CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 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 16, 2026, Council Work Session. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 17-26 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THAT A LIST OF ESTIMATED ASSESSMENTS BE PREPARED AND THAT NOTICE THEREOF BE PUBLISHED FOR THE CURB AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 17-26 for the first time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 17-26 by title only.

Janel Regelski, Asst. Finance Director, stated she would be presenting for Resolution 17-26 which provides the estimated assessment list for the 2026 Curb, Sidewalk and

Approach Program, commonly referred to as the CSA Program. She explained this program follows the statutory process outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. Pursuant to the ORC Council has previously passed Resolution 11-25 on April 7, 2025, declaring the necessity of these improvements. Following that, property owners were properly notified by certified mail. These notices included estimated costs and provided property owners with the opportunity to complete the work independently before the deadline.

At this point, all work has been completed, and the final construction costs have now been calculated and assigned to each parcel. Under the ORC this Resolution authorizes the City to public notice of these final costs in the local newspaper for three consecutive weeks. During this time property owners have the right to review their assessments and file written objections with the Clerk within two weeks following the final publication. At this time, the proposed publication dates are April 10, 17 and 24th. This will make the objection period expire on May 8, 2026. This timeline assures compliance with statutory requirements and allows adequate opportunity for public review.

She explained after the objection period concludes the next step is Council's consideration of the assessment Ordinance under the ORC. Once approved and effective the Finance Department will issue invoices to the property owners. Each invoice will include the assessment amount plus a $40 administrative fee along with available payment options. She explained the key dates moving forward. Invoices are projected to be due around July 3, 2026. Outstanding balances will be certified to the county auditor and then the deadline for certification will be included in the 2026 tax duplicate on September 8, 2026. This ensures any unpaid balances are appropriately transferred to the property tax system. At this time staff recommends approval of Resolution 17-26 to proceed with the regular publication and next steps in the process.

Councilman Dodd asked how many property owners this is affecting. Mrs. Regelski referred that question to the Public Works Director, Terry Adkins. Mr. Adkins explained there are 413 parcels included in the program. They have eight different areas around town that the CSA includes. This is going from Kauffman Avenue to Maple. They are doing that entire corridor. There are 413 parcels with 205 private parcels and one public.

Councilman Allen had no questions.

Councilman McCubbins asked if $40 is the administrative fee what they have always been charging or is that increasing. Ms. Regelski stated that is the same fee that has been charted for the last three years. Mr. McCubbins stated July 3, 2026, is their deadline to pay it off if they chose to pay it and did not have it assessed. Mrs. Regelski stated that is correct. Mr. McCubbins stated if someone wants to get it paid off and not have it assessed but can't pay the full amount by July 3, 2026, what would be the steps. Mrs. Regelski stated she was not sure what that would actually look like because most of the time they usually assess at that point. Mr. McCubbins stated that there is not a lot of time between the time those bills are going to go out and when they are due. He is going to assume it is over $1,000 for each bill. Mr. Adkins stated the average is around $2,000. Councilman McCubbins stated that is a lot of money for someone to have sitting in a checking account to have to pay. Mr. Adkins stated the question is from deadline to July 3, 2026, if they want to pay the full amount, but would be willing to give an extra timeframe. He asked if

that was the question. Councilwoman Reaster asked if he was asking if a payment arrangement or payment plan could be determined. Deputy Mayor McCubbins said he is sure some of them will want to pay it, but might have a problem paying it in the 30 days allotted and if they choose to put it over on their tax bill now they are going to spread it over time and it is going to cost them more money. Mrs. Regelski stated she believes the letter that they send to the property owner states there are options for them that they have during that 30-day period. As long as they communicate which one they choose then staff is satisfied with that. Mr. Adkins stated he would get that information and send it to all of Council tomorrow. Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated it would be nice if they could obtain a sample letter so they can see it.

Councilwoman Chess did not have any questions.

Councilwoman Reaster stated this was a standard housekeeping item.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions but thanked them for the presentation.

Mayor Kirkpatrick had no questions. He thanked staff for the work that has gone into this.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Resolution 17-26. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, Stanton, Allen, Dodd, McCubbins, Reaster, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 17-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 18-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO, TO EXECUTE A 2026 WELL ABANDONMENT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $44,320 AND AUTHORIZING ALL RELATED ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT.

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Resolution 18-26 for the first time by title only. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 18-26 by title only.

Jeremy Billetter, Water Manager, explained he would speak about Resolution 18-26 the well abandonment grant. The City received notification on March 17, 2026, that they would receive a grant from the Ohio EPA in the amount of $44,320 to abandon five wells at the north well field located at Fairfield Park. It is no longer in use. The City has a 45-day window from notification to let the EPA know if they accept the grant or not. There has been $44,320 set aside for the City to pay for the project in advance and then once it is completed and proof is sent to the Ohio EPA of completion of the project the City will be reimbursed 100 percent. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 18-26.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions.

Councilman Dodd had no questions.

Councilman Allen had no questions.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins had no questions.

Mayor Kirkpatrick asked what the process is for sealing a well. Mr. Billetter stated there is a certain process that they must follow that is provided as guidelines from the OEPA. Staff obtained quotes from contractors. He explained they stuff the well full of bentani clay and gravel and then they remove the metal that is protruding the earth and cover it with dirt. These are a little bit different as they have buildings around them so we will have to do some in-house demolition. Nothing major. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if this was something kids could get into and mess with it. This is a permanent sealing. Mr. Billetter stated they will never even know those wells were there when it is all done.

Councilman Dodd moved to adopt Resolution 18-26. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Yeas, seven: Dodd, McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 18-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 19-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE AMERICA 250-OHIO GREENE COUNTY COMMITTEE IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,500 IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRBORN COMMUNITY INDEPENDENCE DAYS CELEBRATION AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins motioned to read Resolution 19-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 19-26 by title only.

Chris Barker, Parks and Recreation Director, explained Resolution 19-26 authorizes the City to accept the grant funding from the America 250-Ohio Greene County Committee in support of Fairborn Community Independence Day celebration. He explained that the AM250 grant was awarded to the City of Fairborn in the amount of $2,500 to support the Fairborn Community Independence Day Celebration as part of the 2026 America-250 initiative. This grant program is intended to support community-based events that promote local history, heritage, and culture engagement in recognition of the nation's 250th anniversary. The City plans to utilize these grant funds to expand the Children's area during the Independence Days Festival by providing larger and enhanced attractions. This enhancement will further support family-friendly programming, increase community engagement during the event. The grant will be provided in a one-time payment following execution of the grant agreement and submission of required documentation. The City will be responsible for carrying out the approved activities and complying with all grant requirements including submission of a final report following the completion of the event. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 19-26.

Councilman Dodd thanked Mr. Barker for the presentation.

Councilman Allen appreciates the fact that they are considering investing this money into expanding the kid's area. He thinks that is phenomenal when they think about a lot of the festivities that are going to go on relative to the 250th and how we incorporate kids into that.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins is excited to see what events the committee pulls out this year for this.

Councilwoman Chess did not have any questions, and she thanked Mr. Barker for the presentation.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions and thanked Mr. Barker for the presentation.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked Mr. Barker for finding grant money to make a better experience for the kids.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this is all part of a big 250th Anniversary celebration. If anybody in the community is interested in being a part of that committee Ellen Slone at the Senior Center is the chair of Fairborn's 250th anniversary committee. This is all a part of that along with many other activities scheduled throughout the rest of this year. Like others have said, he is glad the grant money is going toward kids' activities.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 19-26. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Dodd, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 19-26 duly adopted.

APPOINTMENT

Deputy Mayor McCubbins made a motion to appoint Hudson Ellen to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term to 12-31-28. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, seven: McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Dodd, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Mr. Hudson appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated before they moved on to Citizens Comments the City Solicitor would like to make a statement.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, stated contrary to popular opinion lawyers at times are human. Regrettably on the evening of March 16, 2026, he put his humanity on display in a negative manner just before our last Council meeting. On the morning of the 17th, he contacted the City Manager and advised him that their family had been dealing with a difficult family matter over the weekend and to please forgive him if he did not seem himself that evening. He does not offer this as an excuse for his conduct, but merely to indicate that his batteries were not fully charged. When the event in question occurred, with that said, his practice is that when he makes a mistake, he owns it, he acknowledges

it, he apologizes to those impacted, he makes it right, he learns from it and he moves on. That is what he intends to do with the following public apology.

"Good evening, Mayor, Members of Council, City Manager, and residents of Fairborn. I want to address my conduct prior to the March 16, 2026, City Council meeting. During an exchange with John Stafford before the meeting began, he responded in a manner that did not reflect the professionalism, judgment and composure expected of him as Law Director. Regardless of the circumstances I should have exercised greater restraint. I take full responsibility for my actions. I have received and acknowledge a written reprimand from the City Manager and I accept that discipline. I want to offer my sincere apology to the Mayor and Members of Council and the City Manager and the residents of the City of Fairborn and everyone who was present during that evening. You are always entitled to respectful and professional conduct, and I fell short of that standard. I also want to specifically apologize to John Stafford. My response to you was inappropriate and should not have occurred. I regret this incident and the negative attention that it has brought to this body and to the City. It will not happen again. I remain committed to conducting myself in a manner that reflects positively on this office and serving this community with professionalism, integrity, and sound judgment. Thank you."

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mr. McNamee.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

JoAnn Collins, 173 Erie Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio made the comments attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, greeted the City Council, Mayor, and City Manager. He stated he was there to speak in support of the proposed Charter Amendment to Subsection D, Section 107 of the Fairborn municipal Charter, specifically as it relates to placing a recall of Councilwoman Sylvia Chess on the May 5, 2026, ballot. He also wanted to make something very clear. There has been some time since he last stood at this podium and spoke about Sylvia Chess but let no one mistake that silence for surrender. We, the people of Fairborn, have not forgotten. They have not moved on, and they are not going to go away. The recall effort was born in part from Councilwoman Sylvia Chess' own words that she chose to speak not in Fairborn, but in Dallas, Texas. In that speech she stood before an outside audience and called the town racist and spoke negatively about the community and its people and personally labeled him as a Proud Boy. That is not the conduct of a representative who respects the community she has elected to serve. The people of Fairborn deserve better, and this recall is how she will be held accountable. He had several questions for the Council that the public deserves answered. What specific steps has the Council taken to move this recall question forward to ensure it is properly placed on the May 5, 2026, ballot and what is the timeline for certification of signatures and verification of the petition? Has the City's legal counsel reviewed the proposed Amendment language to confirm that it meets the requirements under the Charter and what transparency measures are in place to ensure this process is being carried out fairly and in accordance with all the residents. The citizens of Fairborn have a right to know that their elected officials are honoring the recall process as outlined in the

charter not delayed, not obstructed. It is not placing it on barriers in the way of the people's voice. He encourages every person in this chamber tonight, everyone listening from home and everyone watching at home, vote, yes, on May 5th so this recall process can go forward. Let the people of Fairborn be heard. They are still here and they are not going away, and they have not forgotten what Mrs. Chess said. He thanked Mr. McNamee for his apology. He greatly appreciates and respects it. That is how you do it and that is what Mrs. Chess should have done a long time ago. That is how you apologize and hold yourself accountable.

Travon Davis, 4 Diana Lane North, he has been a resident of Fairborn for 26 years. He is here tonight because he is trying to get clear answers regarding sidewalk work in front of his home. Recently, the City came out and marked approximately 8 sections of his sidewalk that are being identified for removal and replacement. This situation is especially concerning to him because something similar happened years ago. At this time, he was assessed and paid approximately $8,600 for curb and sidewalk. His understanding was that it would be tied to a larger improvement project possibly leading to paving Diana Lane North, however, to this day he has not been able to get a clear answer on exactly what work was completed and what that assessment covered or why the project did not proceed as expected. He has reached out for clarification. He has not been able to get a clear explanation from City Hall. Now, that the new sections are being marked and he may be facing additional costs he believes it is only fair to ask for transparency he would respectfully request that someone from the City sit down with him and contact him directly to provide a clear explanation of what took place in the past and what is being done now and why. He is not here to argue he is simply here asking for facts so that he can understand what he paid for and what he may be expected to pay for moving forward. He appreciates their time and he looks forward to getting some answers as well. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, asked that Mr. Davis please leave his contact information, and he will make sure that someone gets back with him this week. Mr. Davis agreed.

Alan Carney, 325 E. Xenia Drive, stated he wanted to bring up some issues about Resolution 17-26 on the curb and sidewalk final assessments. He wants to urge any citizens who had any CSA work done in 2026 they better check the final assessment. Hopefully, they did a comprehensive detailed photograph and measurements in April of 2025. Today, he went over to Engineering to check what the final assessment on his mom's house over on Green Street was compared to what they had done in the work. The original estimate, the curb was for a quantity of 25 linear feet at $113 per linear foot. He went to engineering today and now the final assessment is going to be 29 feet of curb. How can this be? He took very detailed photos and measurements in April of 29, detailed. He even had the City Engineer come out and recheck stuff because they missed the improper property lines and stuff and they were charging. Anyway, after Sam had come out and did that, he took detailed pictures. He has photographs of the curb and everything else on Green Street. So, where did the extra four feet come from? Well, it is interesting that Fairborn's contractor, Integrity, had deliberately cut out good sections of additional curb beyond the expansion joints that were good. Why, to earn more money in the final assessment? So, this final assessment of four feet is going to cost an additional $450 for his mom's house. That is interesting. Citizens should not be charged more than the original assessment that the City gives them. This is dishonest to allow the contractor to

go ahead and cut out stuff. The City comes around and makes final measurements and now is going to charge the citizens. There is no excuse for that. Curbs are a part of the public roadway and by God the curbs ought to be paid for by the City, not the citizens. On Green Street they had a contractor, Matt Trimbaugh, he was going to do about 10 properties on Green Street. He had properly pulled the permits by June 11th. It is unrealistic to get this paper in May and try to get estimates from contractors and then expect the contractors to drop everything they want to do to have the work done by July. Matt Trimbaugh pulled a valid permit by June 11th. This work on Green Street was not done by Fairborn's contractor until November 3rd. The permit was valid until October 30th to allow Matt to do that and conveniently the City terminated that when he went over to check on it. So, Matt was willing to do that work and have it done in July, but the City said oh no we already have this included in the bid. Well, Matt already pulled the contract by June 11th and in good faith was going to do the work and now because the City did the work that is going to cost another $500 over what Matt Trimbaugh was going to do the work. So, for the additional $450 extra four feet of curb because of your corrupt contractor and the extra $500 because you are going to have to pay because the City would not allow the private contractor to do work on Green Street he does not have any choice but to bring a lawsuit against the City of Fairborn for allowing these extra charges. It is uncalled for as the curb is a part of the public roadway and the City should pay for that. He rested his case and that is the end. Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mr. Carney and stated the City would look into this. Terry Adkins, Public Works Director, stated Mr. Carney has an appointment tomorrow morning. Mayor Kirkpatrick confirmed that Mr. Carney had an appointment with Mr. Adkins tomorrow morning.

Charlie Deer, 1819 N. Broad Street, hoped everyone had a wonderful Easter which is the most important day for the Christian. Death, burial, and resurrection is all about the gospel in a nutshell. He came to give an update on the annexation of the 1.8 acres that is on his property that is in Bath Township that got annexed into the City of Fairborn. The reason he had to do that is since that little section there was in Bath Township the City of Fairborn could not respond when the truck drivers were blocking his driveway. They said that it is in Bath Township and we can't do anything Charlie. It wasn't their fault. It is just where they were at, they could not do anything. They told him to call the Green County Sherriff, which he did. The trucks were still there the next morning, so it tells me they did not come out.

Anyway, the annexation got done finally, but when he first approached Council about this at the Council meeting about 4 or 5 months ago you annexed that into Fairborn like you did for the truck stop into the City of Fairborn from Bath Township. Dan said, no problem, we will do that for you Charlie. Mr. McNamee said get in touch with my office. We will get it done. So, he called the next morning. He waited about a month, and he never heard anything back, so he called again. His office got back with him and said it is a conflict of interest, and you will have to get your own lawyer, so he did. So, after $8,200 that worthless piece of land that is no good for nothing now is in the City of Fairborn so that the Fairborn Police can respond all because of a not-needed truck stop. He heard on the news a while ago that today Buccee's opened, and a reporter said well it's not the only one that is going to happen in Ohio there is going to be another one. He said o, lord, a Buccee's in Fairborn. Anyway, it got done. The annexation is done, but it was a very poor decision on everyone on the Council's part. They will come to see that. Most

everyone knows Kelly Grody, she had a wreck in front of his house not long ago, right in front of his driveway so he went down there to see if he could assist. He asked her what happened. At about 3:30 or 4:00 when the sun starts going down you are blind as a bat from then till the sun goes down. She said he just did not see me. He ran into the back of me. He didn't see me. He understands why because he fights every day. If you think about cars going up and down through there at 70 mph blind, it does not take a genius to figure out what is going to happen there all of the time. So, anyway he will be utilizing the Fairborn Police Department anytime there is a truck there and since he is legally within the Fairborn City limits, he would like to see a street sweeper come up by him home because it is in terrible shape. He has tried to clean it up, but after this past winter with the snow trucks it is torn all to pieces. Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mr. Deer for his comments. Mr. Deer stated he does have a realtor looking for him another house outside of Greene County.

John Stafford, Editor of the Grene County Sentinel News, P.O. Box 910, Columbus, Ohio wanted to thank Mr. McNamee for his apology. He accepted it and stated he wanted to shake his hand and say that everything is good. Mr. Stafford and Mr. McNamee shook hands. Mr. Stafford thanked him and said that was a good thing you did.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed Citizens Commens.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, reviewed the April milestone recipients. He stated there are many, but no one could attend with us this evening. He recognized Scott Shillito with 30 years, Joe Pence, and Nathan Penrod with 20 years. He continued and recognized those with 10, 5 and 1 year of service.

Several things have happened since our last meeting on March 16th. We have sworn in two new police officers, Kylie Jeffers and Ashley Kindle, welcoming them to the Fairborn Family. He congratulated Rodney Easterling who retired last Tuesday after 28 plus years of service to the City in our Public Works Department. They had a nice reception for him. Thanks to Rodney for all he has done for 28 years. Also on Friday, March 27, 2026, Public Works had their first annual awards luncheon program at the Fairborn Senior Center recognizing all the individuals who work very hard for the City in Public Works. Those are those folks that are out plowing roads and repairing water mains in 90-degree heat and zero-degree weather during the winter months. These folks leave their families at night, weekends, and holidays. Whenever there is an infrastructure issue they are out there. Terry has for several years has talked about doing something to recognize them. Kudos to Terry Adkins and his entire department,

As some of you noticed, Community Park was closed on Saturday, March 28th. It was not totally closed. It was closed in a specific area so that Chris Barker and his team in Parks and Recreation could host three different Easter egg hunts. He wanted to dispel any rumors that the entire Community Park was closed. It was not. Just the section where those three separate Easter egg hunts happened. He thanked his team for working on their Saturday.

On Thursday night, April 2, 2026, at the Hilton Doubletree, we held the first Volunteer Dinner that we have been able to have since Covid. It was well attended. Thanks to all the volunteers in the community. They give of their time and effort to make Fairborn a better place. He thanked Penny Davis of his office for putting that together and then acting as emcee for the evening. He thanked Penny for that.

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet is this Friday night at the Fairborn Doubletree. He welcomed Jason Channels that he introduced during work session. He is a student at Wright State who is interested in a potential career in public service. He would be remiss if he did not say this. His 11-year-olds birthday is today, so after the meeting tonight he is going to try to make it home for at least some cake before he gets thrown out of the house. Happy Birthday Elizabeth.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess thanked the milestone recipients who have chosen to be a part of this wonderful City of Fairborn. We have a great City. Secondly, she is going to say this because she thinks she has said this before in one of the meeting that we had. She is not going to bore them with all the things that she said. They can go back to the recordings where she gave her comments about the things that were supposedly said. She wanted them to go back to those recordings and listen to them and please understand this one thing. She never said that all of Fairborn was racist. She never did. What she said was that she told some students or the people that she was talking to the things that she encountered running as a City Councilwoman. She did encounter those things. At the end of her speech she said, "We won, we meaning Fairborn. Anyone that knows her knows that she has been a hard worker since she has been here. She volunteers everywhere. She picks up trash with the Lions Club. She would never insinuate that all of Fairborn are racists people. Just like the preemption to the Constitution of the United States of America, says We the people. Our representatives vote on behalf of the people. When she said "we won" she was speaking on behalf of the people who voted for her. She is grateful for that. She needs everyone to understand that. She did not have any problem with the people speaking there and using her first amendments rights to express themselves. That is ok. She is not angry, but she wanted them to understand that.

Councilwoman Reaster stated Mike Gebhart stole half of her thunders. She is going to be redundant. Her apologies for that. The volunteer appreciation dinner was absolutely lovely. Thank you to everyone who serves the community in a volunteer manner. Thank you, Miss Penny, for the lovely dinner and lovely presentation. She also had the pleasure of attending the F-22 Raptor 20th anniversary that the DDC and Jobs Ohio put together. It was a great collaboration of the region in support of all things military. Specifically, the F-22 Raptor. It was well attended and a beautiful event with an F-22 flyover. It is great to live next to the state's largest employer. She was not able to attend the Public Works celebration, but she does want to publicly express her gratitude for all the work and the tenure, whether it is a one-year celebration or retiring from public service. Thank you all. There were lots of certifications that were celebrated and that is key to making sure that

we have the best qualified candidates, making sure that our City is operating at its finest. Thank you to your team Terry Adkins. She thanked the milestone recipients for choosing to serve the citizens of Fairborn. She also wanted to call out the fact that she has said this before, and she thinks it bares repeating. Yes, we are public entities because they are elected to a seat, but we are human. We are fallible and things happen and sometimes they are caught off guard and that doesn't make it right but pause before you jump to conclusions why someone responded the way they did and think maybe there is something more going on that I am not aware of. Instead of taking to social media and your keyboards, let's just pause and ask some questions. She thinks it is fair to say that every single one of them up there is approachable and if you have a question, you know where she lives. You know how to reach out to her, the email is public. You can find her pretty much anywhere all the time. Ask the questions and don't make assumptions please. Last, but certainly not least, she wanted to take a moment to again living next to the biggest employer, which happens to be a military base she wanted to take a moment to thank our service men, our service women and their families for their sacrifices to keep us in the land of the free because of the brave. God Bless them. God Bless their families and God Bless America.

Coucilwoman Stanton agreed with everything that was said. She totally appreciates the milestone recipients for their service to the City. Congratulations to the Public Works for having their first annual event. She has been thinking about this, if she has individual meetings with citizens or sometimes citizens who are friends will approach her and ask her questions or they may not like the way something is going in the City, she says this so often to people, but she doesn't ever say it here. She is always telling people how excellent our staff is and how lucky we are to have the people that work here. She just wanted to say that publicly. They come to these meetings, and they are asking questions of these specific things, and she doesn't want anybody to get the impression because she has so much faith in the staff that works for the City and the excellence we have here in the staff. She feels so lucky to live here. She says that in work session. People say we have the best value in the City. We have great levels of taxes for what we get. She trusts the people who are running the City. She thanked everyone who came up and spoke tonight, but specifically JoAnn for her comments. That was amazing how many comments she got in those five minutes. It was impressive. She wanted to share some events that she heard about in the community that she wanted to share. The YMCA is having a Parents Night Out on April 17, 2026. If you are interested in that there are costs involved for members and non-members. Drop your kids off and they have all kinds of safe, fun things for your kids to do. BW Greenway is having what they call a community Chi Taqwa. They have those every so often and it is going to be on recycling, including food and food waste on April 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bath Township Building. She learned of a 5K run and walk that starts at the school and goes through Community Park in honor of Lilly Clinger and her daughter was actually in the car and had a lot of issues as well but survived. It is a 5K Run and Walk on April 12, 2026, starting at 10:00 a.m. and the event is dog friendly. If you are interested in that please Google the event. The Fairborn Environmental Advisory Board has an energy team, and they are working on an event that is going to be open to the public to speak about energy bills. At the next meeting she will have more information on that, but it is going to be an event where you can bring your own energy bill and talk to experts to learn what you can control and what you can't and why energy bills are going up and that kind of thing. Habitat for Humanity

is building a home in Fairborn this summer. They have regular building where you can volunteer and they also have women build days where women teach women how to build the homes.

Councilman Dodd thanked the milestone recipients for their service to the City. He acknowledged the two idividuals who were sworn in. It is great to be a part of the Fairborn family. He attended the public works luncheon. Terry gave a great presentation. He has some really outstanding individuals that work there. He was impressed. He also attended the F22 celebration. It was held at the Air Force History Museum and for an Army guy he was really impressed with the Air Force. It was interesting evening. The volunteer night and having that many volunteers and we still have a lot of openings for volunteers so anyone that is willing to volunteer please do so. The Volunteer dinner was done very nicely. He also thanked the men and women in uniform right now and in harm's way. God Bless America.

Councilman Allen thanked the milestone recipients especially Scott Shillito who has for 30 years in the City, he has one of the best attitudes. He always has a smile on his face. Congratulations to all of the milestone recipients. He stated the Public Works Appreciation Event was fantastic. The thing about Public works is they are the unsung heroes. They are on the front end of safety and community support. He thanked them for all that they do day in and day out. This is Volunteer appreciation month so just continue the vibe and appreciating our volunteers. The City did a great job, but one of the most powerful and meaningful things we can do is impact other people. He is inspired by the many ways that people show up for others. It is fantastic. It is what we are called to do day in and day out. Thank a volunteer, not just a City volunteer. Lastly, as what has been expressed already let's keep our military members in our thoughts and prayers. The thing about the military, whether you are a solider, sailor, airman, Marine, a civilian, a family member. If you affect one, it typically affects all. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins also attended the event at the Air Force museum. As a retired military member, and he spent 10 years at various assignments here at Wright Patt, he has attended a lot of events in that building over there. He is in awe every time they go over there and do anything, active-duty and retired now in that modern Flight Gallery, but this one was especially special. This one happened to be on the night that the Artimus II missile was due to launch. Those that were in attendance had the pleasure of standing in the Modern Flight Gallery watching a 120-inch screen, if you will, 400 to 500 people watching this rocket take off. The feeling that you get was just amazing. Sitting there in that atmosphere watching that just knowing where we came from with Orville and Wilbur Wright turning a bicycle into an airplane to a rocket launching and going around the moon. He thinks they went around the moon today. It is amazing. God Bless them and he hopes for their safe return. He read an article today called War Horse and it is specifically geared toward veterans. It is an outlet for veterans who aren't in the military anymore to express themselves through independent journalism. Today, he happened to read an article that touched close to home. It made him chuckle, but the message was extremely huge. It was surrounding communication and he thinks what they see a lot particularly from their aspect up there is if someone says a word that gets taken out of context be good or bad, things can blow up. Communication is big. He works in a government organization that

has many different ethnicities if you will, so a melting pot if you will and communication can break down in a heartbeat. It happens to him every day. So, it is very important that we clarify that communication. The story he read today was set in Vietnam. It was a Vietnam veteran who wrote this article and he was a maintenance worker who got a work order for an aircraft that said breaking lock. The work order that was given to him was to fix this breaking lock. This guy happened to be a radar technician so his assumption from reading the work order was that the radar was broken because the missiles wouldn't keep lock. After he and a buddy spent 4 or 5 hours on the flight line, they could not reproduce the error. When they went back to the maintenance operation shop and turned in the work order saying they couldn't duplicate it, they didn't know what was wrong with the aircraft. The gentleman they gave their work ticket, looked at it, and said, "I apologize to the person that wrote the work order didn't mean to write breaking lock he meant to right Braking lock, meaning the brakes on the aircraft and not the radar." It is a simple example of how one word changed an entire day for these two maintenance technicians and grounded an aircraft that could have actually been flying had they originally worked on the original problem. It was an innocent mistake, so now they happen to all of us. We are not immune and he does not think anyone in the audience is immune. So please forgive us when we do that. Call us out by all means and they will rectify any situation that we have there. Lastly, he said Happy Birthday Elizabeth.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked everyone who came up and spoke. If you have an issue with the City, the sidewalks or whatever it may be, please come speak with the staff. He understands that Mr. Carney has a meeting with staff tomorrow. He hopes he gets some resolution to what they are going to talk about. Again, if you have a concern with the City, please come speak with the staff. In a month there will be primary voting. Please get to know the candidates. Talk to them, call them up and find out what they stand for and hopefully, vote for the right people. A number of people have asked him if you are driving on Garland over by the schools if you go between Meadowlands and Marchmont they will notice a big area that had honey suckle is all torn out. This is where the new sidewalk will be going in. It will be a continuation of the sidewalk next to Meadowlands down to Marchmont so the kids at the High School and the Middle School will have a sidewalk to walk on instead of the curbed road on Garland which is really dangerous. The Easter Egg Hunt that went on Saturday at Central Park kudos to the Chamber and all of the Ambassadors. They had the biggest crowd they have ever had. There were a lot of positive comments. A few grumbles here and there, but overall, what he heard was a lot of positive comments. You will start seeing a lot of groups doing Adopt-a-Highway cleanups. This is one of his pet issues and all the City staff knows this, littering. We would not need to have Adopt-a-Highway programs if people would not litter. His first encouragement is don't be a litterer. His second encouragement is if you want to help clean that up you will see signs all over for Adopt-a-Highway. The High School's Environmental Club is going to take over Commerce Center in front of the schools. Volunteer to help those groups clean up. There are a lot of programs in Fairborn. Let's help to make Fairborn the greenest City in Greene County. He gave kudos to the milestone winners. Kudos to the Public Awards program. It was well done. The Volunteer Dinner that Penny organized and Julie helped with went extremely well. Thanks to all the volunteers. A number of the Council members commented about the F-22 event at the Air Force Museum. He did not attend that because he was invited to the Airman's Leadership School at the Base Club where the senior airmen and staff

sergeants graduated from Airmen Leadership School. That was high point for him to see those young, energetic airmen who finished education on how to be future leaders. It was a wonderful event. The Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards are this Friday and those are awards for the schools, the Greene County Career Center, the Base, and veterans awards are being given out at that event this Friday at the Doubletree Hotel. He would encourage folks to attend. The next Breakfast with the Mayor will be on May 4, 2026, at the Senior Center. If you have questions or concerns about what is going on that is a great venue to come and ask questions. Chuck Stout organizes that event. He encouraged everyone to come to that. Kudos to the US military, especially the crew that rescued the F-15 crew member in Iran. He is a retired military guy of 34 years and what the military can pull off for something like that is absolutely incredible. Kudos to all of our military.

Councilwoman Chess stated on April 18, 2026, the Lions Club is having their cleanup and there will be a flyer going out on social media. They always meet at the Waffle House at 8:00 a.m. with fellowship and then they go out on Dayton-Yellow Springs Road to do the cleanup. They meet in the Kroger parking lot. They have been doing this for years. The Leo Club is a big contributor to that event. If you want to volunteer to help with the event cleaning up Dayton-Yellow Springs Road, it usually only takes them about an hour or an hour and a half to get it done.

Councilwoman Stanton introduced Tim Dawson in the back of the house who is the new Executive Director of Greene County Regional Planning and he had asked any Councilmembers who have the time to stay as he would like to introduce himself.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Stanton seconded the motion. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Stanton, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN

Easter was a blessing as my faith is important in my life As a child I gave my heart to God at an old time baptist revival and was baptized in mad river next to rainbow lake at age 10yrs. My husband died 2 yrs ago now in heaven my future not breaking the 10 commandments especially the 9th thou shalt not bear false witness, which is telling a lie like some people do.

I have been following a matter of concern I came here to speak rather than sitting home comfortable with my dog.

When something is important we need to not hide but come out and share. This is about fairborn police dept.

We wouldn't need police if people didn't break the laws .

Currently In our community we have between

54-55 police , Chief police Roman, 3 captains, 7 sergeants, 3 SRO officers one teaches DARE and 32 officers 12 dispatchers, 6 civilian supporters. police department consists of 3 divisions

K-9 Program School Resource Officers D.A.R.E.. protecting our kids from being harmed like other schools in states who faced shootings and danger. DARE drug awareness taught

Citizens Police Academey resident & Business 12 weeks 2 hrs once a week class to teach what goes on in the life of an police person and what is required

Public safety in the park, police and fire teaching community

Blue envelope special needs senior, dementia autisume information in the vehicle in case of stopped or accident, insurance, drive licence contact and medical issues

community walk, quarterly inside staff goes into neighborhood and talk to citizens and people and kids

safety exchange area for residents sales next to police station

drug take back program of prescription meds

safety city has been in going on since the 70's this yr Captain Roman with the help of Terri Lynn art studio and students are doing a upgrade of the houses and items used for our kids program one which teaches our beginners of kindergarden and 1st grade how to go to school safely for the walkers and everyday street smart safety.used to charge $5 to cover expenses but Captain Roman said he would pay out of his own pocket the money to make sure our kids get the training and be safe they need to be. had a former student from when she was a child who took the safety school class call him and wanted information for her city to do for their kids she was from another state but the idea was good so stealing it.

Captain Roman got 4 new vehicles making the logo and wraps new and match did it for a cost saving $700 each cheaper than older ones. Let his officers pick and test drive ford, chevy and dodge vehicles to see which they liked best. Dodge one and is cheaper its their office they ride lots of hrs and need to be comfortable with.

Our Captain is the best budget keeper saving taxpayers money

while our community is enjoying parades, festivals and block events our police is working , to protect us from harm and missing time with their families.

Police is mothers, fathers, brothers sisters and children of families and their families worry when they leave home if they will return safe.

Unlike most of us who goes to work and complains about our job hours and sometimes other employees police are not permitted to be human and have a bad day or they get called out.

You don't know what is happening in their life it could be a death worry about kids school. how would you like a job descriptions of work like this

Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Misdemeanor assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft part 1 crimes

Domestic violence, Criminal Damaging, DIsorderly Conduct/arrests, sex offense, drug offenses/arrests, protection orders violations , weapons offenses, endangering children identity theft part 2 crimes

we have more sexual predators in fairborn than xenia and beavercreek combine

What do you all put on the internet

cops playing basketball, baseball and yes we even had one dance to music at one of the schools for the kids. they are trying to show kids that they care and if a child is scared or a problem its ok to talk to them. Be nice and thankful we have better police officers in fairborn than most any other city or state has ,not waking up to list of murders and shootings or the news daily

If you want to talk about the police say a prayer to God to watch over and protect them that protect us.