# CITY OF FAIRBORN
# COUNCIL MEETING
# July 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
# Council Chambers

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

Councilman Allen moved to excuse Councilman Dodd from the meeting. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick excused Councilman Dodd from the meeting.

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Abling, Gebhart, McNamee, Myers, 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 July 6, 2026, Work Session. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2026, Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

## PRESCHEDULED

Mayor Kirkpatrick read a proclamation declaring Monday, August 10, 2026, through Sunday, August 16, 2026, as Sweet Corn Festival Week in the City of Fairborn, Ohio. Fred Pumroy accepted the Proclamation and encouraged attendance at the event. He believes it will be a good year with this being the 250th Anniversary of the United States. All of the profits go to local organizations.

## OLD BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE 17-26** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PUBLIC UTILITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins made a motion to read Ordinance 17-26 for the second time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 17-26 by title only.

Haley Myers, Asst. City Engineer, explained this would establish a public utility easement along Kauffman Avenue. She provided the background on the easement and why it is necessary. She explained that Engineering has been in conversation with AT&T for well over a year to help support their expanding fiber optic installation throughout the City of Fairborn. There are a number of areas throughout the City that they have already been permitted and installed fiber optic conduit. So, this next section along Kauffman Avenue is a continuation of what they have already started. During their permitting process last year, they had a little bit of a hiccup where they had planned to actually install part of this last year, but there was not a well-established utility corridor along Kauffman Avenue due to inconsistent right-of-way. This is actually on a City-owned parcel similar to the situation we saw earlier this year with Centerpoint. We are working with them on establishing on two city parcels the utility easement so they can proceed with their installation. They are looking to establish a 10-foot utility easement that will cross two city parcels in support of this expansion. The easement language also includes a 10-foot construction easement that will actually be directly south. This is not an easement for anything permanent to be installed. It is simply to give a little bit more room to the contractor as a staging area and operation of equipment. Another item that came up as this easement was being discussed was the City did not want to exclusively make this an easement for AT&T; they wanted to avoid reinventing the wheel. Should down the line another company would want to come in and need an additional area to install utilities this would be an option open for discussion.

Ms. Myers explained the location of the parcels where the easement would be located. The utility easement is 10 feet wide. She displayed an aerial view of the location. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 17-26. There has been a lot of discussion throughout Public Works, the Water and Sewer Department, and Parks to try to make sure we get the easement in an area that works for everyone.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing of Ordinance 17-26.

Alan Carney, 325 E. Xenia Drive, urged City Council not to approve Ordinance 17-26 easement agreement with AT&T. This Ordinance grants a public plan easement of 9,970 feet along Kauffman Avenue to a for-profit corporation for a non-public utility purpose. This right of way is a perpetual public land lease sweetheart deal of only $10 being reimbursed to the City of Fairborn and its citizens. Instead, a competitive monetary yearly lease must be drawn up that is comparable to that which AT&T would pay to AES for a similar pole mounted fiber optic cable lease agreement. Sounds fair. AT&T presently has two large telecom cables mounted on AES poles along Kauffman Avenue on the other side that extends from Central Avenue all the way to the roundabout. AT&T could mount the fiber optic cable on these AES poles. AES is already leasing pole space from

AES for some type of yearly monetary cost. So, he thinks Fairborn should charge an equivalent fee for using our public land right of way. Again, it is just a fair request. This AT&T project is a fiber optic broadband cable and as defined by the Ohio Revised Code Section 4905 and 4927 is not considered a regulated public utility by the Ohio PUCO such as traditional utilities such as electric, natural gas and traditional land lines. Fiber optic broadband is also not classified as an essential telecom infrastructure by the Ohio Revised Code. The FCC considers all wireless services, internet and fiber optic broadband as Title One information services and are presently not categorized a public utilities. These services are unregulated and typically run by for-profit corporations as we all know. Big profits. This AT&T fiber optic cable is not really intended for residential service, but it supports its wireless 5G network system that they have been setting up. To his knowledge AT&T does not plan to compete in the Fairborn market with residential fiber optic service since Fairborn is already saturated with two existing fiber optic services such as Alta Fiber and Spectrum. This came from an actual AT&T service man who said what their plans are. This AT&T fiber optic project cannot be declared as a public utility project. Any public right of way easement must be compensated with some type of yearly monetary lease agreement to the citizens of Fairborn. Yes, Fairborn can grant a for-profit corporation a public land lease for a non-public utility project, but common sense says our citizens deserve better than grant a perpetual conveyance of our public land without some type of some fair monetary compensation. Even the Ohio Attorney General David Yost has stated in several case opinion briefs for fiber optic being in laid in the public right of way by for-profit corporations. He encouraged that there should be some type of monetary compensation lease. We should not be taken advantage of by another big corporation like AT&T. We have been taken advantage of by AT&T for years and we know how they operate. Again, he urged Fairborn Council to table Ordinance 17-26 until such a competitive monetary lease agreement is made with AT&T.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing of Ordinance 17-26.

Councilman Allen thanked Mr. Carney for his statements. He asked Ms. Myers if there were any comments she could add to what Mr. Carney shared in his statement. Ms. Myers explained the first time she went through this process was in support of a Center point project earlier this year which she believes the compensation for the easement was comparable or potentially less. She believes the standard that she has seen on several easements has often been $1 so as far as any sort of regular lease agreement is concerned, if that is the direction the City would go, could be discussed. That was not something she had considered, or she had seen done elsewhere in the past. The intent from staff's standpoint is to establish a utility corridor for not necessarily fiber, but for other underground utilities moving forward. Councilman Allen asked Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, if that is what we have done for other opportunities in the past. Mr. McNamee responded, yes.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated this could be a definite area to have some spirited debate on what to do with this. He definitely sees Mr. Carney's point, and he does not disagree with it all, however, as a healthcare worker and involved in a lot of emergency response things he believes this could be classified as a public utility for the safety of our citizens. it is typically treated as a public utility for tax and regulatory purposes no matter what they are classified in the State and Federal government. He does not think it is

commonplace for a lot of cities to charge a lease. Although, he sees the benefit of that. He is not really sure that is an avenue he is willing to go to at this point.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions or comments.

