CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 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

Cooper, 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 20, 2026, Work Session. Councilman Allen seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilman Dodd moved to recuse himself from the approval of the minutes as he was not at the July 20, 2026, meeting. Deputy Mayor McCubbins moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2026, Regular Meeting. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilwoman Reaster stated she would be abstaining from this vote. Councilman Dodd stated he would be abstaining also. Councilman Allen moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2026, Joint meeting of the City Council, Fairborn School Board and Bath Township. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written. Councilman Dodd, Councilwoman Reaster and Councilwoman Chess abstained due to their absence at that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilwoman Reaster motioned to read Ordinance 17-26 for the third time. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Voice Vote. All in favor. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 17-26 by title only for the third time.

Mr. McNamee stated before they address this particular piece of legislation he recommended to Council that a motion be made and seconded and voted upon to table this until the first meeting in September. The reason why is as Council recalls during our last meeting on this issue Mr. Al Carney raised an issue regarding questioning the public utility nature of the requested easement. That caused them to specifically, and he thinks Mr. Carney was suggesting that we should charge for the granting of the easement in the public right of way since it was a for profit company and not doing the public's bidding. That caused two different chains of investigation. One is to see what types of compensation we can charge and how much compensation, but more to the point, as they looked at it as not a public utility easement, the easement itself AT&T represented as a public utility did not comply with the right of way regulatory scheme. So, they are going to have to redraft an easement, if that is in fact, the case. In fact, the Assistant Law Director has redrafted that easement, but they have received from PUCO a PUCO public utility registration number, and they are suggesting it is a public utility because as part of the fiber that is being provided communications are involved. We are investigating that aspect of it because that is going to be a critical component. We don't have any reading on that so he is thinking tabling it for another month to the meeting in September would be appropriate at this time if Council would so desire.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated they have a recommendation from the City Solicitor to table Ordinance 17-26. Is there a motion from Council for that action. Deputy Mayor McCubbins made the motion. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Yeas, seven: Allen, Reaster, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mr. McNamee stated he would keep Council apprised as they go, so they don't wait 30 days and keep them apprised intermittently as well.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated Ordinance 17-26 has been tabled to a future meeting in September.

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.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to read Ordinance 19-26 for the first time by title only declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 19-26 by title only.

Kristina Cooper, Finance Director, reviewed the adjustments included in the legislation.

Councilman Dodd had no questions. He welcomed Mrs. Cooper to the City.

Councilman Allen had no questions and thanked her for the presentation.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated the read a heads were very thorough. He welcomed her to the City.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions. She welcomed Mrs. Cooper to the City.

Councilwoman Reaster had no questions and welcomed Mrs. Cooper again.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions and welcomed Mrs. Cooper again.

Mayor Kirkpatrick welcomed Mrs. Cooper and stated it won't always be this easy but Council appreciated all the work that went into this.

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

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 second time by title only. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 20-26 by title only.

Kristina Cooper, Finance Director, explained this Ordinance is for the special assessments for utility billing charges, weed mowing and nuisance abatement. It is combined into one ordinance for approval. For the utility billing assessments. the purpose under City Code Sections 913, 915, and 917 is to levy the assessment of unpaid water, sewer, garbage, and miscellaneous charges from the final utility bills. So, the procedure for this is they incorporate the utility accounts from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026. The final water invoice is sent to the residents. If unpaid, a second notice is sent to the owner. They issue door tags if the tenant has moved within Fairborn. If it is still unpaid the notice of pending assessment is mailed to the current property owner and property manager. Any remaining unpaid amounts are certified to the county auditor after that point.

For this assessment final notices were mailed out the week of July 22, 2026, with a due date of August 28, 2026. Two hundred thirty-three accounts were delinquent at the time of this memo in the amount of $49,828.73. Historically, they collect 45-50% of that prior to the assessment.

For the weed mowing assessments, the purpose under City Code Section 547.15 and 547.16 is to levy the assessments of unpaid weed mowing charges. The procedure is for the invoices from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026. A complaint is received and the inspector is sent to verify the complaint. The owner is notified to cut the grass and then

the inspector goes back out to reinspect the property. If it still needs to be cut the City contractor cuts the grass and the property owner is billed. Any remaining unpaid balances are sent to the county for certification. The monthly invoices are sent to the owners. As of the date of the memo there are 537 invoices that remain unpaid equaling $114,299.11.

Finally, the demolition nuisance abatements, under City Code 1315 is to assess the unpaid nuisance abatement demolition charges. The procedure for this is the nuisance is determined and the owner is notified by person or by certified mail. If it is not completed by the owner, the City undertakes the repairs or the demolition, and the owner is billed for those expenses. For the demolition abatement the invoices are sent to the owners. There were 15 invoices remaining unpaid in the amount $27,785. The three assessments together equal $191,912.84 and these assessments are due to the county by September 14, 2026. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 20-26.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing of Ordinance 20-26.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing of Ordinance 20-26.

Council had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasion and Ordinance 20-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 20-26 by title only.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Ordinance 20-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 20-26 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 21-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON NORTH BROAD STREET, NORTH FIRST STREET, WEST MAIN STREET FROM THE CITY OF FAIRBORN TO THE FAIRBORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION IN FAIRBORN NEIGHBORHOODS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilwoman Chess made a motion to read Resolution 21-26 for the first time by title only declaring an emergency. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 21-26 by title only.

Cherise Schell, Development Director, explained the parcels in green on her power point are the parcels controlled by the Fairborn Development Corporation and the light blue parcels are currently owned by the City and are the parcels they seek to transfer to the Development Corporation through this Ordinance. She provided background that the

Fairborn Development Corporation formerly known as the CIC of Fairborn was organized on March 6, 1969, under ORC 1724.10. It was established by the City of Fairborn to advance, encourage and promote the City's industrial, economic, commercial and civic development. As a function of that a municipality may transfer property to a CIC, in this case the Fairborn Development Corporation, to promote economic and community development. The reason for this and why it is beneficial to transfer properties is that the CIC can often acquire, manage, market and redevelop property more efficiently and flexibly than the municipality helping to attract private investment, create jobs, increase the tax base, eliminate blight and return underutilized property to productive use. Additionally, this structure allows development projects to move forward through a specialized entity whose mission is focused on revitalization and long-term community benefit while still advancing the municipality's public purposes. She provided a list of the nine parcels included in this Ordinance that they are requesting transfer to the Development Corporation. Staff's recommendation is that the City Manager be authorized to execute all documents necessary to transfer the parcels to the Fairborn Development Corporation in order to advance, encourage and promote the City's industrial, economic, commercial and civic development.

Councilman Dodd stated he had no questions. The read a heads were good.

Councilman Allen stated he thought that was a smart way to do business. The FDC is able to do business a lot faster with a lot less roadblocks than the City. They also have a little bit more manpower.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins had no questions. This has been a long time coming. He is glad to see it finally taking shape. He is excited to see what happens out there.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster is very optimistic and hopes we are turning the corner on this one.

Councilwoman Stanton had no questions.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this has been a long time coming. We have been talking about that area of properties, and it looks like we have someone who is proposing some real development here. This is a wonderful opportunity for that part of town. He thanked Mrs. Schell for the work that went into this and for the presentation.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins moved to adopt Ordinance 21-26 declaring an emergency. Councilman Dodd seconded. Yeas, seven: McCubbins, Dodd, Allen, Chess, Reaster, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 21-26 duly adopted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Al Carney, 325 E. Xenia Drive, stated he hoped that City Council received his public hearing comments dated July 28, 2026, from Julie Taylor for Ordinance 17-26 and was

able to read some of the new issues that he presented and some of the concerns. Since there was no opportunity for a public hearing comments at the third reading of Ordinance 17-26, he is requesting that his public hearing comments document that he submitted to Julie Taylor on July 29, 2026, be included in this week's City Council minutes within the Citizens Comments. Julie has a copy of the PDF, and he would appreciate those comments being included in the minutes. He could read them. He asked if that was acceptable. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, agreed it was acceptable. He wants the Fairborn citizens to have an opportunity to read some of those comments and concerns he had about Ordinance 17-26 in regard to using our City parks for right of ways for a for-profit company. He thanked Council for tabling Ordinance 17-26 until they look into some of this. One comment he wanted to bring up is the U.S. Supreme Court had overturned an earlier FCC ruling in 1925 that had previously made broad band and fiber optic communications a public utility. That had been going back and forth between type one and type two FCC regulation, but in 1925 the FCC definitely declared that presently FCC classification is that broadband and fiber optic communications are not a public utility, but they are in the classification of information systems which is unregulated. That is why we have the kind of competition we have under that situation. He thanked them for paying attention.

Below is the July 28, 2026, comments Mr. Carney wanted included in this week's minutes:

I strongly urge city council members to REJECT Ordinance 17-26 which would grant ATT a public land easement for placement of a fiber-optic cable within our Fairborn Public Park greenspace. No permanent, non-exclusive right-of-way easement must be granted to a for-profit corporation, like ATT, for a non-public utility project, particularly without a fair market rate easement payment to Fairborn citizens.

(In addition, please refer to my public comments for opposition to Ordinance 17-26 at the July 20, 2026, council meeting in the meeting minutes document.)

There are **two technically feasible alternatives** for ATT to install their fiber-optic cable(s) along Kauffman Ave, from Central Ave. to Col. Glenn Hwy., without the need to grant a Fairborn public park greenspace easement.

(1) Install the new fiber-optic cable(s) on the existing AES-Ohio power poles located on the eastern side of Kauffman Ave directly across from the Fairborn Huffman bikeway. ATT presently has 2 large land-line copper cables mounted on these AES-Ohio power poles. During Nov. 2026, ATT will **permanently deactivate ALL** copper land-lines and DSL within Fairborn. So, these 2 large copper cables could be removed, and the new fiber-optic cable(s) be installed in their place on the existing AES-Ohio power poles. The new fiber-optic cables would be less of a "weight loading" on the power poles, so an AES pole load evaluation should be within safe limits and meet AES approval. ATT already has the AES-Ohio pole lease in place.

ATT has two new fiber-optic cables that have been mounted on AES-Ohio power poles along the 500-600 block of E. Xenia Dr. So, the mounting of fiber-optic cables to existing power poles is a technically feasible method that is already approved and used by ATT!!!

ATT currently pays AES-Ohio an annual pole rental fee tariff that is set at $8.05 per pole per 1 vertical foot of space as filed with the PUCO. ATT is using at least 60 AES-Ohio poles along Kauffman Ave. between Central Ave. and Col. Glenn Hwy. for these copper cables. A rental fee of at least $483 per year is being paid by ATT to AES-Ohio for using these 60 poles.

These AES-Ohio power poles are permanent and offer the **best solution** for ATT to mount their new fiber-optic cable(s) using an existing AES rental agreement and without a Fairborn public park right-of-way land easement that invades our park greenspace.

(2) ATT has an **existing Norfolk Southern easement for a fiber-optic cable** that is presently installed along the eastern side of the Norfolk Southern active railroad tracks which parallels the Fairborn Huffman Bikeway Park. This existing ATT fiber-optic cable within the Norfolk Southern easement runs from Central Ave. railroad crossing down past the Col Glenn Hwy intersection. There is about a 25-foot-wide section of Norfolk Southern land between the physical railroad track and the Fairborn park property line. The existing ATT fiber-optic cable within the Norfolk Southern easement is about 15 feet from the physical railroad tracks. So, ATT could easily install another fiber-optic cable either alongside or under their present fiber-optic cable within the current Norfolk Southern easement.

Also, within the Norfolk Southern property there are other feasible places to place the proposed ATT fiber-optic cable. To the west of the Norfolk Southern active railroad tracks is an abandoned railroad bed, and there is also an unused land space farther west extending up to the WPAFB fence. There are AES-Ohio power poles along this WPAFB fence that are on Norfolk Southern property which could be utilized for a pole mounted fiber-optic cable.

However, fiber-optic cable land easements across private land, like Norfolk Southern, will cost ATT more money. Present market rate land easements for a typical 5-foot-wide fiber-optic cable easement is a one-time payment ranging from $10 to $15 per linear foot. The proposed 9,770-foot fiber-optic cable would cost ATT a minimum of $97,770 for a 5-foot-wide easement. But wait, ATT wants a 10-foot-wide easement, which should double that amount, to **$195,400**!!!

So now ATT is coming to Fairborn citizens with a 9,770 foot long – 10 foot wide "permanent, non-exclusive" land easement under our public park greenspace for **ONLY $10**!!!! Why does ATT need a 10-foot wide easement when a typical fiber-optic cable easement are only 5-foot wide ? (I guess for $10 why not get all you can steal from the public citizens)

(Other 1110-foot-wideoposed ATT fiber-optic cable easement is mainly located on the eastern side of the concrete sidewalk. The centerline of this 10-foot-wide easement will have the fiber-optic cable conduits bored directly under the existing tree line and roots. The Grant and Declarations of the Ordinance 17-26 has no specific declarations to allow vegetative growth on the ATT right-of-way easement. As written, the ATT "grantee" would be allowed to eradicate or remove any publicly planted vegetation and trees within this

10-foot right-of-way greenspace. (See incidental rights and powers (3) in Ordinance 17-26) This is unacceptable in our public park.

As written, the Grant and Declarations of the Ordinance 17-26 has no specific declarations that would prohibit the ATT "grantee" from installing any future above ground poles, wire, or overhead cable installations. This is unacceptable in our public park.

Also, the City of Fairborn "grantor" must be allowed some limited future uses of the public park greenspace land within the proposed easement provided such uses do not disrupt the integrity of the underground fiber-optic conduit.

This proposed ATT easement is not like granting a right-of-way within the narrow land strip between the curb and sidewalk where typical public utilities like gas and water already exist. This is a permanent invasion into our public park greenspace, with the land forever compromised. Once we grant it to ATT, then other for-profit corporation will demand some kind of similar easement for free in our public park land. Maybe even fracking like our state parks now allow?

The Grant and Declarations of the Ordinance 17-26 has no declarations to prohibit ATT and any of its affiliated "shell corporations" from subleasing space within the 10-foot-wide easement.

Subleasing could be done by them with the intention of a for-profit rental fee gain.

In conclusion, I request that the Fairborn City Council NOT approve Ordinance 17-26 because there are **two technically feasible** alternatives that ATT can use to install their proposed fiber-optic cable along Kauffman Ave **without invading** our Fairborn public park greenspace with a permanent, non-exclusive easement.

Should the City of Fairborn decide to grant ATT the fiber-optic cable easement, then ATT should be required to pay the minimum private property market rate for such an easement which would be a **minimum** lump sum of at least $195,400 as discussed above.

Clarification in the Grant and Declarations of the Ordinance 17-26 must also be amended to limit actions and uses by the ATT "grantee" that would adversely affect our public park greenspace.

I encourage city council members to take an on-site field trip to the Fairborn Huffman Park before August 1 and observe the proposed alternative locations for the placement of the proposed ATT fiber-optic cable. Council members can also contact me for a guided tour.

Putting this ATT fiber-optic cable easement in our Fairborn public park is NOT a good idea or policy precedence that will encourage future easements by other for-profit corporations in our city parks.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated there were several things they wanted to cover tonight. He reviewed the August milestones.

- Our Summer *Free on Friday* Concerts were a success again this year. As is tradition, the Fairborn Civic Band closed out this summer's concert series with an outstanding "Fanfare for the Common Man" theme. Thank you to Gary Johnson and the Civic Band, as well as Chris Barker and our Parks & Recreation staff for their hard work during the Free on Friday summer series this year.

- The annual joint meeting between Bath Township, Fairborn City Schools and the City occurred last Monday night, July 27th. Thank you to the Bath Township Trustees for hosting the meeting. Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday July 26th at 5:30pm. He believes it will be the City's turn to host that meeting.

- He thanked Habitat for Humanity for joining us this evening during Council Work Session to update on current projects in Fairborn and about potential future projects.

- Thank you to Terry Adkins and the Public Works Department. The new sidewalk connecting National Homes to the sidewalk along the Garland Extension is completed. Staff is exploring lighting the path

- Finance staff continue to work towards the roll out of the City's ClearGov transparency page.

- Congratulations to Manny Neikov on his retirement from the Fire Department after 25 years of service to the community. His last day was July 30, 2026.

- Congratulations to Officer Seldon Patterson. Officer Patterson will be sworn in as our newest Police Seargent on Monday, August 10th at 9:00am.

- Fairborn Citizen's Academy information is available on the City's Website under communications. The academy is for 15 residents on a first come basis for the 15 slots. The academy begins on Thursday, September 3rd from 6-8pm for 9 weeks with the last class being graduation (October 29, 2025).

- Bluegrass and Brew is this Friday night, August 7th, on Main Street. This year's acts include:
  5:00pm the Burnett Sisters Band
  6:30pm Danny Paisley Band
  8:00pm Jason Cater & Michael Cleveland - Combined, they have been named the International Bluegrass Music Association Fiddle Player of the Year 18 times. Bluegrass should be a great experience on Friday night again downtown starting at 4:00 p.m.

Future Planning:

August 2026:

- Bluegrass & Brew: Friday, **August 7, 2026**, Main Street Commons Area, 4-10pm
- Sweetcorn Festival: Saturday, **August 15, 2026**, Community Park, 11am-7pm
  Sunday, **August 16, 2026**, Community Park, 11am-6pm

September 2026:

- Hairborn: Friday, **September 18, 2026**, Main Street Commons Area, 4:00-10:00pm
- USAF Marathon: Saturday, **September 19, 2026**, downtown 7:30am-12:00pm
- Chamber Fall Car Show: Sunday, **September 20, 2026**, downtown, 8:00am-5:00pm

He reminded everyone that here next Monday at 9:00 a.m. will be the swearing in of Seldon Patterson as our new sergeant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess congratulated the milestone recipients. She is ready for the Bluegrass and Brew and the Sweet Corn Festival. They have to be ready to win that award. She thanked the citizens for being at the Council meeting. It is great to see new faces. She congratulated the new Finance Director. She knows she will love the City of Fairborn as it is an amazing place to work. She thanked Ms. Cooper for choosing Fairborn.

Councilwoman Reaster welcome Kristina again. She will get tired of them saying that before the night is over. She thanked Kristina for joining them and they look forward to working with her. She stated a bunch of things have happened. She was finally able to attend the Wine Walk. Even if you are not a wine connoisseur, which she is not, it was an incredible opportunity to meet up with friends, visit new businesses, ones that you wouldn't normally go to and socialize. It was a great time. She went into places that she normally would not go in and said this is not at all what I expected.

Free on Friday, she made a post about this on the socials she often hears the Civic Band in passing the Sweet Corn Festival, the parades, the Christmas tree lighting, all of those things, but she has never had the opportunity to just pause and listen and what an incredible treasure we have right here. She thanked Donna Johnsion and her family. It was an absolutely perfect night. The rain held off until everyone packed up their instruments. It was fantastic. Just to reiterate thanks to Parks and Recreation they do an incredible job at all of our events. They are kind of like unsung heroes. They do so much work behind the scenes leading up to the day of, the night of, and the cleanup after. She thanked the team for their time on that. Her first time of watching anything at the Amphitheater and what an incredible facility that has turned out to be. Hats off to the City for that vision in executing. Speaking of parks, we have said it a million times and we will say it a million more. We hear there is nothing for the kids to do. There are tons of things

for the kids to do. We have 29 parks. We have incredible programming with our parks. They are working on making it more robust. There is so much to do, and you just have to be involved and see those things and participate in them. Thank you to the Parks team for all their work.

There are tons of stuff coming up. A lot of it has been said. We have the marathon coming through town, Hairborn and the Sweet Corn Festival. Lots of things coming up. She stated last but certainly not least, thank you to the milestone recipients. Pettit and Hern are both dear friends of hers and congratulations on 25 years of service. That is amazing. Also, too, whether you are here one year or five years or 25 or 400 thank you for choosing to serve the citizens of Fairborn. Thank you for contributions.

Councilwoman Stanton agreed that the parks are the best. She loves Fairborn parks and she is in them every day. She congratulated the milestone recipients. She had a question and she was not sure we would have an answer right now. One of the things Al said in his comments was about a City park. Is that bike path there zoned as a park along Kauffman. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, stated he would have to look into that. Councilwoman Stanton welcomed Kristina Cooper. She is looking forward to working with her.

Councilman Dodd thanked the milestone recipients. He also thanked the paramedics who helped when he fell. He apologized for not being available for the last few weeks, but things are getting better.

Councilman Allen thanked everyone for being at the meeting. It is always great to have citizens be a part of the government process. He mentioned the Free on Friday The Civic Band had numbers that night. They were big. They played spectacularly. A lot of thanks go to Gary who has been at the helm of the Civic Band for 30 years, it's been ups and downs. There were times when they struggled, but on that particular night everything came together. The weather was perfect and the people were great and they did a phenomenal job on serving the community on that day. They will get another opportunity to do that at the Sweet Corn Festival, and he will run right into that one.

A big part of the Sweet Corn Festival is supported by the Lions Club, and it is great to have Dexter Bailey who is the current present of the Lions Club, thank you Dexter for being here. They also have the Sweet Corn Eating contest where the City competes with the Base and last year the City took the task and the City beat them. Some would say that Clint rigged it, but he did not. They had a good time. They are anxious about it. He has already been in contact with the wing staff. They have their team. You don't need any hands. He is looking at Council, the City and Mike for corn eaters. Chief Volmer said he is from Nebraska and he says they are going to beat us. Nonetheless, that is a great time. A plug for the Sweet Corn Festival, this is the 44th year. They have a system and it is a great event. Please encourage everyone to come as there is something for everyone at the Sweet Corn Festival.

Also, along that vane, they did talk about the things coming to Fairborn, Hairborn, the Marathon, the car show and we also have nestled inside the car show is Heels for Heroes. Operation Fairborn Cares does a lot to help veterans fill the gap when they are in need.

Whether it is car repair, house repair or a need. Sometimes, going to the VA and those agencies there is a gap. It may take a little bit longer to get that need fulfilled and Operation Fairborn cares does that. Heels for Heroes is their biggest fundraiser. It is a great opportunity to see men in heels and women in combat boots. It is a good fun event. It is a short event. It is for about 30 minutes. They are looking for volunteers and teams to come in and support that as all that money goes back in to support veterans when they are in need. It happens at noon on Sunday during the car show.

He welcomed Kristina Cooper. It is great to have you here. He said take this one step at a time. He congratulated Hern and Pettit for 25 years of service. You could not find two better officers. No slide to the officers in the building right now, but they are fantastic people.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated the joint meeting with the schools and the township is probably his favorite meeting of the year. He always comes out of there with some really good insight. This year probably was the first time he walked away, a little disappointed in the fact that he learned the City does not have a pediatrician in the City of Fairborn. That was quite shocking to him. He knows we don't have a lot of medical resources. He was kind of taken aback at the fact that we did not have a pediatrician here. It was really odd. Fortunately, we do have a partnership that may be coming fruition in next year and we will be bringing our first pediatrician to the City. He is very excited about that.

For those of us that have been in the City for quite a while we remember how robust Broad Street 444 used to be prior to the federal government coming in and shutting it down on us. We took a big hit when that happened. It has taken a long time for the City's economic development department to overcome that hit. Part of the Broad Street reconstruction was to kind of help in that development. We have done a lot of things over the last eight years to kind of get where we are at. That is sort of what they are doing with a lot of the FDC stuff when we are transferring these properties that we have acquired as part of economic development into the FDC not only to help expediate the legal parameters of what the State and private can do, but also for the development piece to bring back some of that robust we used to have. He is very excited about that, and he thinks the citizens should be excited about that as well. We are going to see a different Broad Street downtown in the next five to ten years. It takes a lot of time for this development to take place. He is very excited for that. He thanked Cherise Schell and all of her team members.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated it is always fantastic to have people who have dedicated so much of their adult life and professional life to the community. He added comments about the Civic Band, the Free on Friday concert at the Atherton Amphitheatre was wonderful. It had a huge turnout. It was great to see them. You will see the band again at the Sweet Corn Festival. They usually make an appearance at that also. You have not seen the last of our band for this year. He welcomed Kristina Cooper. She will have plenty of opportunities to be presenting over the next few years and how many years she is with the City.

During the work session they had a wonderful presentation by Habitat for Humanity. For those that are not aware of it. They have built several houses in Fairborn in the past.

They are currently working on another house and there are discussions about future homes. One of the comments they frequently hear in Fairborn is about affordable housing. As he mentioned in that meeting, he meets with the High School students, several different groups every year and one of their concerns, the High School seniors who are getting ready to graduate is the dream that many of us in this audience had of home ownership they are very concerned about whether or not that is an attainable dream for them. Programs like Habitat for Humanity help make that dream possible. One of the things he learned tonight is that Habitat for Humanity has a program for making not just building homes but making repairs for seniors in particular. He is bringing that up as this week is Christmas in Action week. They normally do it all in one day and this last Saturday was Fairborn's Christmas in Action Day, unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, so they were not able to complete all the houses they were working on. They did complete several. He knows one of the groups worked today and completed a major project at a house. Several more of those groups are working throughout this week to complete additional projects. So, what they are hoping in the future is that Christmas in Action and Habitat's home repair project perhaps they can do some teamwork and do even more houses in Fairborn. They want people to know that Habitat for Humanity is alive and well in Fairborn. Tana Stanton and he have done some work with them in the past. It is a wonderful organization. If you know of someone who could benefit from getting a house like Habitat does, please steer them towards Habitat for Humanity. They are looking at some future locations in Fairborn. It is a wonderful program.

The Citizen's Academy has already been brought up. If you have not had an opportunity to be a part of that it is a great way to learn about how the different departments in the City work and how you can become a part of that. Mike Gebhart mentioned that the sidewalk from Marchmont to Meadowlands is now open. He drove by that this afternoon on his way into the City building and there were people walking and bicycles riding on that new sidewalk. That is a huge safety improvement for our students, especially when the Middle School opens in August of 2027 because a lot of those kids may be bike riders or walkers, especially if they are doing after school programs where they will miss the bus, but they still want to get home in a safe way. If you haven't had a chance go by and look at that sidewalk, the City really did a nice job. It is a very pleasing sidewalk. It wanders. It isn't just a straight sidewalk. There are actually a couple of places where they are going to have a bench and a couple of other places where there will be some signage. Some real thought went into that. Kudos to the City, Terry Adkins and the crews who worked on that. It is a major plus for safety for the students at the High School and for the new Middle School that will be opening.

On the subject of school opening soon one of the things he has noticed a lot lately is the electric bikes and electric scooters. A lot of young people are riding those. He wanted to caution folks; please be aware those are faster than kids normally on bicycles. He has seen them scooting in and out of traffic. He almost hit one of the kids on Dayton Yellow Springs a couple of weeks ago who was on the street and darted onto a sidewalk as he was turning into a driveway. Please be watching, especially as school starts in a few weeks. Those young people on those electric scooters and electric bikes are going faster than normal, and they are all over the place. We certainly don't want to have our EMS show up whether it is a broken wrist for a Council member or a student that got injured riding a bike. Please watch out for those.

The last thing he wanted to say was that he had the opportunity to drive one of his grandsons to Columbus airport today and driving back from Columbus as you get into the Dayton area there is a sign that says you are entering the National Aviation Heritage Area. As we celebrate our 250th anniversary of our great country, think about what that National Aviation Heritage Area is, John Glenn, Neil Armstrong the Wright Brothers. The development of aviation and the advancement of aviation that happens right here in the Fairborn area with Huffman Prairie and Wright Patterson Air Force Base, that aviation development has been a major contributor to the history and development of our country especially in the last 100 years of the 250 years. So please take that into consideration as you are driving around. That sign really jumped out at him as he was coming home from Columbus today. This area has played a major role. In one of the history channels last year they were talking about the hundred greatest inventions in the United States and that station named the number one invention for the United States the development of flight and it happened right here in this area, Huffman Prairie, right down the street where the Wright Brothers really developed their airplane. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

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 6:50 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN