeking to increase the rate to $4.17 per 100 cubic feet of water usage. All other utility rates will remain the same. She discussed why rate adjustments are necessary. One of the primary reasons for the proposed adjustment is to ensure the long-term reliability of our water system. Like many communities we are managing aging infrastructure that requires ongoing repairs and upgrades in addition to rising costs of operations. This adjustment will also help ensure that Ohio EPA has regulatory standards and maintains appropriate reserve levels within the water fund. Strengthening this fund allows the City to plan for future capital improvements while reducing the need to rely on borrowing for major projects. She clarified what the residents see on the monthly billing. The typical utility bill includes three primary services, water, sewer trash, and recycling collection. The proposed adjustment will only apply to the water rate. Sewer charges and sanitation costs will remain unchanged through 2026. Water usage is measured slightly differently than what most residents expect. While many people think about water

usage in gallons our system bills in cubic feet. One cubic foot equals 7.48 gallons. For context, the national average water usage for a family of four ranges between 9,000 and 12,000 gallons per month or 1200 to 1600 cubic feet. Again, the rate currently is $3.66. She reviewed the average water usage for districts in the City. The proposed 14% increase, the average increase to the water portion of a customer's utility bill is an increase of $2.50 to $5.50 per month. After our rate increases residents' utility billing will still be below the regional average. An average three-month billing cycle per the annual Piqua rate study was $163.22. Higher volume neighborhoods like those in the Dayton Yellow Springs area would be below this at an average of $134.13 for a quarterly billing. Some residents also asked about what the other fees are on the utility bill. The first column is the sewer charge. This is for the treatment of the waste that is collected and delivered to the Water Reclamation facility. Administrative fees, water, and sewer help fund the staff who manage our billing operations. This includes payment processing, answering customer inquiries and maintaining our utility billing software. Regarding sanitation, the City's current garbage collection contract with Rumpke runs through December 31, 2026. We are currently in the process of reviewing bids to select a new vendor for a new five-year contract to ensure continued service. This current charge for customers is $24.16 per month. None of these charges will be affected by this rate adjustment. It is also important to look at how our rates compare to other communities. According to the Piqua annual rate survey, Fairborn's current water rates are one of the lowest in the region. A few of the communities included in the survey are Dayton, Vandalia, Riverside, Greene, and Montgomery counties. We are far below all of their billings with a per-quarter average of $125.55 per customer. Even with the proposed rate increase our rates will remain competitive with all of our neighboring municipalities. In summary this proposal is strictly adjusting our water rate while maintaining sewer and sanitation charges as they are today for the remainder of 2026. This rate adjustment helps ensure that the City continues providing reliable water service while keeping our rates competitive within the regions. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 8-26.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

James Douglas Chess, III, 455 Coronado Drive, questioned when the last rate increase occurred. Ms. Regelski stated there was a 10% rate increase in 2025 and actually for the past three years the rate has increased 10%, but prior to that the last increase was 2014. Mr. Chess stated he thought it was kind of current. His next question is how they came up with 14%, why not 2% or 3%. Ms. Regelski explained they have a technical memo that was given to them by an outside consultant, Arcadis, it is about eight pages of a lot of technical wording and their actual recommendation was a 12.6% increase and after running the numbers it was important for them to make sure the water fund was in viable condition and they felt the minimal increase between the 12.6% and 14% increase was like a 30 cent difference so they felt like by raising it to the 14% it would definitely help stabilize our water fund and that is why they decided to go with the 14%.

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, stated he appreciated the question Mr. Chess asked. Mr. Baker stated he was at the work session, and he saw the charts when that was going on. His question is, could Ms. Regelski explain to those who did not go to the work session or those who are here or watching from home where the administration fees go. Mrs. Regelski explained the administrative fee goes toward the people who answer the

phone calls when they have questions about their billing. The people process the bills themselves and the people who man the windows when people come in and pay the water bills. They also do a lot of maintenance to our software to make sure it is running correctly, doing reconciliation and those types of things. Those administrative fees help fund that operation.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Councilwoman Chess thinks they have done a lot of hard work on this. Her question is about future goals do they plan on increasing the other fees also. Mrs. Regelski stated they are in the mix of doing the Capital Improvement Master Plan which is supposed to be completed in the next couple of weeks and once that plan is put in place then they will be able to determine how they are going to increase rates based on those infrastructure needs we have. Those will be adjusted according to that plan.

Terry Adkins, Public Works Director, stated Water and Sewer must be 100% self-sufficient. You see that difference in what you are paying for water and what you are paying for sewer. Water pays for water and Sewer pays for sewer. We have had 10% increases in just the last couple of years. Years before that they were looking at 1% increases if he is not mistaken. They have not kept up. Even prior Covid chemicals, repair parts to do all the things they do they know how expensive utilities are to fix them and replace them is very expensive. The difference with the 12% and the 14% the way he looks at that is they could have done what the recommendation was which is based on the Water Master Plan where we are looking in the next 5-10 years any additions or new work to booster stations. All of that factors in when they are telling us what that percentage needs to be. Right now, they are saying 12.6%, but they said if you do that then they said next year you are looking at a larger increase. So, they said if we know we have to do the increase and we look at a 14% increase right now, averaging on a low end 33 cents to the high end 77 cents then next year we don't have to see as large of an increase in the following year and the following year. In our Master Plan that will be coming out you will see that over the next 5-10 years they are looking more at those doable items. Those things we can do within the City to make it better with the money we have. As things are, it gets more and more expensive every year. This is an impact on our residents, but for us to be able to perform the duties that they do day in and day out they have to be able to keep up with those demands of funds that they are seeing to be able to operate.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions or comments.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked staff for the detailed look that went into this and the attention to fiscal sustainability.

Councilman Dodd likes the idea of being proactive because there have been other communities that didn't bother to raise their rates and things happen and now, they are really hurting. It is good for us to be proactive and make sure that we have the funds available when we need them too because water breaks happen and there is nothing, we can do about it.

Councilman Allen thanked them both for helping them understand what we have to do. What he would add is he thinks they mentioned some of this doing the Master Plan and when they were trying to pass the budget and talk through some of these things. Look across all the departments for efficiencies, how do we go back and do that continuous circle and look for efficiencies and how can we do things better and smarter. Being intentional about looking for those efficiencies always helps and those are wins and things to take back to the community and share.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins thanked staff for the presentation. He emphasized the fact that when Covid occurred, we saw double, triple, and sometimes quadruple prices of the chemicals in the water area. Our water lines in large part are 50 years plus and they are breaking and need to be fixed. The cost of that increases expeditiously every time a break occurs. We are a full-service City, and we do our own water. The upside to this could be you see we are only doing a 4% increase, and we are still in the bottom 10. If we had to rely on Montgomery County we would be paying twice as much money for our water as we are paying now and maybe not getting the same quality or the same service. There is an upside to all of it. Mr. Adkins stated he agreed with Rodney McCubbins and there are very few cities that do what we do. We receive a call for a water main break, and we are typically there in an hour and a half and we are fixing it. A lot of communities would let that water main break go. He has been working in the City for 29 years and they get the call and they fix it. That comes at a cost. We all know that everything is getting more expensive. Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated that Fairborn is just like a lot of other communities that ignored infrastructure for many years and now we are realizing that and we are paying for it.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked them both for the presentation. No one likes to raise rates. Everyone on Council is a Fairborn resident so the rates they raise for the community also raise for themselves. Again, no one likes to raise rates.

Councilwoman Chess moved to waive the rule requiring that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 08-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, Allen, Dodd, McCubbins, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 08-26 by title only.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins moved to adopt Ordinance 8-26. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven: McCubbins, Dodd, Allen, Chess, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 08-26 duly adopted.

ORDINANCE 9-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO GRANT A PIPELINE EASEMENT TO VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, LLC D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY OHIO ACROSS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED IN BATH TOWNSHIP, GREENE COUNTY, OHIO.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Ordinance 9-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 9-26 by title only.

Haley Myers, Assistant City Engineer, explained this Ordinance would allow the City to grant a pipeline easement to Center Point Energy. She explained Center Point reached out regarding one of their projects they were looking to do in the summer of last year. This project is primarily along Kauffman Avenue and would expand their existing pipeline network for natural gas and tie them to their existing pressure regulator station. The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the natural gas system, and this will also allow redundant feed to Wright Patt and allow them to support some additional load that Wright Patt is expecting in the near future. The reason this is before Council is their proposed gas line installed runs along a Fairborn-owned parcel along Kauffman Avenue. She displayed an aerial of the location of the proposed pipeline. They are looking to pick up where their current infrastructure ends and continue on north to the end of the parcel. She displayed a diagram of the project and discussed it. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 09-26,

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Councilman Dodd thanked Ms. Myers for the presentation and the document received were great. He asked if when they start building this, they will be going through our Engineering Department for approval, correctly. Ms. Myers stated yes, that is how this was caught originally, they had submitted their plans. Staff took a look and found the existing easement in place, but we need to get the proper documentation in place to be able to move forward with the actual installation. The Engineering Department will review the revised plans and have a preconstruction meeting with them and have the inspectors go out on site and keep an eye on site and keep an eye on what they are doing and make sure everything gets restored properly,

Councilman Allen had no questions.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins had no questions.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster stated it looks like on the drawings there are few places where it overlaps with our bike path. Is this something that is done with subterrain drilling or are those going to be impacted and repaired and replaced? How does that work? Ms. Myers stated there are a few other places farther south that we have the same overlap with our bike path and that will come down to how the contractor is planning to install that. They will have those discussions prior to and determine the extent of the impact.

Councilwoman Stanton asked if they would be paying increased fees for this project. Ms. Myers stated it depends on when they get their permit application in. This will be an extended amount of work.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated his questions had been answered. He stated there would be no other increased fees to the citizens, correct. Ms. Myers stated that is correct.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to waive the rule requiring that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 09-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 09-26 by title only.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Ordinance 09-26. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Dodd, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 09-26 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 10-26 MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, STATE OF OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Ordinance 10-26 for the first time by title only declaring an emergency. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 10-26 by title only declaring an emergency.

Hilary Browning, Finance Director, explained this is routine business for the City. She reviewed the adjustments as shown in the legislation. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 10-26.

Councilwoman Chess did not have any questions. She thanked Mrs. Browning for the presentation.

Councilwoman Reaster is super excited to hear about the sidewalk from National Homes through the Garland Extension. That has been a long time coming. Mrs. Browning stated they are really pleased to make that happen. She gave a shout out to Manuel Jacobs because he is able to grab down the grants, we have extra money in the Street Levy Fund to be able to allocate to this project. This is great staff work on Manuel's side.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions and thanked both Manuel Jacobs and Hilary Browning for their work.

Councilman Dodd stated the existing sidewalk is very close to the road. Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, explained when they were originally approached about this project shortly after the high school was completed, they actually went ahead and worked with a consulting firm to give us a preliminary design at the time. They tried to find some additional safety grant funds that were available. They actually applied for this project alongside two other ones. They did not get the grant funding for the sidewalk, but they did receive $1.25 million in safety grant funding for Broad Street Phase 3 which is being used right now. Without additional grant funding they had to re-establish the conditions

on the sidewalk or what they wanted to do and scope out a few things, and with this funding they are acquiring they will move the sidewalk a little further away from the road. They will work with the grading and try to keep things simple. Councilman Dodd stated the area underneath 675 is really dangerous for the kids to walk. Mr. Jacobs stated they can take a look at that existing sidewalk, but right now they are just looking at extending it past Meadowland and Graceland where there is no sidewalk at the extension.

Councilman Allen stated he was glad there was some money for the old firetruck. Mrs. Browning stated it was sold to a gentleman out of Colorado. He picked it up and drove it to Colorado. They conveyed the title to him pretty much on the same day. You never know what people will want. Councilman Allen wished the purchaser luck.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated he has a brother-in-law who also collects fire trucks. He would not have been interested in it as it was too new. He thanked Mrs. Browning for the presentation.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated as Manuel Jacobs knows the sidewalk has been one of his pet projects. He and Mike Gebhart had some discussions about that earlier today. He thanked them for the work that went into this.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Ordinance 10-26 declaring an emergency. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven; Chess, Dodd, Allen, McCubbins, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 10-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 11-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HILLSIDE MEADOWS SECTION THREE FOR UP TO FORTY-NINE (49) LOTS ON 13 ACRES LOCATED ON PARCEL NO. A02000100340010100

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 11-26 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 11-26 by title only.

Kathleen Riggs, City Planner, stated this is for the final plat for Hillside Meadows Section Three. The applicant is Lance Oakes with Oakes Tree Development. She described the location of the project. The site is currently zoned Planned Unit Development. This subdivision was approved in 2022. Section One was approved in 2023. Section Two was approved in 2025 for a total of 49 lots. Forty-seven of those lots will be for houses and there is one retention pond and one lot that will provide us with access to the water tower. There will be three streets associated with this development. Cliffside Drive is extended and then Wildflower Road will extend into a cul-de-sac and then a new street will be created called Tall Grass Lane. Cliffside Drive does not extend to the existing Cliffside associated with the Deercliff neighborhood. They were not able to acquire that land needed to make that connection, so that will not be happening at this time. This does meet the preliminary plan approval and the standards that were set associated with these lots as far as setback size. The average size of these lots ranges from 7500 to a little over 12,000 square feet. There are a couple at the end of a cul-de-sac which may be

close to a half-acre. They did not receive any feedback from the notices that were sent out. Based on prior feedback the developer will add some fencing along the south side of this site and the west side of this site to prevent any debris from blowing onto neighboring properties. The hours of operation will also continue for those workers building that home out there so that it does not have quite as much impact on adjacent neighbors. They set those in place with the previous section. Planning Board did recommend approval of Resolution 11-26 with conditions which she reviewed. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 11-26.

Councilman Dodd asked if Cliffside Drive will be lined up appropriately for them to connect in the future. Ms. Riggs stated yes for the future. Councilman Dodd stated the workers will have to go through the existing subdivision for this.

Councilman Allen thanked Ms. Riggs for the presentation.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated at previous presentations for this there were some concerns about the water pressures out there. Do we have an update about that? Ms. Riggs stated the Water Department is not concerned with those water pressures. That was addressed by the Water Department. In next year's Capital Improvement Funds there may be some additions done to that water tower where the generator is updated to alleviate some of those water pressure concerns that happen when there is a power outage in that area.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions, and she thanked her for her hard work.

Councilwoman Reaster stated her questions had been answered.

Councilwoman Stanton asked if she could go back to the map. She stated there is land to the left and asked if it was being landlocked. Ms. Riggs stated there is currently access to the parcel.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this is great as there are more houses being built which means eventually more students for the schools.

Councilman Dodd moved to adopt Resolution 11-26. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Yeas, seven: Dodd, Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 11-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 12-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE SENIOR VILLAGE AT VALLE GREENE.

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 12-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 12-26 by title only.

Cherise Schell, Economic Development Director/Housing Officer, stated this is requesting a CRA Tax Abatement for the Senior Apartments project at 1155 Channingway Drive. She explained the overview of the project. This residential project is led by Senior Village at Valle Greene, LLC. It features 70 units. It will be available to residents age 55 and over. The estimated private investment for this project is approximately $22 million. The development is financed through four primary sources. Equity generated from the sale of low-income housing tax credits, home funds administered by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and a grant from the Federal Home Loan bank and a conventional permanent loan. The community was awarded housing tax credits in May of 2024. There is an estimated start date of March 31, 2026, and an end date of November 1, 2027. The property tax incentive requests an impact. The developer submitted a CRA abatement application on January 20, 2026, and is requesting a 15-year 100 percent property tax abatement for this project. The estimated impact on the City is that the City will continue to receive its current base annual property taxes for the land of the project and the total service payments will be just under $7,000 annually. The housing officer who is identified as herself per Resolution 22-15 has created a report based on the project details to determine whether the abatement is appropriate for the City. The housing officer reports documents, the required eligibility review which confirms compliance with the applicable provisions of the ORC and outlines how the officer determines the recommendation. Based on the City's requirements for eligibility the Housing Officer recommends the 15-year 100 percent abatement. She also noted that the affordability period for this project will be 30 years so that determines that the rents are controlled for that amount of time and also the age restriction which is 55 and over for the project. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 12-26.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions.

Councilwoman Stanton stated she supports this project. She was looking at the website for the Ohio Department of Development, and it says this program permits municipalities or counties to designate areas where investment has been discouraged as a CRA to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. She keeps going back to this because when she voted to approve the idea she was thinking of areas where we had strip malls and there is nothing. More like blighted. She does not think of the area out by Kroger as under invested. She misunderstands what the definitions are. Mrs. Schell stated when the entire CRA was created it was City wide and at that time she believes there was disinvestment across the entire City so allowing for the residential abatement in this case and what staff's strategy was when they presented it and asked them to approve it was to meet gaps in the market, where we don't have certain types of housing within the community. That was the strategy on how they go about assessing projects that request abatement. Certainly, affordable senior housing and maintains that 30-year affordability period is something we are missing in the community and that is needed. This is the reason for bringing this forward.

Councilman Dodd had no questions. He appreciates her hard work on this.

Councilman Allen thinks this is a good development. He remembers the discussion when they were talking about trying to meet this need.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked Mrs. Schell to explain to the citizens so they understand what it means when they say serving households earning up to 70 percent of the area median gross income. Mrs. Schell stated she would defer to friends from St. Mary's Development who are here. She thinks it is more appropriate for them to speak to the rent or Bob McCann from Oberer Development. Bob McCann, Chief Financial Officer and a principal with Oberer Companies. They are co-developing the community with St. Mary Development. The community will have one and two-bedroom units. So, the largest family size will be two and at 70% of the median income that is $52,500. There will be units that will be at 70%, 60%, 50% and then 30% of the median income. Deputy Mayor McCubbins feels this is a win for the City of Fairborn in lieu of the fact that they just recently had some senior housing that was bought out and they no longer abide by the income restrictions and it is putting some of our seniors out. This is a big win for us.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mrs. Schell for the presentation. He thanked Mr. McCann for the added comments.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 12-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 12-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 13-26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250-OH) AND DESIGNATING FAIRBORN AS AN AMERICA250-OH COMMUNITY.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 13-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 13-26 by title only.

Chris Barker, Parks and Recreation Director, explained this is a formal Resolution designating the City as an America 250 Ohio community in preparation for the nation-wide celebration of the United States 250th anniversary this year. This designation offers several strategic benefits that will support our community's commemorative efforts and enhance civic engagement. The recommendation is that we approve to adopt the necessary Resolution and proceed with the application to become an America 250 Ohio community. This opportunity will position our City to participate meaningfully in a historical national celebration while leveraging the state-wide resources to enhance our local programming.

Councilan Dodd no questions and thanked him for the presentation.

Councilman Allen had no questions.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated he liked the fact it is going to give us access to resources, especially for branding and visibility. With us sitting right outside Wright Patterson Air Force Base he thinks this is very fitting. Mr. Barker stated he has been working with Dan Kirkpatrick and their local committee to bring something special this year. They are excited about this.

Councilwoman Reaster echoed Rodney McCubbins' comments. This is exciting, she appreciates Mr. Barker's work on this.

Mayor Kirkpatrick added to what Mr. Barker just said and this is huge for our community and our country. The 250th anniversary of our country only comes around once. Fairborn has put together a very exciting committee. Parks and Recreation is a big part of it because of the Fourth of July parade and the events that are going to happen at Community Park on the 3rd and the 4th so for our entire citizenry of Fairborn, be watching for the exciting developments. Parks and Recreation will be leading the way in a lot of it. He thanked Mr. Barker for all that he is doing and for the entire Parks and Recreation Department. They are encouraging the community to be involved. They want to make the Fourth of July parade the biggest and the best ever in the City of Fairborn. They are hoping for many patriotic themed floats this year. We have the best Parks and Recreation Department in the State of Ohio.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 13-26. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Dodd, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 13-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 14-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PARTICIPATION FORMS FOR THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT WITH CERTAIN PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTORS KNOWN AS THE "SIX REMNANT DEFENDANTS."

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 14-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, stated before he read the Resolution he wanted to provide an overview. He has three Resolutions and they are all mostly administrative and housekeeping in nature. The first one is authorizing the City Manager to sign an opioids agreement on the opiate settlement that we are in. The second one is a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a MOU with the Fairborn Municipal Court in the event that there is an emergency or in the event that the court is not operations to use the City Council Chambers and the third one is authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce for advertising at the airport. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, then read Resolution 14-26 by title only.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, stated as Council knows the City has been in a representation agreement regarding the national opioid settlements and we have received a number of dollars regarding the settlement through One Ohio. Those were with big defendants. Now there are stragglers and this six is known as the "Remnant

Defendants." The payment for these remnant defendants is not going to come through One Ohio. They are going to be a direct payment to the City. The projected settlement amount is approximately $97 million and that seems like a lot of money, but since it is a national settlement, it is really a drop in the bucket. They need to sign up for the settlement agreement and that is what that Resolution is asking them to do. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 14-26.

Councilman Dodd stated the $97 million is nationwide so the City will only receive a small portion of that amount. Mr. McNamee agreed.

Councilman Allen appreciates that the City will be receiving something rather than nothing.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated just to be clear no amount of money that we are going to get off of this is going to offset the losses that occurred over this epidemic. His only message to the six remnant defendants is in the words of Cuba Jenning, Jr. – show me the money.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated like it has already been said it is not going to be a huge amount of money, but anything we can do to help offset some of the problems that these issues have created over the years. This is a serious problem nationwide. Anything we can do to help alleviate that is important.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Resolution 14-26. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, McCubbins, Allen, Dodd, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 14-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 15-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAIRBORN MUNICIPAL COURT FOR EMERGENCY USE OF CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 15-26 for the first time by title only. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 15-26 by title only.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, explained is about the Ohio Supreme Court has required all courts to make alternative plans in the case of emergencies, some type of catastrophe or for whatever reason the court buildings are not able to be used. The Fairborn Municipal Court is no exception to that. They have presented to him for his review a Memorandum of Understanding which was very straightforward and streamlined and pretty comprehensive. The bottom line is in the event of an emergency the Court will coordinate schedules with the City administration as to when the timeframe and the things of that nature as to when the facilities will be used and it is only to be used for the time period of the emergency. There is no cost to the City. The Court will provide its own security equipment and staff. The City Council meetings retain priority and either party may

terminate within 60 days' notice. This helps the Court to comply with the Supreme Court mandate. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 15-26.

Councilman Dodd understands why they are doing this. He asked if they have ever had to do this. Mr. McNamee stated not that he was aware of. Mr. Dodd can understand why they want this.

Mayor Kirkpatrick is surprised they have not done something like this before. Mr. McNamee agreed.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 15-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 15-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 16-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND AIR SERVICE COMMUNITY PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH THE DAYTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND EDUCATION AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION FOR AIR SERVICE ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES.

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 16-26 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 16-26 by title only.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, explained Council entertained a representative from the Dayton Chamber who described this proposal to us. It is basically the City contributes $25,000 and other community partners within the Greater Miami Valley have done the same thing with the intention of supporting increased airline service basically getting more direct flights into the City of Dayton airport. The Chamber will manage their on-line incentive guarantees with Jobs Ohio and it includes a promotional display feature which includes the City of Fairborn. He believes the City saw the graphic panel which includes the City of Dayton, CareSource, Jobs Ohio, Montgomery County, Beavercreek, City of Kettering, University of Dayton, Wright Patt Credit Union, the City of Fairborn, etc. It is a nice representation of players within the Greater Miami Valley. The basic benefits are economic development, enhanced air service, supports business activity, community branding and visibility and it shows the regional collaborative partnership. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 16-26.

Councilwoman Stanton stated the panel that they City receives is separate from the one with the collaborators. Do we get our own panel? Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated no there will be a panel on each concourse. He believes they are roughly 4 by 8 or 6 by 6. They are the large panels, and the City of Fairborn will be included on both of those panels along with the other contributing partners for one year. This agreement is only for one year. He believes that is how the panel will look. She noticed that the logo is 30% less wide than the Kettering and Beavercreek logo. She pictured it just being for Fairborn. Mr. Gebhart stated it will be a shared one on each concourse recognizing those folks who contributed to this to bring direct flights into the airport. She is not going to vote against it, but that was not her understanding from the work session. She thought the City would

get advertising for Fairborn. It is disappointing. She questioned the one-year contract. Mr. Gebhart stated this is not reoccurring $25,000 expenditure. It is strictly from an economic development standpoint. One of the things they continue to hear from defense contractors that are considering moving an office to Dayton is there are no direct flights from here to New York, Boston and previously there was no direct flight from Denver which is another hub our defense contractors work out of. So, they did a similar program to this several years ago and it covers what happens if the airline does not make a profit on that flight. That flight to Denver has done so well that they have increased the size of the plane, the frequency of the flight and they are hoping that it does this for Boston and/or New York. In the past, they have not done anything like this. He will say the City of Beavercreek and the City of Fairborn said look if we are going to contribute, we need something in exchange, and this is the advertising we will receive. The Dayton Chamber is purchasing a concourse panel for each, not separate. Hopefully, this will bring additional defense related contractors to town and then fill up buildings within the City. It is hopefully an economic tool to get more defense contractors here.

Councilman Dodd thinks this is a great idea. It is a good economic development tool.

Councilman Allen stated they did bring it up and asked what do we get? What is our bang for our buck in the work session? He was not able to give us an answer as to what that was going to look like. So, we wanted some advertisements. He also said that the Cincinnati airport will be going through some challenges because of the work they are going to be doing on that bridge. They are going to reduce some of their flights. This will help drive more flights.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated in addition to this the marketing of our logo, the issue that Mike Gebhat brought up about this has increased direct flights from other communities. As a retired Air Force officer when he was at Wright Patterson that was a big deal being able to go from point a to point b versus having to go to several different locations and switching flights. That in itself is a huge marketing thing for our community. This is definitely a step in the right direction.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 16-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 16-26 duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, wanted to express his disappointment with tonight's decision to approve the permit fee increase as presented. He spoke here tonight about his concerns and the unfair comparison to larger, wealthier cities. The burden this places on homeowners and the fact that our residents are already absorbing a 14% increase in their water bill. He respectfully asked that the Council keep the door open and revisit this. He spoke on Armstrong Road, he grew up at 1805 Armstrong Road, and it has been in the family since 1980. It was his dad's house, and he passed away in 2010. He moved out there and they had horses and he thinks if he was here today, he would not want to see the progression and the building that is going on across the street, but he fully

understands what is taking place there. That property is in a Baker Family Trust so in his lifetime he might end up seeing some single-family homes built over on the other side of the street. There is a lot going on out there. Just like the increase in the water bill and the permit fees. It is not for everybody, but it is life. He appreciates everyone's time. He thanked Terry Adkins, Public Works Director and Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, for their input that they put in on that. It was a lot of hard work.

Brad Heinrich, 32 Lawndale, Fairborn, Ohio greeted Council. All he heard tonight is taxes are going up, water is going up and we are paying more and we are about to dish out $25,000 to the airport for a sign no bigger than the one in the Council Chambers, just for people onboarding to see Fairborn and a minimum of five other cities involved with this. So, Dayton Airport is getting something $200,000, maybe way more for a year for just signage for two terminals. Even his AES bill has a huge increase, and we are dishing out $25,000 for a year to just show Fairborn there. He is pretty sure that this money does not contribute to helping with more direct flights to Dayton. He is pretty sure that has something to do with the airlines themselves, Delta, and US about them determining which airlines are direct and right into Dayton versus participation with signage. He stated if he is wrong, he would like to hear more about that. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated if Mr. Heinrich wanted to come in and see him, he would be happy to go through this with him and he would have the Development Director with him. Mr. Heinrich agreed but asked what the Council was going to do to lower the citizens' burden on taxes, the electric bills. He is now on a set income every month and he is starting to feel the burden of living on so much money every month and he is only 38 years old. He can't imagine how our seniors are doing right now. Our taxes are going up, and Council is spending money left and right and increasing fees and water, nothing is going down to help the citizens out. He knows there are programs to help but he does not see them trying to lower anything.

Roger Stenson, 1800 S. Maple Avenue, wondered if anyone had talked about the forever chemical at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and if it affects Fairborn. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked Mr. Stenson to expand on what he meant. Mr. Stenson said the City of Dayton filed a lawsuit against Wright Patterson Air Force Base for chemicals leaking into Dayton. He lives in Five Points which is really close to Wright Patterson. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated this is a part of the PFAS litigation that the City is actively a part of. He believes the City of Dayton, he believes it was part of the PFAS litigation, but they separated and filed their own lawsuit recently. The City did have a well in 2021 that was found to have a trace element of that, and they isolated the well and shut it down and do not use the well anymore. They do tests for PFAS contamination. The City is a party to a class action lawsuit related to those forever chemicals and they continue to monitor the situation. They do not see it to the point that it is a crisis, but staff did work to isolate that well very quickly and they will eventually demolish that particular well. With our proximity to the base and as well as the Dayton aquifer all communities around the base are going to continue to monitor their well systems. He mentioned March as Women's History Month. He was thinking about 1920 to today with suffrage. Mya Angelo said that we often admire the beauty of a butterfly but never think about the struggle that it took to achieve that beauty. He saluted the women on the Council.

Caroline Uecker, 945 Dayton Yellow Springs Road, provided the comments listed as Exhibit "A' and attached to these minutes.

Ben Frances, 15 Ohio Street, came forward to advocate to allow for backyard chickens and quail within the City limits. Something they know has been a discussion topic in circles in the last couple of months. Recently, they had a petition started and a survey, multiple discussions on Fairborn local Facebook groups and what he has found in his research is that many in our community are open to backyard chickens and quail and don't mind if their neighbors have them. He has also found that many of them are open to some sort of regulation from the City. What they are really asking is that we make Ordinances with our cities, Yellow Springs and Xenia. Two main points he wanted to make are that many of them do not want to cause a nuisance with these chickens. This would include making sure that they keep them in enclosed living quarters and they do not want them to be free range around the neighborhoods. The other is to prevent unsafe conditions for the animals. We have a lot of natural predators here and they want to make sure the cages are predator proof and that these animals are secure to sleep at night. They also want to make sure that they are properly cleaned and taken care of as appropriate. He did mention that he would like to add chicken and quails. These animals are quieter than chickens and are preferred for smaller lots which many of the City's spaces have. The last point he wanted to make is that there are no roosters, many of them want to remain good neighbors even though they are asking for a change of Ordinance. All the things he mentioned are discussed in a petition and the survey. He knows several have mentioned a chicken coop in Yellow Springs several months ago and had a good experience with that. Tonight, he is asking to hopefully talk to at least one of them to understand the process to move this forward or at least get it on for discussion.

James Douglas Chess III, 455 Coranado Drive, asked for a quick update about Wright State. He asked if it could be given within the next two months or so about what the status is with them. Also, Deputy Mayor McCubbins mentioned a property owner not adhering to the rent they are charging at a senior citizen home. He asked if we are pursuing some type of legal action against them.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, thanked Superintendent Gayheart for being at the Council Meeting this evening to give an update at the work session as well as here at the Council meeting. This morning in this very room Chief Williams welcomed three new firefighter/paramedics to our department: Anna Tomic, Mark Wysong and Steven Yeamans. He is glad those three paramedics have decided to come on board with us. During that ceremony they also promoted one of our own, Firefighter/Paramedic Brent Shockman was promoted to Fire Lieutenant. Brent has been with the City for over 15 years. He congratulated Brent for a well-deserved promotion.

At the last meeting, what created this vacancy for a new lieutenant was that Craig Walters retired. He should have said something in his comments. Craig is a good guy. A Fairborn resident who served the community admirably for many years. He was remiss in congratulating Craig on his retirement. Last Monday, in this room we also swore in Jason Collins and the newest Police officer at the Fairborn Police Department. Next Monday, the 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in this room we will be swearing in Kylie Jeffers as our newest Police

officer. Everyone is welcome to join at 9:00 a.m. He thanked the 445th and Vice Wing Commander Colonel Muha for honoring the City this past weekend. He will defer to the Mayor later to bring everyone up to speed on that. He wanted to take a moment to provide an update on the Enhanced Use Lease or EUL that everyone hears about recently at Wright Patterson on Area B. This project is governed by agreements approved by Council through Resolution 37-25 which passed on September 2, 2025, and those documents remain available on the City's website for public review. The groundbreaking ceremony was last Thursday. It had been originally scheduled for October 3, 2025, but because of the federal government shutdown it was postponed. We had one day of sunshine last week. It happened to be on Thursday the group that went representing the City were integral to that development, the City Solicitor who worked through the legal agreement, Chief Williams, Terry Adkins, and Manuel Jacobs were all present for the City along with himself and Mayor Kirkpatrick. That agreement, just so everyone is clear, there is no expense to taxpayers for subsidizing services associated with that project. The developer will pay utilities rates significantly higher than those charged to our residents, two and a half times what our residents pay. They will contribute $70,000 annually to support Fire and EMS services in addition to any EMS billing for calls and provide approximately $115,000 annually to a dedicated Water and Sewer infrastructure sinking fund to address future maintenance and upgrades on that site. That project will also pay full building permit and building inspection fees and the City negotiated an additional hourly rate for Fire inspection for both the plans and going out on site. Normally, those costs are just absorbed in the permitting application. They wanted to make sure the citizens were not paying anything extra for that. In conclusion he thinks it is important for everyone to remember that the EUL and the importance of the Base not only to the City of Fairborn but to the entire Miami Valley. The billions of dollars that the Base generates, whether that is a direct or secondary effect on this community and region, would be vastly different without it. We were asked to step up to the plate. They needed help. They needed Water and sanitary sewer along with Fire and EMS, building inspection and Fairborn. We walked into that situation and said that the taxpayers could not be out any money for this and how do we actually make money? That $115,000 sinking fund every year is added to and if there are no repairs or upgrades made, we can use that money to do other infrastructure projects around that portion of the City that will help all residents in the southwest portion of the City. Staff did their due diligence and made sure we are protected. He wanted to make sure as residents heard more about it, since it was a front page story on Friday in the Dayton Daily and it was on a lot of the newscasts we are huge participants in that and the defense of the country is huge to all of us and they wanted to do their part. He also wanted to refresh everyone's memory on that and why the groundbreaking was held off so long as the federal government was shut down last October.

Other than that, in regard to Mr. Chess' question about Wright State they have had some discussions with them, and they will continue to do that. The other question related to the senior citizen home that particular building went through the same process Ohio Housing Finance credits, and they had a time frame that they had to guarantee those rents. That time has expired. As much as they hate to see those rents go up, legally there is nothing the City can do about it. They have had folks from the Fair Housing Group go in there to try to assist the residents but at the end of the day that restriction, just like this one has

30 years and 55 and over, their restrictions through the Ohio Housing Finance credits expired, so that is why now they can charge market rates. He hopes that clears up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess appreciated everyone being at the Council meeting. It is great to see everyone's smiling faces. She appreciates everyone comments. They made some valid points. Bringing in the petition for the chickens she loves the holistic and free-range thing herself. She thanked Mr. Baker for his comments as well and everyone who brought their comments to Council. They made some good points and comments. The citizens are concerned about the City that they live in and Council appreciates that. She congratulated all of the people that were brought on board.

Councilwoman Reaster had the pleasure and honor of being present this morning with the promotion and the three new recruits. She mentioned it before, but she wanted to mention it again. Both of our Chiefs, Chief Williams and Chief Roman have done an incredible job of building a great culture within their departments. One of the recruits today even made a comment about the family element. That is a true testament to not only their leadership, but the people on their team. She thanked them both. Fairborn City Schools, if you are not following them, they have had several incredible things going on. They talked about the Five-Year Strategic Plan and the vision and leadership they have going forward, but also with the new buildings one of the great things is we have the ability to host lots of incredible events. For the first time ever Fairborn City Schools held NEPPA which is an indoor drumline color guard. It is an incredible opportunity for us to showcase our facilities, which is the school district, but it is also a part of the City. It also opens the door for us to host more which brings economic windfalls to the surrounding areas. It gives us the opportunity to showcase Fairborn. She thanked Fairborn City Schools and thanked the marching band and the Music Club for hosting that successfully. As she understands they have committed to coming back next year. Girls' wrestling is fairly new to Fairborn City Schools and Serinity came in 7th in the State. If you were out this weekend you probably saw the paratroopers at Wright Patterson. It is a great time to be in Fairborn, and she is honored to be here.

Councilwoman Stanton said she spoke to Brad Heinrich. She thinks he mislead him when she was talking about the airport. She was specifically focusing on whining about the size of the advertising and her misinterpretation of what they were getting for it, but Mike kind of replied in his response to her the economic reasons that are good for us to be supporting that. She possibly misled him. They did not do it for just advertising, but if they were going to do it let's get a little something out of it for the advertising. As far as the chickens she was one of the people who visited a house in Yellow Springs. She does not know what the next steps are to a process like that. She will just say she is open to discussing it. She liked what she saw, and she heard a lot of positive things about it. He addressed the safety of the animals and not creating a nuisance to the neighbors, but how do you maintain that and make sure that happens. She thanked everyone for the citizen involvement tonight.

Councilman Dodd thanked everyone for coming and sharing. It is how Council learns what is important to the community. Also, this morning he also had the honor of

witnessing the promotion of the new Fire Lieutenant and the swearing in of the three new firefighters. He enjoys going to those as, like Mary said, it shows the family dynamic and both Chiefs have done an excellent job in recruiting. The Fourth of July parade, like the Mayor said, needed individuals to make some trailers with a lot of floats. Let's make this one of the best parades we have ever had. Our school district, there is not much you can say about how great the school district is. It really is one of the better ones in Greene County and the Miami Valley. We are very fortunate to have the school system that we have. Lastly, he continues to thank our men and women in the Armed Services and pray for their safety.

Councilman Allen stated the Fairborn City Schools Strategic Plan is fantastic. Tana mentioned it. Go out and read it and understand it because it is going to take everyone to help bring some of that to fruition. It will take us all to continue to help our children grow. One of the things he said in work session is the adults are the ones who are here to raise and take care of the children. That is one of our assignments. He wanted to mention Chief Roman and Chief Williams. Someone mentioned they have changed the culture and have a great environment to work for their officers, firefighters, and paramedics. You can't say enough about that. You can go to some communities, and you find some of this internal struggle. He is not saying it is perfect; however, you can say they are great leaders in what they are doing. He appreciates how they manage their forces. This is the one occupation and job that they ask the citizens to help in making sure that we have a strong Fire and Police Department. He thanked both chiefs for their hard work. He stated there were great comments all night tonight. He said something about Women's History Month. Roger, thank you so much for bringing that forward. The wife of John Adams, Abigail Adams, told John Adams as he was going out and they were working on the Declaration of Independence she said remember the ladies. That was one of her comments. He is not sure how he received that at that time, but he will say that this is again another opportunity to remember the women. They play an intrigal part of our history. He can say over the last 15 days he was intentional about learning more about Women's History. He encouraged everyone here and those that are listening in to take that. As already mentioned, we have already lost some service members in this war. That is a tough place to be. He knows they sign and volunteer to join these respective services and to go and fight, but it is tough when you lose a loved one. He spent 7.5 years as a first sergeant, and he was able to not have to go out and do that call from someone who was fighting a war or battle. He can only imagine, but let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers along with the American civilians along with those who live and work in the Middle East.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated he would not belabor a lot of the stuff that his colleagues have said only to say ditto to them as well. He focused his comments tonight as he looks out in the audience and he saw a lot of the alumni from the Fairborn City Schools, so he wanted to thank Amy Gayheart and the Fairborn City School Board and their predecessors who paved the way to get us where we are today. Dan had alluded to it earlier when he said the old saying goes, so goes the schools, so goes the community. That could not be any true words said. Oftentimes they get asked a lot about supporting our schools and one of the first things that came to his mind was music and how music can touch people in different ways. Certain words and certain lyrics touch him in a specific way and he is reminded when he thinks of the schools the 1977 song that was recorded

by George Benson written by a female, called the Greatest Love of All, re-recorded in 1986 by the late great Whitney Houston which became a major hit that said I believe our children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. He believes that is exactly what our Fairborn City Schools are doing. The school is nothing like it was when he went to school there and when Mrs. Johnson or Ms. Baker, or Chief Ryan, went there. It has only gotten better year after year in his opinion. He thanked the City schools, the educators, the administrators for doing all that they do to teach our future. The ones that are going to take our place. Lastly, he would be remiss if he did not recognize his wife on this day as today is their 30th wedding anniversary.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated May is coming up soon and in May we have some mid-term elections. He encouraged everyone to get to know the candidates and the issues that are going to be on the ballots. Watch out for the ambush journalists that are out there. These are the people who use bullying tactics to approach people and often they don't have the really true story. Especially on Facebook you see a lot of comments being made. Talk to people and get the truth of what is going on. He thinks that is important.

He thanked Amy Gayheart and Tim Steininger for being at the meeting tonight and for the work session talking about the schools. Our schools are a critical part of our community. We are fortunate to have the new school buildings and to have the staff and the faculty we have teaching our young people. He jumped on something that the City Manager and Mike mentioned about the Enhanced Use Lease. That was an exciting groundbreaking to be at last week. It was great to see all the different dignitaries that were here. The gentleman that heads up Synergy, the company that is leading it made a comment that Governor DeWine is the best Governor in the United Staes. He knows there are people that might disagree with that, but he made that comment because what we pulled off here at Wright Patterson Air Force Base was a unique opportunity to get defense contractors in the area. Normally, they can't be on the other side of the fence. So, what did they do? They moved the fence to make it happen. That really was a first. Kudos to Governor DeWine and Congressman Turner. The City of Fairborn played a big role in making that possible by looking at some of the infrastructure needs. Bath Township and others really helped to make that program happen. Unfortunately, he saw some negative comments from people who did not think it was a good thing. He thinks it is an excellent thing for the future of our community. Please as you watch the program develop on National Road understand what that is about.

Mike Gebhart also mentioned an event that several of the Chiefs attended. The City Manager was in a tuxedo. They had a chance to go to the 445th Reserve Wing at Wright Patterson for their annual awards ceremony where they recognized their junior airmen and many other officers. Every year they recognize them for the outstanding job that they do. A lot of you don't recognize that the 445th is a Reserve Wing. Most of the people that are members of that wing live in our communities, work in other jobs, have different positions but then on the weekends there are weekend warriors who are the people who are out there helping to defend with the active duty of making our country safe. One of the things that they recognized Saturday night was that the City of Fairborn was the 2025 Community Partner of the Year. He displayed the trophy the City received for assisting with the Honor Flight. He also wanted to recognize that March Madness has begun.

He would be remiss if he did not mention the most important woman in his life, who is the lady that when he arrived here in 1979 as a lieutenant he was told to report to this Captain at the Base Hospital for orientation and 47 years later he is still reporting to that captain, his now wife. There is one other lady he would like to recognize and that is his mother, who is the second most important woman in his life. Every year her favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day which happens to be tomorrow. So, in honor of his mother, he displayed his St. Patrick's Day eye ware on reminding everyone tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day. Please be safe and have fun.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN

Exhibit "A"

Flag Day 250

Good evening Mayor and Council members,

I'm Carolyn Uecker, 945 W Dayton YELLOW Springs Rod, and I'm pleased to be on a committee commemorating America 250 right here in Greene Co – Flag Day 250!

Ten years ago, Sheriff Gene Fischer held the first Flag Retirement Ceremony, burning 175 spent American Flags. Last year, the ceremony included the Veterans Services picnic for veteran families, and Sheriff Anger retired over 5,000 flags, This year, the ceremony and picnic will be expanded to include a FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY activity at the Greene County Fairgrounds, Sunday, June 14, 2026.

The Greene County Sheriff, Greene County Veterans' Services, Greene County Parks and Trails, and Ag Services form the governing committee and are supported by a multitude of local service, historical, and community organizations. Beginning at 4pm, activities will include live music, free hot dogs/chips/drinks/cookies, a variety of interesting vehicles on display, characters in period costume mingling with families providing stories and photo opportunities, local organizations' exhibits and displays, kids' activities (kites, face painting, temporary tattoos, photo booth, bubbles, corn hole, stickers and pins, and more). We have also requested a visit from one of the national Freedom 250 Museum Trucks travelling around the country to celebrate America 250. The annual Flag Day Ceremony will start at 6pm, for those who are older or can't be out in the heat for long.

Several organizations have already stepped up to help support this event: DAR, the Sons of Revolution, MV Military History Museum, Xenia VFW Post 2402, and Xenia Eagles. We are looking for more organizations to offer free snacks like popcorn (our committee can cover supply costs), Also need more folks to dress in costume and represent historical characters. And of course, tax-deductible donations to help defray costs to keep this event FREE are greatly appreciated and are made thru Greene Giving.

For information: Carolyn Uecker (937)974-7917

The purpose is to promote learning, unity, patriotism, pride, and thoughtful reflection on our nation's and our county's past, present, and future.