Councilwoman Stanton was concerned about the trees along the bike path. She stated staff had the same concern and trees were something they considered. The City also has storm infrastructure running there as well as sanitary force main. Those were all things that were juggled during these conversation. They did confirm with AT&T that the boring equipment is able to operate and maneuver around trees as needed. They indicated they are very willing to work with us if one would need to be removed to get it replaced, etc., but they are not planning to remove any trees. The City Engineering Department would review proposed plans for installations and that is on their radar to discuss before they would permit someone to go in and install. Councilwoman Stanton stated some of those trees were a specific project that we are waiting on the trees to mature and look beautiful. To have one of those taken out would be irresponsible. Ms. Myers explained the intent is not to remove any trees and she did confirm that specifically with AT&T.

Councilwoman Stanton asked if it would disrupt the bike path. Ms. Myers stated it should not. They will go through and review where they are going to have to excavate, but the majority should be underground boring so there should not be a significant disruption to the bike path. Councilwoman Stanton stated the bike path is actually maintained by Greene County Parks and Trails, so do we have to run anything by them since the area is maintained by them? Mr. Gebhart stated he would defer to legal counsel on this. He has not seen that agreement with Parks and Trails in some time. Ms. Myers stated she knows in the past back closer to when she first started with the City that was further down where Centerpoint already has an easement in place and she ended up talking with Chris Barker and it came out that the area was actually that the area was actually the city's responsibility. She does not know the specifics of the agreement, but she is under the impression it is the City's responsibility to oversee the area. She did run this by Parks and Recreation about the area where this install is proposed.

Councilwoman Stanton said with what Mr. Carney said she is curious about that. He said Center Point is the one that we did earlier. She asked if Center Point would be considered a public utility because of the natural gas line. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, stated yes, Center Point is definitely a public utility, but it is accurate to say that in terms of the fiber optics that is not considered a public utility although it has numerous public utility type features. It is providing a service that is widely used, but he does understand that point. If Council does have some questions on this it may be appropriate to table, the legislation at this point so more questions get answered by Council. But the way it is traditionally done, and the City Engineer is correct on this, is it is typical to grant an easement to fiber optics because of the service it is providing. It is going to be a balancing act if they want to negotiate a lease. Maybe they just won't install here and then you are denied access to that type of improvement to your services. If Council has questions he kind of notices it is permeating through. They may want to table it and get some more information in

front of them. Councilwoman Stanton asked if there was any harm in tabling this just to learn before taking action. Councilwoman Reaster asked what that would do to the project. Ms. Myers responded this is AT&T's project that has been significantly delayed from last year when staff reached out to them and said this is not actually an area that you are able to install in. She knows they are chomping at the bit to continue where they had to stop on their winter break to get this in place. If that is something they need to stop and consider then we need to take the time to do so. Councilwoman Stanton is not opposed to tabling it. She could go either way and wishes this had come up for discussion. She wishes she understood this better, but on the other hand she understands Ms. Myers is saying this space would not be just for AT&T. She could say table it and learn or approve this and then learn for future.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, explained Haley has been doing a fantastic job of communicating with AT&T and Center Point and taking the lead on all of this. When they are approached with these projects their goal is to make sure that the installation is done appropriately and that they cover all of their bases on any right of way installations. On these instances where the proposed is not in the right of way they have utilities in that area before they approach it and work with the City Solicitor and legal team on how we can safely or adequately cover ourselves legally in order to allow this installation and approach it from that direction. They were just following the previous precedent of how they have done it in the past. Staff does not have any reservation whatsoever tabling it. Yes, AT&T's project has been delayed, but ultimately staff is working to do what is best for the City. If Council does not feel that as staff has done in the past with an easement is a correct way, obviously from Engineering they are just making sure the location of the installation and the subsequent utility is permit is what they are going to be looking at. Any kind of lease agreement or any other conversation in terms of what they can get from allowing to install on here he would defer and would request guidance from those higher up and let them have that conversation if that is the direction we need to go. Engineering has no problem going in either direction. Ultimately staff will take guidance from Legal and administration to see which they want to do. Staff's attempt with this one, as it was with the Centerpoint one was, they try to take it a step further without looking at it from a profit perspective but looking at it if we are going to put a corridor here, let's open it up for all public utilities. Yes, AT&T is the first one requesting it because they are the ones moving first, but the goal they were trying to set here was just to set up a future corridor of so as and if they get any future utility requests along Kauffman then they have that established. It is not that they were trying to give AT&T a free ride. If AT&T has to hold off so Council can make an informed decision and if staff needs to step back and reassess how they want to approach easements and City property they absolutely have no problem with that.

Councilwoman Reaster stated the caveat of what she is about to say is this is AI and as we all know AI often makes mistakes, however, when she does a search, it says the legality of these fees vary strictly by State and Federal Telecommunication Laws. For example, in Ohio State Law Chapter 4939 of the Ohio Revised Code strictly limits the maximum public way fees municipalities can charge telecom providers to insure they only recover actual costs for right-of-way occupancy. So, she thinks there are a number of things that Council needs to understand. Their goal is to provide an ease of entry for businesses and if having access to any fiber helps move them along in any form or

fashion; it should be considered. Does she think they should explore in the future now that it has came to light, thank you Mr. Carney, she thinks so, but at this point it is her humble opinion that we are far enough along in the process and they had the read a heads, to no fault of their own because Mr. Carney brings forward a great point, she thinks they would be cutting their nose off to spite our face to hold up this project any longer.

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated he is ok with either direction. He is ok with tabling or moving forward. To table he would be in favor of having discussions with them to see within the letter of the law what the maximum is we could charge for that. If that line is just coming through to not service our residents, he would like to go that route to see what is available to us. If it were going to service our residents, he would not have as big of an issue, but he would like to have the opportunity to speak with AT&T about what under the Ohio Revised Code they would be able to charge them for something like that. All credit to the Engineering Division staff for everything they have done. He is not sure that holding them off for another two or three weeks is detrimental to their project just so staff at a minimum can come up with best practices moving forward.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, agreed with Mr. Gebhart's comments. That is entirely up to Council.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated the process at this point is for a motion to waive the rule requiring three separate occasions. So, he is going to ask the questions and if the motion fails then we wait. If the motion passes, then they will have a vote.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked to have the floor one more time. He asked Ms. Myers if they would be charged for the installation. Ms. Myer stated under their updated utility fee that is correct. They will be charged for their install within our right of way for the length of their project. Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated that is going to be the new fee they approved several months ago. Ms. Myers responded that is correct.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, stated Council may want to consider instead of waiving the rule requiring three readings just move it to the third reading and get the additional information at that point in time. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated he should ask for a motion to move this to a third reading. Mr. McNamee stated that is another option for them to consider. You can motion to table it, table it indefinitely because it would then have to be taken off of the table, or you can make a motion to move it to the third reading and then Council could be updated at that time. Alternatively, you can make a motion to waive the rule requiring the three readings and vote on it tonight. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this is what they would do. He asked for a motion to move on to a third reading, which will delay this for two weeks, correct? Mr. McNamee responded to August 3, 2026, the next meeting. Mayor Kirkpatrick asked if there was a motion to delay this to the August 3, 2026, meeting. Councilwoman Stanton made that motion. Deputy Mayor Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, six: Stanton, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Reaster and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this would be delayed to the August 3, 2026, meeting. He thanked Ms. Myers for the work that has gone into this, and they expect to have a more definitive answer to the questions that have been raised this evening. Ms. Myers thanked Council.

**ORDINANCE 18-26** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER SKYWAY PLAZA SITE, LOCATED AT 1104 KAUFFMAN AVENUE, FROM THE CITY OF FAIRBORN TO THE FAIRBORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION IN FAIRBORN NEIGHBORHOODS, RATIFYING THE PRIOR TRANSFER OF SAID PROPERTY BACK TO THE CITY.

Councilwoman Chess made a motion to read Ordinance 18-26 for the second time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 18-26 by title only.

Cherise Schell, Development Director, explained this is a property we have talked about six or seven times. She provided the background of the property known as Skyway Plaza. It was acquired by the City in 2016 following a receivership. The buildings were demolished between the years 2016-2020 and the property has been deemed surplus and prepared for redevelopment. Council previously approved a transfer to the Fairborn Development Corporation, also known as the FDC through Ordinance 18-24. Subsequent to that delinquent taxes and assessments were later discovered. The reason that they were initially missed was there was some parcel consolidation of those lots formerly known as Skyway Plaza and created a new parcel i.d. and the assessments and delinquent taxes did not transfer over to the new parcel i.d. So that delayed our identification of that issue. The property was temporarily returned to the City so that those assessments and delinquent taxes could be waived and forgiven. Ordinance 18-26 ratifies that action and authorizes transfer of the property back to the Fairborn Development Corporation. Staff requests that the City Manager be authorized to execute all transfer documents and ratify the prior transfer back to the City.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing of Ordinance 18-26.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing of Ordinance 18-26.

Councilwoman Chess, Councilwoman Reaster and Councilwoman Stanton had no questions.

Councilman Allen agreed this has been discussed several times. He stated this is a key economic development site. It is a one of the premier sites to help in the strategic economic development in the City.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins did not have any questions, but he did want to point out that his understanding is the City did not buy this property. They received it in a receivership, so it was a court ordered third party that took possession of it to preserve the property for this reason because it is a major economic thoroughfare. If he is not mistaken there is interest in this area. Mrs. Schell stated as a matter of a brief update since he raised the question, the developer they were initially having conversations with they were able to agree on a construction start date and the timeline was not conducive to what the development corporation wanted to see so they have ended discussions with that

particular developer and are in negotiations with a different developer and an agreement will be considered at the August FDC meeting.

Mayor Kirkpatrick had no further questions. This has tremendous potential for this community. It Is a great program.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasion and Ordinance 18-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 18-26 by title only.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Ordinance 18-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 18-26 duly adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE 19-26** MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, STATE OF OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, suggested that Ordinance 19-26 be removed from tonight's agenda. That is because the Finance Director would like some additional time to determine whether the actual amount of the supplemental appropriation currently recommended in Ordinance 19-26 is appropriate. She would like to do some more analysis on that to make sure they have the right number. As Council is aware, the new Finance Director, just started so he thinks that is an appropriate thing to do. He wrote down a motion to remove the Ordinance from this meeting. So, he will read that and then if there is a first and a second then Council can vote because that is what needs to happen to remove an item from the agenda.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated there is a recommendation for a motion to remove Ordinance 19-26 from this evening and reschedule it to the Monday, August 3, 2026, meeting. Deputy Mayor McCubbins made that motion. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: McCubbins, Allen, Chess, Reaster, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Mayor Kirkpatrick announced that Ordinance 19-26 would be readdressed on Monday, August 3, 2026.

**ORDINANCE 20-26** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT UTILITY, WEED MOWING, AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES TO THE GREENE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION.

Councilwoman Stanton made a motion to read Ordinance 20-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 20-26 by title only.

Mayor Kirkpatrick set the public hearing of Ordinance No. 20-26 for Monday, August 3, 2026.

**RESOLUTION 37-26** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBORN, OHIO, APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH 7265 COMMERCE, LLC FOR THE ECHO 84 PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING RELATED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA TAX EXEMPTION AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING INCENTIVES.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins made a motion to read Resolution 37-26 for the first time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 37-26 by title only.

Cherise Schell, Development Director, apologized for the Echo 84 Residential Development project name. The projects they deal with in Economic Development typically have names as opposed to identifiers specific to areas until they are made public going through Planning Board. That is why it is the PLK project. It is proposed by 7265 Commerce LLC. It is located at 2285 Commerce Center Boulevard, and it consists of approximately 200 market rate apartment units with an estimated $45 million private investment. The project supports housing growth and continued development in the Commerce Center area. She reviewed the project site and the building adjacent to it is the Morris Furniture Building for reference. In terms of the investment, the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) was approved by City Council via Resolution 7-26 on February 16, 2026. It consists of a 75% property tax exemption for a 15-year term and applies to only the increased tax revenue resulting from the improvements to the property. The TIF or Tax Increment or Financing in the Valle Greene South TIF District is 100% exemption on assessed value for a 30-year term. It is important to note that the schools receive statutory compensation payments as it is a non-school TIF legislation. The net TIF revenues will reimburse eligible infrastructure costs. At a high level the distribution of the property tax revenue over the term of the development agreement, the CRA benefit they will receive over that period is $5.86 million projected. The school compensation will be $5.5 million. The base property taxes will be $136,000 and the net TIF service payments for infrastructure will be $3.9 million. The $3.9 million will go into the TIF Fund to allow for future infrastructure improvements to be made within the Valle Greene South district. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 37-26.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins is having a hard time picturing where this was at. It is across the street from Redwood. Ms. Schell stated it is next to Morris' Furniture.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster stated she is excited for this project. Housing is a big opportunity for the City, especially market rate so this is a great project.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated they have a lot of comments from citizens that we need more affordable housing. This addresses one particular area of that. He thinks this is a good step forward for the community.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 37-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 37-26 duly adopted.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

Alan Carney, 325 E. Xenia Drive, wanted to follow up on a couple of comments on Ordinance 17-26 for the AT&T fiber optic cable easement. First of all, there was a discussion about Center Point which is a public utility and AT&T including all of their wireless services, internet, fiber optic broadband and everything else is not a public utility. So, you have two different rules there and two different fee structures and things like that. There was also the issue brought up about limitations off right of way fees and leases that the Ohio PUCO imposes. That only applies to regulated public utilities. This would include the traditional telecom common carrier services such as our traditional landlines and stuff that we used to have. That is because they were classified as essential services and were subject to these fee regulations. This situation of AT&T and their fiber optic broadband would be excluded from that because it is not a common carrier service and is not considered a telecom service. Again, wireless internet and fiber optic broadband are considered FCC Title One internet information services, and they are not classified as traditional telecom public communications. There is a big difference in the definition of telecom and common carrier services. Like he said the Ohio Revised Code Section 4929.22 explicitly exempts broadband internet from any Ohio PUCO regulations. So that would also include excluding having limitations on lease agreement fees. He wanted to bring that up. He also thanked Clint Allen and Mike for bringing up making corrections to the curb sidewalk invoice assessments and making sure the citizens do get a clearly defined broken out invoice for accountability.

Ki Brewer and Lazar Bryant, 19 Holgate Court, spoke on behalf of Behalf of the chickens for Fairborn. They would like to propose that chickens be allowed in backyards in Fairborn with certain limitations and sanitary requirements. There would also need to be enough room and the coops clean, six hens and no roosters, no noise. They would also like Quail to be permitted as they are very small and quiet as well. She thinks that chickens would be great for our environment and for our community. As they are great for natural pest control such as ticks and mosquitos, which are very bad this year. They also support our community in ways of making fresh eggs. When eggs get recalled, we can rely on our community to get us fresh eggs and fresh chicken as well. Also, the fertilizer. We grow our own fruits and vegetables, and she would like to be able to continue to grow her own fruits and vegetables with her own fertilizer that helps create more fruits and vegetables she can help her family and community.

Ben Francis, 15 Ohio Street, seconded all the comments that were made. He would like to have chickens in his yard as he has lots of flowers and vegetables. They provide great fertilizer. He is also looking to get some fresh eggs. He also has a small daughter, and

he thinks it is a great way to teach our youth to take care of animals. The other thing is kitchen scraps right now in his neighborhood they have a lot of raccoons and a lot of feral cats and the more organic produce he can get out of his trash cans and into the chickens would be very beneficial for him. They have a draft Ordinance prepared. They want regulation with this. They don't want chickens running around Fairborn running wild. They want clean coops. They want safe coops from predators, and they want to work with the City Council on this. They hope that they can and that Council is willing to listen. He thinks they can come to an agreement there is definitely a lot of room to come up with something beneficial for everyone including those that don't want to have their own chickens but would fine with if their neighbor did.

James Baker, 427 Grant Street, spoke regarding the proposed 7 Brew coffee location on East Dayton Yellow Springs Road. He wanted to make it clear that he is not against 7 Brew Coffee. He supports businesses coming into our community and he appreciates the work that has gone into this project. He recognized Kathleen Riggs and Manuel Jacobs, and everyone involved for the time and effort they have put into bringing this development forward. His concern is not the business itself, but whether this specific location can safely handle the additional traffic and whether we are making the best decision for the future of this corridor. On Wednesday, July 15, 2026, he took the time to conduct his own observation. He went to the existing 7 Brew location in Beavercreek on North Fairfield Road near LA Fitness, Furniture Fair and Michael's. He arrived at 1:00 p.m. and observed the location for one hour. During that time, he personally counted 83 vehicles going through the 7 Brew drive through. At one point there were approximately 10-12 vehicles waiting in line. He observed one customer walking up. He also stood approximately 50 feet away from the building to see if the music from this business would be a concern and he could not hear any music from that distance.

