CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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

Gebhart, McClure, McNamee, Schell, and Taylor

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Chess moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Council Work Session. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

PRESCHEDULED BUSINESS

Mayor Kirkpatrick read a proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2026, as the 57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Julie Taylor, Clerk of Council, accepted the Proclamation.

Janice Bates, VP of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, presented Julie Taylor, Clerk of Council with the Master Municipal Clerk Designation. Ms. Bates stated, "Good evening, Mayor and Members of Council, City Staff, and members of the public. My name is Janice Bates, and I serve as the Clerk of Council for the City of Tipp City. I am honored to be here this evening on behalf of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks to recognize an exceptional achievement. It's especially meaningful that we are celebrating this during Municipal Clerks Week – a time set aside to recognize the vital role municipal

clerks play in ensuring transparency, continuity, and the effective operation of local government.

The Master Municipal Clerk, or MMC, designation is the highest level of certification awarded by IIMC. It reflects years of advanced education, professional development, and meaningful contributions to the municipal profession. It is a rigorous and demanding process that required both dedication and perseverance. And it is rare. Across the State of Ohio, there are currently only **41** individuals who have earned this designation – making it a truly distinguished accomplishment. Tonight, we celebrate one of them. It is my honor and privilege to recognize **Julie Taylor** for earning her Master Municipal Clerk designation. This achievement speaks to her commitment to her profession, her community, and to excellence in public service. I've had the opportunity to get to know Julie for many years, and I'm proud to call her both a colleague and a friend. Along the way, we've shared time attending trainings and conferenced together; and those experiences have given me a firsthand look at her dedication, her professionalism, and the respect she has for this role. She is someone who not only values continued learning but truly embodies it. Julie, your Council, and community are fortunate to have you. The knowledge and experience you bring back from this journey will continue to make a lasting impact. Congratulations on earning your Master Municipal Clerk designation. It is a remarkable and well-deserved achievement!

Julie Taylor, Clerk of Council, accepted the designation, making the following comments: Thank you Janice for coming tonight as the VP of our International Institute of Municipal Clerks Organization and as a mentor and a friend. I know you have a lot on your plate with the International Conference in Reno, Nevada coming up in just two weeks. Without your encouragement I would have never stepped out of my box into the role of City Representative to the OMCA from 2016-2018 or continued in that role and taking the role of OMCA Secretary from 2019-2021 which were all a part of this milestone.

In 2014, Deborah McDonnell, the City Manager at that time, told this girl who had never flown a day in her life, you need to get your certification and attend the International conferences. So, at 45 years old, I stepped onto a plane for the first time and found out there is life outside of Dayton, Ohio, and landed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for my first international conference. I became a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2016 with 200 educational hours invested and now with an additional 200 hours I have invested 400 total hours in reaching the goal of Master Municipal Clerk. Fellowship and sharing ideas with other Clerks is essential.

I am thankful for each City Manager, Mayor, and Council member, who supported me in this journey. I also have to thank Penny Davis for her friendship and being the one who covers the Council meetings while I'm away whether that be a Clerk's Conference or a need to care for my aging parents. I could not have done this without you.

Next to my son, who is seated in the audience, this ranks right at the top for me as one of my greatest accomplishments and I have to thank my dad who encouraged me in 2007 to apply for the City Clerk's position, leaving behind a 20-year career with a local real estate title company.

This certification is a testament of my desire to serve this community to the best of my abilities. My hope is every day that you come to my window that I have been able to provide the information that you needed with a smile and that you go away knowing we are all regular people just trying to do our best.

Mayor Kirkpatrick read a proclamation declaring May as Building Safety Month. David Yates, Chief Building Official accepted the Proclamation. Mr. Yates thanked the Mayor for presenting the proclamation. The International Code Council has designated May as Safety Month every year mainly because summer is right around the corner and people are starting to do projects and they want to remind everyone it is not just about safety for your own property, but safety of others. The code officials' main job is not harping on people about building code, but it is about safety of the people who are living there, the people visiting as well as structural safety. Throughout the month the City's social media director will be posting tips and highlights on safety each week on topics presented by the International Code Council. Keep an eye out for those tips and maybe you can learn some tips along the way.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 12-26 TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE FAIRBORN CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins made a motion to read Ordinance 12-26 for the second time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 12-26 by title only.

Julie Taylor, Clerk of Council, explained this is a housekeeping item done every year. American Legal has completed the editing, printing, and updating of our codified Ordinances. This update is complete through February 2, 2026. The total cost of the update is $11,824.80. This amount is excessive due to it including 588 changed pages, nearly double the pages of last year. One hundred and forty-one sections of new state laws were also included. American Legal extended us a one-time discount of 20% of $2,956.20 and waived the shipping and handling charges. The charge would have been $14,781 without this discount. We are considering moving to a quarterly update versus the annual update to get information to the website more quickly. Walter Drane/American Legal has been our vendor since 1979. We have a very good working relationship with them. Many of their editors have 20 years of experience and there is a City Law Director, City Mayor, and former Neighborhood Council President on their board They service 3,000 municipal and county clients. Their national teams are located in Ohio, Kentucky, Texas, and California. American Legal also works closely with the IIMC, OML and International Lawyers Association. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 12-26

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing on Ordinance 12-26.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.
Councilman Dodd likes the idea of going to a quarterly update. It would serve the public well. He thanked Ms. Taylor for her hard work.

Councilwoman Stanton stated she had questions before but those had been addressed in the presentation.

Mayor Kirkpatrick agreed with the comment about quarterly and they will take a look at that and see what direction it should go.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasion and Ordinance 12-26 be read for the third time by title only. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Dodd, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor read Ordinance 12-26 by title only.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 22-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SERVICE ORDER WITH CLEARGOV, INC. FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY PORTAL AND DIGITAL BUDGET BOOK PLATFORM.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to read Resolution 22-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 22-26 by title only.

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, explained this is something we have talked about the last several weeks during work sessions. The primary purpose of this is to increase transparency especially when it comes to the finance side of the City. Resolution 22-26 would authorize that to take place. ClearGov is the provider of this particular item. It is a transparency portal and also a digital Budget Book platform. If anyone knows what Council receives it is a very thick book at budget time which is probably not environmentally friendly because of the amount of paper they use for that. This is problematic of all municipalities that print a Budget Book out. So, this Budget Book would help us do a digital Budget Book which would be much more user friendly not only to Council, but to members of the public. They discussed this in the April 6 and April 20 work sessions. The work session on the 20th also included a demonstration and a Q&A with a representative from ClearGov. It is a cloud-based platform that improves financial transparency through interactive dashboards. The benefits are that it converts complex financial data into clear visuals. It advances public understanding of revenues, expenditures, and performance. It provides residents with accessible, user-friendly financial data, and allows exploration of department level spending. Currently, they use Open Checkbook which does that but is not user-friendly. It is a great attempt at a product, but this takes it steps further than that. The digital Budget Book would replace

stag documents with a more interactive and accessible format. For anyone that would like to look at the mockup ClearGov has done for the City of Fairborn using 2018 data it can be found at cleargov.com\ohio\greene\city\fairborn. He provided a brief overview of the site. It will be a user-friendly program. This will cost the City $22,250 per year. They did a supplemental appropriation via Ordinance 11-26 on April 20, 2026, for this year. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 22-26. He explained the City would continue to provide data to ClearGov through the summer and by Thanksgiving time this will be up and operational and be a part of our financial fiscal transparency portal and our Finance Department page of the website.

Councilwoman Chess asked if it makes it easier for the department to learn this platform more so than the other one. Mr. Gebhart stated he thinks it will make it more user friendly to everyone. He thinks this has benefits both internally and externally, but the major benefit is externally to our residents and our partners who can easily get the information they need rather than a public information request.

Councilwoman Reaster agrees that the level of transparency, the visuals. If you are not in this every day it is very difficult to navigate the Open Checkbook. She is looking forward to this as a tax-paying resident. What she also loves about this tool is the ala carte things they can add as they move forward that they find beneficial. She thinks it is a great tool, and she is super excited to see it.

Councilwoman Stanton agreed. They talked about it a lot in the work sessions. She appreciates the effort that went into the demos to them. It was a really good find. She is looking forward to it.

Councilman Dodd thinks this is great. This is a big step forward for the public. He thinks it will be really user friendly.

Councilman Allen agrees with his colleagues. It helps with transparency. The more they use it the better it will become. He knows there are other communities locally using this same thing. Mr. Gebhart stated Huber Heights started within the last year. It is a process with uploading data and those types of things. They are about a year ahead of us with this. There are other communities in the Cincinnati and Dayton area, Hilliard and Vandalia uses it. Some communities out of Cincinnati have already gone to it. He does not want anyone to think he is downplaying the importance of Open Checkbook from the Auditor's office. He is not this just takes it several steps forward to make it easier for the residents to find the data they need.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated what he thinks Mike is trying to say is this is a point and click solution rather than data driven. Here you are just pointing and clicking to find what you need. It is very user friendly. He thinks it is going to be a great addition to the City.

Mayor Kirkpatrick is looking forward to all the different applications this brings for the citizens.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 22-26. Councilwoman Chess seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Chess, Allen, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton and

Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 22-26 duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened Citizens Comments

JoAnn Collins, 173 Erie, read a proclamation from Governor DeWine recognizing May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. See attached Exhibit "A" for her additional comments. She also provided Deputy Mayor McCubbins with a picture from when he presented the Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation to the Chapter F. Eagle Wings organization. She congratulated Julie Taylor on what she does. She is the best that there is. Mrs. Collins thanked Deputy Mayor McCubbins for coming out and speaking with the veterans about the VA and their medical updates which pertain to a lot of their bikers. She also does not know who is doing the landscaping out front and around the community buildings, but it is awesome. Our City needs to look clean and pretty. Someone sent her a newsletter, and she is checking it out!

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, greeted the Mayor, City Council, City Solicitor and City Manager. He stated this is back from April 14, 2026, when he had meeting with the Mayor at the Senior Center. He submitted this to Council on April 20th, and he did not receive any feedback until tonight from Brian Dodd and Tana Stanton. It says, good afternoon, Councilmembers on April 14th, 2026, Tuesday, at the Senior Center he had the opportunity to meet with Mayor Dan Kirkpatrick and others to discuss this year's Fourth of July parade. He was there offering to donate his truck and trailers along with his time to help support the event. During that conversation, the Mayor mentioned a passport style program that really stood out to him. Hearing that immediately made him think about the program he had been working on using QR codes along the bike paths and throughout the parks to connect residents, runners, walkers, and cyclists with the spaces around them in a more interactive way. This is a simple idea with a lot of potential to bring people into our parks, encourage activity and create a strong connection throughout the community. He put together a brief packet to share the vision with Council today and appreciate you taking the time to look at it. Thank you, James Baker. He did not hear anything back from Council until tonight from Tana Stanton and Brian Dodd. He appreciates that, but he just wanted to see what Council thought about the program. He has heard Dan say we have 27 parks in this City 27 times, but anyway, it is very inexpensive and goes along with your program of the passport thing. It is just going to be a cost of placing them along the bike path or in the park and getting maybe students or families or people to do it and then Council gets with Dayton Discount Furniture or Giovanni's or Tickets and work it their way, but it is an idea to pull people from Armstrong Road into the City. He would like to hear a little bit of feedback from that. Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mr. Baker for bringing that up.

Charlie Deer, 1819 N. Broad Street, stated two weeks ago tonight he came forward with a request to be reimbursed for $8,000. To recap for the Councilmembers that were not present. He thinks there were maybe one of two. What it is about is the City Council told him they would annex 1.8 acres of my property into the City of Fairborn from Bath

Township so the Police Department could police all of his property, not just some of it. They later reneged on that, the City did. They told him he would need to get his own lawyer. He did that, so now $8,000 he got it done. If he had been told no in the beginning, he would not have pursued this any farther. But since they said they would, and he comes from a time that when you said something and you told someone that you were going to do something you done it. Your handshake was your bond. He knows some of them are old enough to remember those times. So, he did not hear anything back from anyone about that. He would like to have an answer because he does not want to have to come back up here every two weeks and say the same stuff over and over. Besides, this $8,000 won't make or break him either way, that is not what it is about. For him, it is about them doing what they told him they would do. Just for their information, that not needed truck stop has already besides the $8,000 has cost him $22,000 for an electronic gate and a fence that he does not want. A gate, he is giving free Bibles away 20 yards away and a gate just does not look right. He did not want any of that, but he has to do what he has to do because of this truck stop. He would like for someone to get back with him and let him know what they are going to do. He thinks it is the fair thing to do because, a citizen of Fairborn as long as he has been should not have to pay $8,000 to their Police Department to get them to come to their house. Thank you. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated they owe him a discussion on this. He and Mike Gebhart have discussed this, and they will be getting back with him.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed citizens comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, explained originally, they do milestone recipients during the first meeting of each month. We originally thought that we would have one of those gentlemen here. He is unable to attend this evening and for those that saw the original agenda it called for him to be here. Some developments have happened in his personal life, and he could not make it here. Mr. Gebhart reviewed the milestones from May, to include Tucker Phillips with 10 years in Plant Maintenance. With five years, Tyler Burson in the Street Division, With one year of service, Tyler Ingle who was previously was going to join us from the Water and Sewer Division, Pete Baldoff in our Building Inspection Division and Janel Eisinger in our Finance Department. He thanked all of those for their continued support and efforts to make Fairborn a better place. Again, he would have loved for Tyler to have been here, but he had a personal engagement that he could not make it. That is why the agenda changed.

Since we last met on April 20th there have been a lot of things that have happened. In this room at 2:00 today, Detective Zack Zink received the David P. Eckert, Outstanding Law Enforcement Service Award from the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, Prosecutor David Hayes. For those who are not aware of what the David P. Eckert Outstanding Law Enforcement Award is, it is an award that is a countywide award that is given out by the County Prosecutor's Office for providing outstanding service to victims of crime as they navigate their recovery through the criminal justice system. Again, the award is countywide, and it could be awarded to any law enforcement officer in the County. Detective Zink, who has been with the department for years, was awarded that today.

Congratulations to Zack. Many of the residents know him as a school resource officer before he came into the Detective section. We also on Thursday night, April 30, 2026, were the guests at the Fairborn Knights of Columbus for their annual Blue Coat Award Dinner, honoring public employees from across Greene County. Buck Smith, in the Public Works Department, was honored as the City Employee of the Year. Mannie Niekov was honored as the Firefighter of the Year. Mannie is retiring after 25 years of service to the City this August and Kyle Blocher was honored as the Fairborn Police Officer of the Year. He thanked the Knights of Columbus for their hospitality and for having us for their Blue Coat Award Program last Thursday night. Saturday in the cold was the annual Fishing Derby. Thanks to all the residents who came out on a very cool morning as well as the Parks and Recreation staff who manned that event along with the Parks and Recreation Board members. It was cold. The kids seemed to have a great time and the fishing class that took place at 9:00 a.m. for the kids who did not know how to fish is always a fun time so thanks to everyone who participated in that. He thanked Chuck Stout for organizing the Mayor's Breakfast this morning at the Fairborn Senior Center, it was well attended. He also had the opportunity on April 24, 2026, to attend the Fairborn City School District's Hall of Honor induction. So, congratulations to Bill and Jane Doorley, Gary Johnson, Brent Naughton, Donald Pugh, Martha Riddle and of course, our City of Fairborn Communications Manager, Emily Gay and our retired Fire Chief, Dave Reichert on their induction. So, the only other item he has is an update to Broad Street construction. This is the area from Central and Broad to Waste Management. This should be wrapping up shortly. Curb replacement is moving along and milling and resurfacing should begin prior to Memorial Day weather depending. Before he forgot, he congratulated Julie Taylor. That is a heck of an achievement, and he is proud of her for that so congratulations. He yielded some time to the City Solicitor.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, reviewed the attached power point presentation labeled Exhibit "B" discussing the proposed Charter Amendment about the Recall process, Ordinance 3-26. The bottom line is if someone votes yes, the guidelines that have been placed within the Charter Amendment will be enacted as a matter of law. If you vote, no, then the City of Fairborn will not have a recall process. It is an all or nothing proposition. Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Mr. McNamee for clarifying the information.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess thanked everyone for the citizens comments. She agrees with Joann Collins that Motorcycle Safety is very important. As a person who works in transportation logistics supply chain they all say safety is a priority. That is how they save lives and go home to their families. It is important that we stay safe and watch out for others on the road and comply with all the rules and regulations on the road. Including for our wonderful motorcycle people. She congratulated Joann Collins on the proclamation as well.

She responded to Mr. Baker that she thinks the idea that he has for the QR codes is a wonderful idea. It encourages people to come to our parks and participate in certain activities there. She also wanted to discuss volunteering. We can talk about all things making Fairborn a great and beautiful place to live, work and play; but there is a lot of

people including Council and other people at the City who do a lot of volunteer work. They don't always show it on social media, but they actually get out there and work with their hands. She congratulated all the organizations who put in the work to pick up trash on Dayton Yellow Springs Road, which is the Leo and Lions Club. Those young people actually work very hard, which they do that twice a year. Also, Waterford Landing had their event. Once they finished Dayton Yellow Springs Road, they went by there and helped them out. The Mayor had a lot going on with cleanup and things like that. There are a lot of things they do that they just do not put on social media because it is not proper to put some things on social media. Especially if they are dealing with homelessness and vulnerable populations. People do not want their face on social media, so they don't use that platform to highlight people who are hungry or people who are laying on the streets and things like that. We don't do that. She thinks that it is poor taste, and she thinks you may never know when that person will get up and do better for themselves in life. Unless they are given permission, they don't want their face plastered all over social media. She thinks they should have some empathy somewhere when it comes down to that. Along with that we find ourselves guilty of leaving places better than we found them. Instead of always finding something to complain about let's find something to say about what we can do to make it better for all of us. That is a lot of people on this Council and in our community that do. They look for a way to make things better in our communities and all around.

She is grateful to the milestone recipients. We had a big storm, and she thanked Buck Smith and his crew. He did receive an award, but she saw Buck the day she took all of the cleanup equipment back to him at 5:30 a.m. in the morning after the storm. The crew had been out all night long picking up debris, cutting down trees and things like that. When we see Buck and his crew, we really need to thank them for the hard work they put in 24 hours a day to make sure our City stays safe and that we are ok. They put a lot of work in on a limited crew. They work very hard. She thanked God for them as well. She is also grateful for all of the graduates from Wright State as well as all other places in Greene County. Election day is tomorrow. Please find yourself at the polls if you have not already voted early. We hope to see you there.

Councilwoman Reaster thanked the milestone recipients. Julie Taylor is the ringmaster of our circus. It is only suiting that she got her Master Certification. She is the unsung hero of City Council. She thanked Julie. Ms. Reaster had the privilege and honor of being here for Detective Zink's award today. She just wanted to extend a thank you to the Eckert family, David Hays, the prosecutor's office, and the victim witness advocates for being here and their support to Zack. The allergies were pretty bad as they read Zack's dedication to his career, more specifically to his job as a detective. Having known Zack for a number of years, mostly as the Schook Resource Officer, he is incredibly dedicated to every role he has performed and she for one does not know anyone who is more deserving. Congratulations Zack.

If you have not seen it on social media, if you are smart enough to not be on social media, four of our 27 parks now have the National Wildlife Federation Habitat Certification. Kudos to the team for making that happen. Also, on the land of socials, Parks and Recreation has joined the Facebook world. They plastered a number of events out there so that you can look ahead. So, there is no reason to say that there is nothing for kids to

do because there is plenty. It may not involve their phones and social events, but there are lots of cool things out there. Please give them a like and follow to see what they are doing. The school year is wrapping up so that means the littles are going to be out running up and down the street. Let's not do 45 in a 20, which happens on her street often. Just be cognizant and aware. Last but certainly not least, as has been mentioned a number of times, tomorrow go vote!

Councilwoman Stanton congratulated the milestone recipients. She will watch out for motorcycles and thanked Joann for the extra thought. She spoke to Jimmy Baker saying that she appreciated what he sent in and what he read tonight and she interpreted that as something he was going to work on. She did not realize that he was asking Council for feedback. She thinks it is a great idea. She does think with the ecotourism type stuff they have with the parks and the preserved areas you really could take like a week wandering Fairborn if you are into nature. This could be a huge ecotourism place. There are probably people that don't know that if they are on the bike paths they are probably into that kind of thing. She thinks it is a really cool idea. She would like to talk afterwards about this. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated he has some thoughts on this. She thanked Charlie Deer and it sounded like they are going to have a follow up meeting on that. She continued by saying that Julie Taylor is wonderful. No matter how angry someone is when they are seeking public information from her, she delivers things with a smile, and no matter how upset any citizen is with what is going on when they are asking for the information consistently what they hear back is how wonderful Julie is. She does not think she has ever heard anything to the opposite of that the entire time she has served on Council. She said Council appreciates Julie and they know many of the things that she does. Julie is the reason for the transparency, really, when it comes down to it with the citizens. It is a huge job and thank you.

Councilman Dodd thanked everyone for attending tonight. Council does listen to everything they say. It may not seem that way sometimes, but they do listen. He acknowledged the Proclamation for Municipal Clerks Week and Building Safety Month. He congratulated Julie Taylor saying it is a great achievement and well deserved. He also reminded everyone to please go out and vote. There is a lot of negative stuff out there on social media. Please do your own research.

Councilman Allen thanked everyone for coming out tonight. It is great to have folks in the room and people who are concerned about their City government. He thanked them for being there. He thanked the milestone recipients. One of the things about all of the milestone recipients this time spans from one year to fifteen-year tenures. The interesting thing that comes to his mind when he talks about the people who work in the City. They cover so many generations. They cover the baby boomers, the Gen Xers, and the Gen Zer's and the millennials. The thing he takes away from that is that they enjoy working together. It is interesting to think that person was born in 1980, and they will never understand and that person was born in 1960 and they will never understand, but they do work together. He thinks about that when he thinks about the City and the number of employees we have and how they work together for the betterment of the City. Again, congratulations to all the milestone recipients. He congratulated Julie Taylor for her award. It takes a lot to manage all of this for Council, and she has done it remarkably well. He remembers when he came on Council Julie said Clint, you are my talker. He is no

longer the talker, we have like six other people that go at it. He recognized this Sunday is Mother's Day so Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers out there. Enjoy your day. This day is for you. He also recognized that this month is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It is good to think through how they have contributed to our 250 years of becoming a more perfect union. Lastly, this is also Mental Health Awareness Month, For him this is a significant month. This year the theme is More Good Days Together, Mental Health Awareness Month. Their focus is on what good looks like and acknowledging that good isn't necessarily going to be perfect or productive, but good could just be getting through that day or moment for that person who deals with their mental health situation. In a world and environment like this we have a ton of distractions that could put us in a not good space. He asked that everyone go out and learn a little bit more about Mental Health Awareness.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins thinks Clint Allen is watching him take notes up here and copying what he did. Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated they do appreciate everyone who comes up and gives Council their feedback at the podium. They especially enjoy Joann's comments because she always comes with a positive vibe and a lot of energy. They really do appreciate that because they don't get a lot of that. They get a lot of the other side. He encouraged people that they do not have to wait every two weeks to come up to the podium and stand and talk. They can email Council at any time. You can call the City and Julie will get a message to them for them to call them back. The Council meetings are not the only time and place they are reachable. You can reach them at any time, you just have to use those avenues. To piggyback on what Councilman Allen said about mental health and just to get out and on the record for those that are having a crisis and they do need help, if you see someone in that situation don't leave them alone. Make sure you get them some help, 988 is the number to call that is the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. So just because someone says they are in crisis does not necessarily mean they want to end their life to call this number. Don't get hung up on the Suicide Crisis Lifeline Hotline. If you know someone in crisis, call this number. Don't leave them alone and get them the help that they need. He would also like to say that tomorrow is Cinco de Mayo Day, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, and this commemorates the Mexican Army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Pueblo. This is a Mexican American celebration in the US. There are parades, music, and traditional food. If you love Mexican food like he does, tomorrow is going to be very busy. He would probably go today. He had the pleasure of representing the City at the Knights of Columbus event and delivering their proclamation. When they go to a lot of these functions representing the City in an official manner a lot of times the food is catered and he does not want to say the food is bad, but you go to these events enough and you get the rubber chicken type thing and it is bland, not this place. The Knights of Columbus prepared a home-cooked meal for everyone in the room and served it to them. It was wonderful. He thanked the Knight of Columbus for the wonderful meal. Lastly, like Clint said, please give some dues to your mother this weekend as it is Mother's Day. She brought us into this world so we can do what we are doing so thank you to all the mothers out there.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked everyone that came up and spoke. He thanked Joann Collins for bringing up the motorcycle issue. The weather is getting nicer and we will see a lot more motorcycles on the road. One of his personal issues as healthcare person is to encourage anyone who rides a motorcycle, scooter or whatever, please wear a helmet.

He knows we don't have helmet laws in the state, but he encourages everyone to wear a helmet. On that subject he has seen a lot of more of those motorized scooters and a lot of them are almost as fast as some of the motorcycles on the road. Please be watching those. He was watching one the other day and this person was on the road, then the sidewalk, back onto the road, and then back onto the sidewalk. The scooter drivers, please be careful out there. He again thanked Joann for bringing that up.

He addressed Mr. Baker's thoughts about the park subject. They are going to make that work for the 28th time now he will bring up the city's 27 parks. Fairborn has the best parks system and Jimmy's idea to put QR codes to let everyone know. He was talking to Chris Barker this morning about this subject that we really want to get our parks more well known in the community. We have a fantastic parks system. Our gems are Community Park and Oakes Quarry Park. Two different parks that offer two different amenities for different things and all the other parks come in between there. Kevin Knepp is in the audience that works with the Parks Board. He thanked him for all that he does with that Board. We have a fabulous park system. Let's consider Jimmy's ideas and see if we can move forward on those.

As he promised Charlie Deer, Mike Gebhart and he will be getting back in touch with him. Sylvia mentioned this past weekend. We had three different groups in Fairborn doing Adopt-a-Highway cleanups. That is the one thing that is disappointing. They would love to put those groups out of business. Unfortunately, they are doing a lot of business because a lot of citizens in Fairborn are throwing trash beside the road. This is a request next time you have that McDonald's cup or Wendy's hamburger box or whatever, instead of tossing it out the window please consider taking it home and putting it in the proper recycling bin. Mike Gebhart mentioned that Charlie Stout and the Senior Center put on Breakfast with the Mayor. That is becoming an every other month event. They already have a date in July picked out. This morning, they did a lot of things with that. They purposely did not make it so much of a question-and-answer session as its intention was to have different groups talk about all the different programs that are being offered during the summer. Over the last month or so they saw a lot of things on Facebook "that there is nothing for people to do in Fairborn over the summer." Well, if you were at that meeting this morning, you heard otherwise. We have the Parks and Recreation Department there, the schools, the YMCA, Wright Patterson, the Montessori School, the City talked about the road issues coming up. Christmas in Action was discussed, the 250th Anniversary and one of the things that was fun, if you were there, you saw that Darth Vader showed up this morning. That was because the second annual UFO Festival is being held on July 11th at the Doubletree Hotel. They are working on a whole week of events, some including the parks, to do some of the UFO activities. That is going to be a big event. The point was at that meeting this morning all these different organizations came. We typically get 20-30 people that show up at those events. Today they had 55 people there this morning. It was a great turnout talking about all the things that are available for the citizens this coming summer. Lots of different things happening with that. He congratulated the milestone recipients. He was also present this morning with Officer Zink and a big shout out to the Greene County Prosecutor, David Hayes, as Mary mentioned he was there. That was a very special presentation for him. Kudos to that. He thanked Deputy Mayor McCubbins for covering the Blue Coat Awards. Several other Council members were at the MVRPC annual dinner. It was also mentioned about the Fishing Derby. It was 40

degrees, but the kids were out there, and the kids had a blast. Thanks again to the Horton family who sponsored this for the 20th year. Unfortunately, the Hortons are no longer with us, but to the Parks Department did a wonderful job. He thanked Mike McNamee for going over the recall process as there was some confusion out there. Thanks for clarifying that. Again, the comment was please go out and vote tomorrow. There are a lot of different things going on and different positions that are being voted on. Finally, of course, Julie Taylor, congratulations. It is well deserved and like it was said she is one of the very few across the State of Ohio. That is a huge plus for her and thanks. He thanked all of the Councilmembers.

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 7:17 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN

In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, it is important that drivers of all vehicles be aware of each other and learn to share the road; and

WHEREAS, the safety hazards created by motorists who fail to watch for motorcyclists on the streets and highways of Ohio are of prime concern to motorcyclists; and

WHEREAS, it is especially important that the citizens of Ohio recognize the importance of motorcycle safety; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and to honor the many contributions motorcyclists make to the communities in which they live and ride; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jim Tressel, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2026 as

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

On this 1st day of May 2026.

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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

In the Name and by the Authority of the State of Ohio, Governor Mike DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel, sent a Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation to Fairborn Chapter F Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association from the State of Ohio.

It is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles. To honor the many contributions motorcyclists make to the communities in which they live and ride. It is especially important that the citizens of Ohio recognize the importance of motorcycle safety and hazards created by motorists who fail to watch for motorcycles on streets and highways of Ohio which are of prime concern to motorcyclists. Motorcycle riding is a popular form of recreation in Ohio and motorists need to share the road.

This was an honor presented to Chapter F Eagle Wings from not only the State of Ohio but having Deputy Mayor Rodney McCubbins personally present a Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation on behalf of the City of Fairborn.

We need to make sure everyone gets the word out that safety is of great concern to motorcyclists who contribute to many community charities and support motorcycle events. We ride for enjoyment and we all need to respect each other while sharing the road. Lives depend on it. Thank you Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine, Lieutenant Governor, Jim Tressel, and City of Fairborn Deputy Mayor, Rodney McCubbins for helping us to get the word out that all lives matter!!

Ride safe and watch out for motorcyclists. Thank you.