After leaving Beavercreek he went to the proposed Fairborn location at Skyhawk Court, East Dayton Yellow Springs Road at approximately 2:15 p.m. He conducted another observation during a 15-minute period he counted approximately 188 vehicles traveling east bound west bound. If that traffic remained consistent it would project approximately 750 vehicles per hour during a non-peak afternoon period. Understand this was his own observation and not a formal traffic study. However, it raises a legitimate question because these observations were made outside of morning rush hour, lunch time or evening commute when traffic is typically much higher. He has heard it said that there has not been a significant increase in traffic since the traffic study conducted in 2015. Based on what he has personally observed he respectfully disagrees. In 2015 he thinks there were approximately 18,000 to 22,000 cars that went through. In 2026 it is up to 31,000, which is a big increase. Since that study this corridor has continued to grow with developments such as Menard's, an expanded Kroger, Chipotle and several other businesses that generate additional traffic. His question is simple. Does the traffic study completed in 2015 still accurately reflect the traffic conditions we have in 2026. He also wants to address a comment that if traffic issues develop at this location, we can rely on our police officers to help manage traffic. He understands that and he respects our Police Department and the tremendous job that they do every day; however, if we already recognize there is a possibility that traffic congestion will continue Police intervention shouldn't we do something possibly to prevent those problems before they occur. Our Police officers have many responsibilities throughout Fairborn. If they are regularly

assigned to direct traffic at this location at this time and manpower that cannot be spent on patrol responding to emergency calls, crime prevention and serving the rest of our community, he believes our goal should be to solve potential traffic problems through proper planning rather than relying on the Police resources after the fact. Again, he supports economic development. He appreciates the work that Kathleen, Manuel, City staff and everyone involved have put into this project. His request is simple that we ensure this development is based on current traffic conditions and thoughtful planning so that we protect both public safety and the quality of life in Fairborn. We only have one opportunity to get this right before the construction begins. He thanked Council for their time.

Kevin Knepp, 1290 Horizon Drive, greeted the Council, Mayor, City Manager and the City Solicitor. He had a little advertisement to go along with the Sweet Corn Festival. As Fairborn they are all part of Bath Township and they will be having an ice cream social on August 1, 2026, as part of the America 250 celebration. He knows they are thinking wow, the 4th of July was a while ago, but on July 8th the public reading of the Declaration of Independence was made so that was celebrated also by a few counties. The signing of the Declaration of Independence started August 2nd. So, celebrating America 250 still goes on. So, in conjunction with the ice cream social the opening for the ice cream social will be a dedication of a Liberty tree sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution and will include the Fairborn Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. He invited everyone in Fairborn to have ice cream at Bath Township Park on August 1, 2026, at noon.

Charlie Deer, 1819 N. Broad Street, stated his question is pointed more toward Mr. McNamee than anyone else. He does not think he can address him personally, so he is going to address Council and tell them what the situation is. Mike Gebhart, the City Manager and Terry Adkins, the Public Works Director, came out to his house last week at his request. He thanked Mr. Gebhart for doing that. He has a situation there with the bike path. If it was not for the grace of God, he would have hit someone on a bike there. It was like five or six feet away from each other. So, his question is who is liable because traffic comes in and out of his driveway all of the time. Especially FedEx, Amazon and a lot of other people also. He has been driving up and down that and he still can't get used to it. People are not used to that bike path. You have to drive across it practically to see. We all know how fast coming downhill those bikes are so he asked Mike if there could be some sort of pedestrian sign put up 20 feet up both ways that says private drive or something. He said that he couldn't because he would have to do that for everybody else. His situation is kind of unique. There is no one around him. The bike path that goes in front of other houses, but he is stuck out there by himself. So, it's just a matter of time until someone gets hit on that bike path. If it is not him it is going to be someone that is using his driveway. Someone is going to get sued and he would much rather it be the City. So, he knows Mr. McNamee can't give him an answer tonight, he does not expect that. Mr. Gebhart told Mr. Deer that he could not give him an answer because he is not a lawyer and Mr. Deer appreciated that honesty. He hears that he sits beside a good lawyer and he would really rather hear it from the horses' mouth anyway, no offense. He needs to know if something can be done some which way because it is going to happen.

Bradley Heinrich, 32 Lawndale, greeted council. He has no complaints. We have future developments coming up for apartments and he knows we are a growing City, and we want more people in town. He is against the apartments. He has land behind his house, and it wants to be developed in apartments, and it is only 88 living facilities with a big pool and outbuilding. We have this other development coming up over by Morris. He would rather see more houses built or home loan companies coming in to build homes that are affordable not these half million-dollar houses, but small quarter acre lots with a small house that is easy to maintain for family use, not temporary use with the apartments. An apartment is just temporary use, get in and get out and go buy your first house. Fairborn is usually a retirement town because of the Base. He would rather see more houses developed than apartments. He is waiting on the next hearing for the building development for the Beaver Valley apartment complex that is being proposed. He will get with Mike on that date.

## CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated next Monday night they will have their annual joint meeting with Bath Township and the Fairborn City Schools beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Building at 1006 Yellow Springs Fairfield Road. Those are usually an hour to an hour and a half.

He congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Manny Niekov. He is going to retire on Thursday, July 30, 2026. There will be a reception here at the building from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Manny has served the community for over 25 years. Congratulations to him. The other retirement he discussed is Penny Davis. She has been the Secretary to the City Manager for almost 33.5 years. Not only himself, but starting with Mike Hammond, Alan Rothermell, Mike Cornell, Deborah McDonnell, Rob Anderson and himself as well as the interim managers that have come in between those managers. Penny has been the one that has always been the grounding force along with Julie in that office. He is thrilled for Penny, but he is also sad. We are planning things for the month of September. Her last day will be September 30, 2026, and they will keep everyone in the loop on those things. Tentatively, they plan on honoring her at the September 21, 2026, Council meeting. Then having some type of reception for her on her last day. As those plans come together, he will let Council know about those.

Today was the start for our new Finance Director, Kristina Cooper. She comes to us from the City of Carlisle in Warren County where she was their Finance Director for three years and prior to that she served with the City of Middletown. She is also a 2026 graduate of the Wright State Masters and Public Administration program. We are thrilled that she is with us. We also have three new members of the Fire Department, Conner Osterholt, Colton Ryan and Tyrus Walsh were sworn in on July 7, 2026. This week on Friday the 24th is the Free on Friday Concert series at the Atherton Amphitheater at Community Park. This is our annual Fairborn Civic Band concert. The band is conducted by Gary C Johnson and they are celebrating their 30th year. It should be a great concert at the park. Citizens Academy sign up is still open. You can find more details on the City's website and the new sidewalk connecting national homes to Garland extension and then down to Commerce Center Boulevard is almost done. Great progress has been made on that. It

is all about a safe walk to school for the kids, so they are not walking along the Garland Extension. So, that project is close to being done. Thanks to Engineering and our Public Works staff in general for all that they have done to clear that area; get it bided out and get that work to start so the sidewalk is operational before school starts in August for the kids. Thanks to Manuel, Haley and Terry Adkins and his whole department for getting that done.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess thanked everyone for being here. It is great to see concerned citizens that come up and express how they feel. She thanked Alan for his comments. She really does appreciate he diligently checks things out before he brings his information to Council. As far as the Chickens for Fairborn. She is for the chickens. She thinks she even signed something that was going around. Her husband says no, but she loves having chickens in her back yard. She thinks they are a great resource as well as what they do for fertilizers. She thinks they are a learning process for young children also. She thanked the citizens for coming and expressing their feelings about not having just a couple of chickens. She thanked Mr. Baker for his comments about the 7 Brew coffee company that is going to build on Dayton Yellow Springs Road and the time he has taken to do research on what that looks like. She thinks that is amazing. She thanked Mr. Knepp. We want to continue the 250th and we want to make sure that they can get there and get some of the ice cream. She told Mr. Deer she understands what he is talking about and she did not realize there was a bike path that crossed in front of his property. Mr. Deer stated it is in his front yard. She could see where that could be an issue as that is a busy road. She can see how that would be a problem. She thanked him for bringing that to their attention. She is going to go back there and look at it. The thing about Penny is retiring because it is heartbreaking because she has always been such a kind woman to everyone. She does not know of a time that she was ever mean to anyone. She is the same person even if she was feeling bad. It is heartbreaking to hear that she is leaving us. Please check on your neighbors and make sure they are ok.

Councilwoman Reaster took a point of person privilege. Although she is a fan of chickens her Great Dane and bulldog would not agree. However, when you talk about kitchen scraps one of the things she started doing in her garden is composting. She could bore them to tears with details, but her bed Rema composting has been amazing with the kitchen scraps.

She had the absolute honor and privilege to sit at the Chef's Table for the Miami Valley meals and although it is based in Dayton it does reach Fairborn and Greene County. It is an amazing organization. She encouraged them to look it up if you are looking for opportunities to serve. It is great to serve, not only those of us in Fairborn, but the Greater Miami Valley. They do food recovery and they process well-balanced meals. It is truly an amazing organization that was born out of the pandemic where there were chefs from various restaurants who were unemployed and they came together and created this powerhouse. It is absolutely amazing. She had the distinct pleasure to attend ribbon cuttings for the Curious Crow. If you are a big tea fan you have to stop in and visit them. The Wine Walk is on Wednesday night and it is a good opportunity to stop into a lot of

our downtown businesses and see what they do. Today was the rebranding of Hollon Flowers. They have been a staple in Fairborn for 30 some years. It is a wonderful facility. Congratulations to them on their rebrand and trying to be more hands on and do more activities to move with the way we are going these days. She had the opportunity to attend, swearing in for the three new firefighters. It was a pleasure to shake your hands and be among the first to officially welcome them to the City of Fairborn and the family unit that has been created. Last, but not least she tries to stay off the socials as there is some wild stuff out there, however, a couple of times over the past couple of days information was brought to her attention and she sees the comments that were shared with her and there is a lot of questions about why don't we do this in the City and why is this way and we should this and we should that. The Citizen's Academy is a great opportunity for those folks to get engaged and involved and understand how the City works. She highly encourages you to sign up and show up.

Councilwoman Stanton wanted to touch base with some of the comments that were made. She thanked Mr. Carney for the information that he presented today. She appreciates that. She discussed the chicken idea, she thinks she has said it before here. She has already opened herself to learning about it because she went and visited a house in Yellow Springs on about a quarter acre yard that had chickens in the back yard. She learned about what they do to protect from predators. To her it seems reasonable as it was explained to her. She talked to the then Mayor and a Council member about issues they had that were worked out. For her it is about making sure animal cruelty is prevented, intentional or unintentional, making sure they would be cared for. She saw the thing that went around before about the survey, and she knows a lot of what she was saying was in there. She is not sure what they have been discussing lately when they went in to talk with the City. She thinks they would need to be open to a permit or a fee because any costs that it costs the City to be able to maintain this and make sure everything is run correctly; she would imagine that would be involved. She is open to it, and she thanked them for coming in to talk about it. She agreed with Mary that she would not have chickens in her backyard with her dogs. She talked about 7 Brew and stated she wonders about that street, but she doesn't have any data. She drives that street a lot and she sees as we develop more things, she wonders what will happen. The one thing Jimmy said about the Police directing traffic. She thinks that was only for the Sweet Corn Festival and the Fourth of July. She does not think anyone thought that was going to happen on a regular basis. She thinks that is how that discussion came up. She thanked Kevin Knepp for bringing the Ice Cream Social up. She thanked Mr. Deer for bringing up the safety issue up. She responded to Bradley about the housing comments. Housing is interesting as there are so many pieces of it, making available what people need and what we don't have that we need to assist with finances. She thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their thoughts.

Councilman Allen thanked everyone for coming and being a part of their City and their government and raising your concerns and your thoughts opinions and views. Some things they will be able to fix, and some things will be hard to fix. There is nothing wrong with having the conversation. He says that because before they came in tonight, they had a discussion during the Work Session about the YMCA and Five Rivers Health Centers. It was a great conversation. There are a lot of folks in here that use the YMCA. There is a lot of value for the Five Rivers Health Center. Hopefully, we can find a sweet

spot; but all of this is to serve the citizens here in this great City. There will be more discussion on that, but that is a process where you come together and you are able to work through the challenges. Much like the chickens he does not think that is a hard no, but he does not know it is definite yes. It is a discussion point that they can talk through and see what the art of the possible is.. He appreciates them bringing those things forward and giving us your opinion and thinking through what is the art of the possible. He thanked Kevin Knepp for bringing up the ice cream social. One good thing about ice cream is that he has yet to see anybody angry eating ice cream. It is going to be a good time. The Sweet Corn Festival as it was already mentioned early is a staple in the City. We will also have the sweet corn eating contest where we challenge the Base. Fairborn is the reigning champion. Even if they say he modified the rules Fairborn is the champion. That is going to be a lot of fun and there is a lot of stuff to do. What he appreciates about the Sweet Corn Festival is that they don't forget anybody. There is something for everyone.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins mimicked what Councilwoman Chess said about taking care of your neighbor and looking after everyone. Right now, with the heat and this time of year we have had the perfect storm with the air quality index being considered extremely unhealthy particularly for the sensitive groups, the elderly, the young, the immunocompromised, those that have a lot of breathing issues and asthma and things like that. He works in a hospital, and he can say the RT folks are extremely busy right now. So, if you don't have to be outside, please don't go outside. If you are make sure someone is there and make sure you aren't out doing stuff in the heat outside by yourself. Please look after your neighbors. He did not address everyone individually that came up to speak but thank you for coming up to speak. They hear you. He takes notes and there are some things he is going to go back and do some research on. For the Sweet Corn Festival, he just wants everyone to know the festival with 40 plus years is not a Fairborn sanctioned event. It is done by the Art Association of Fairborn; it is not our event. We don't decide where they have it. We just approve it. He does not see it moving anytime soon because it is such a great event where it is. It is very popular not only in Fairborn but across the county and other cities as well.

He did want to address the issue with the 7 Brew, and he thinks the main concern he is hearing out of a lot of folks is really about the traffic and the concern of them coming out of that particular area. He wanted to point out that situation is not unique. It is happening all up and down DYS. He lives very close to the Five Points corner, and he sees it every single day that he drives through that intersection. If it's not Speedway it is Dairy Queen or it's someone trying to come in and out of the Little Ceasar's place or CVS or Walgreens. That intersection in his opinion is more dangerous than what is going to happen at 7 Brew. He can't say for sure. He does not see a fatality coming out of the 7 Brew, but he has seen fatalities almost every year at Five Points. He just doesn't see any issue with the traffic there. People are going to have to learn to take risks and be more risk averse and know that coming out of Skyhawk Plaza and driving west is going to be dangerous. They are going to have a lane to get into, but it is going to be dangerous. We can put a sign up there that says no turn left, and they will abide by it just like the one they do for Speedway. The one that they ignore and turn left anyway. It would not be prudent on our safety personnel to have a cop sit there and write tickets for people making that left turn. They are taking that risk that they should not be taking to begin with. So, he does not see a problem with it. The big issue is DYS. In and of itself is a major corridor probably

arguably the busiest road in the City of Fairborn and that particular location that is spelled out in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, that particular corridor is a mixed-use commercial district, and it is considered an economic engine. Not just for our City, if this was a different City name it would still be an economic engine there. It is a prime location. It is located right next to 675. Right next to an exit with 15,000 to 30,000 cars going through there. That is an entrepreneur's dream right there. So, if it's not 7 Brew it is probably going to be somebody and he does not know who that somebody is. He feels confident about 7 Brew going in there with the plan that they presented just on their lot alone, not even considering Skyhawk Court they built in the capacity to stack 26 vehicles and if that 26 were to go out into Skyhawk Court there is a provision to add a temporary third lane to pull those people off of Skyhawk. He believes you are talking quite a bit of cars to stack in there to get out to DYS. In all the times that he has been to the one in Beavercreek even when they stack out into the little access road it is never that many and it is never for very long. He does not foresee it as being a problem and he hopes he doesn't eat his words a year from now.

The last thing he will say about that is they have to be very careful of what they approve of and what they deny making sure they are not putting the City in a legal situation that we can't win. We don't decide who wants to come to Fairborn and when they want to come Fairborn, but they decide how they come in when they do that. We have very strict zoning rules for that. Our City Planner follows those rules and has a very comprehensive checklist that she looks at in this particular case a PUD meets those requirements. She has preplanning meetings with these developers. A lot goes on behind the scenes before it even gets to Planning Board. When Planning Board approves or disapproves something they don't give Council reasons why, but he can say he thinks the majority of Council watch every Planning Board meeting because whatever they talk about comes to Council eventually to give them an idea where to go and it gives them a two-week lead time to do their research and site visits. He can't speak for anyone else, but he does. When he was on Planning Board, he went to all the sites as well. So, there are a lot of things that come into play with that. They don't just sit up there and approve things willy nilly, and they don't rubber stamp stuff. They do research and they hear everybody's voices. Whether they come up there, email them or they are at Planning Board because they are watching that stuff.

He ended by saying for the people that are against what they are doing, completely fine, please come up and voice your concerns, but don't liable and threaten our City employees when you do that. They are doing their job. Ms. Riggs is doing her job, and it is not appreciated when a citizen threatens her for doing her job. She is doing what she was trained to do. She is the City Planner with a lot of extensive training and a lot of experience in that which Council does not have. He is not sure how many in the audience are City planners, but you may or may not be supportive of what she does, but she has the expertise to guide Council on making their decisions up there. Please stop throwing her under the bus and threatening her and calling her names and doing all that other childish crap. She is doing her job if you have a problem with her, go to the City Manager, Mike Gebhart. She works for Mike and Mike works for Council and if they are not happy with what Mike does, they will talk to Mike about it, but he is bringing it out right here for people to be respectful of our City employees who are just coming here and doing their job. Come speak to Council or Mike when you have those issues.

Mayor Kirkpatrick missed the July 6th Council meeting due to a last second family situation that came up so he wanted to publicly acknowledge and thank Deputy Mayor Rodney McCubbins for running the meeting on July 6th. He had the opportunity to watch the Council meeting on Channel Five.

He wanted to make a comment that he has heard from people in the past that Council just rubber stamps things. He wanted to make sure that people understood that Council does not. Everything that gets voted on up here, Council has reviewed it and been sent information about it, and it has been discussed in Council work sessions. They do appreciate citizens coming forward and raising questions. He thanked Mr. Carney for his questions. Everyone saw an example tonight that Council does not rubber stamp items. They took Al Carney's suggestions, and they are going to take a relook at what he brought up. It may get passed and it may not get passed, but the point is that they do take time to look at things over. City staff, as Rodney said, puts a lot of work into what comes forward at this podium before they vote on things. He wants people to understand that anyone is invited to Council Work Sessions. You don't get opportunities to speak, but you have the opportunity to hear what is being discussed and see the questions that Council does raise. They encourage people to be a part of that discussion.

The issue about the 7 Brew on Dayton Yellow Springs he wanted to remind folks that there is a lot of the traffic right now on DYS especially right there near that location by what was then the high school and is now currently the middle school. That will close next August in 2027 when the new middle school opens. We don't know what is going to go into the current middle school location. We don't know if it is going to slow down traffic or increase traffic. That is a School Board decision, they own the property. We will see what they come up with. We may see a significant reduction in traffic when they move the school to Commerce Center. We may see an increase in traffic depending on what goes in there. So, they have to be smart again on deciding whether or not the 7 Brew goes in there. He is not a coffee drinker, his wife is.

He thanked Kevin Knepp for bringing up the ice cream social. Unfortunately, August 1, 2026, is also Christmas in Action Day. It is one day a year where they have anywhere from 100-200 volunteers and they make repairs on low-income seniors and low-income people's homes. This year they are looking at doing 10 houses on August 1, 2026. Where they go out and make a variety of different home repairs. If you are looking for something to do on August 1, 2026, if you are not up to having ice cream, please consider volunteering to join them for the August 1, 2026, Christmas in Action home repair day. You can check with the Senior Center if you would like to volunteer. If you have any kind of home repair skills, they are looking for people like that. Although a lot of what they do on that day is landscaping for seniors and low-income people, They do a lot of painting inside and outside. There are opportunities for minimal skills to high skills.

He addressed Charlie Deer's comments about the bike path. He asked if that was a new bike path by him that is wider and bigger and is a part of the effort to get people to get outside and be healthier. There are concerns with bike paths all over the community and other communities and that is the issue of these electric bikes and scooters. They are still waiting on some guidelines from the State. He almost hit a young man on DYS. He

was turning into the Parks driveway, and he came out of nowhere and had he not slammed on his brakes he would have hit him. Please be aware there are a lot of people out on those electric bikes and scooters. As Charlie brought up, if we are not careful there are going to be accidents. We obviously don't want that to happen.

Bradley Heinrich mentioned housing versus apartments. One of the things he has the opportunity to do as the Mayor is he meets with youth groups and different high school students, the Leo club, and some of the academic clubs and one of the questions he asks the young people especially the seniors getting ready to graduate is what do you want in Fairborn? The common thing they always tell him is affordable housing. Affordable housing unfortunately is usually not houses. Affordable housing for young people for the first time is apartments. They look at all of those things and our economic development people are looking at a variety of different affordable housing type situations. Whether it is apartments or houses they would love to have more. The other problem Fairborn has is we don't have a whole lot of space for building things. If you look at a map of Fairborn there are not a whole lot of areas left open to build. So that is one of the things they have to take into consideration as they look at whatever kind of housing they are putting in.

Some of the other comments tonight. He thanked those that came forward and spoke. The retirements that Mike Gebhart mentioned of 30 plus years for the Fire Department. Think about that 30 years in the same job in the same community. He is an old, retired military guy. He did 34 years, but he lived all over the place. He lived in 11 different places in the United States. It is wonderful that someone would dedicate 30 years of their life to one community. He wanted to mention Penny Davis as Mike mentioned. Penny, if you have had any dealings with Penny, she is one of the sweetest people you will ever work with and to see her retiring we understand it is something she has talked about for a while. We have dreaded this time, but it is coming and more will be coming out on that. He congratulated Kristina Cooper, the new Finance Director. If you have a chance to stop by and thank her, please do so.

It was mentioned that this Friday is the big 250th Fairborn Civic Band at the Atherton Amphitheater. The unfortunate thing about that is the parking for the amphitheater is not large. Please keep that in consideration. If you are planning on going to that concert you may have to park at a lower or higher level and walk. It is the 30th year of the Civic Band so it is a great opportunity to hear a wonderful concert.

The Citizen's Academy has been mentioned. That is a wonderful opportunity to understand how different departments in the community work. If you have questions about any departments they can be addressed at the academy. As mentioned, there are some open spots for the academy. He reminded everyone of the Wine Walk and the Air Force Marathon upcoming. The half marathon will add an additional 5,000 people running through downtown Fairborn. The day after the marathon is the car show which is considered one of the biggest in the Dayton region in downtown Fairborn. Upwards of 300 cars will participate. He thanked everyone for coming out to the Council meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, six: Reaster, Allen, Chess, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN