CITY OF FAIRBORN
COUNCIL MEETING
October 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Gebhart, Hannon, Jacobs, and McNamee.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Reaster moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026, Work Session. Councilwoman Chess seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2026, Regular Meeting. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared the minutes approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 23-26 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER LEGION SITE AND ADJACENT PARCELS FROM THE CITY OF FAIRBORN TO THE FAIRBORN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION IN FAIRBORN.

Councilwoman Chess made a motion to read Ordinance 23-26 for the second time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 23-26 by title only.

Jalen White, Economic Development Specialist, explained he would be discussing the transfer of surplus properties to the Fairborn Development Corporation for potential

redevelopment. He provided background information about the Fairborn Development Corporation. The FDC is a community improvement corporation or CIC that was established in 1969 to help support development throughout Fairborn. One of the benefits of having a CIC is that a City can transfer these properties to the FDC for redevelopment. The FDC has more flexibility on how it acquires, manages, and redevelops property.

The purpose of transferring this property to the FDC is to position the parcels for mixed-use redevelopment. The FDC can work on identifying grant funding and provide flexibility needed to keep the project going. The transfer would also eliminate maintenance and holding costs incurred by the City. He reviewed a list of the parcels to be transferred to the FDC. It is a total of 11 parcels over 2.13 acres. He reviewed a map of the properties which were highlighted in light blue. The parcels highlighted in yellow and green are owned by third parties which will hopefully be acquired by the developer in the future.

Staff requests that the City Manager be authorized to execute all the documents necessary to transfer these parcels to the FDC.

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened the public hearing.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed the public hearing.

Councilman Dodd had no questions.

Councilman Allen thanked Mr. White for the read a heads. Councilman Allen stated these properties are a part of the economic strategic development plan. Mr. White agreed.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked if these sites are ready to go for the developer or is there any site prep that still needs to be done. Mr. White stated he did not believe there was any site work that was still needed. Deputy Mayor McCubbins is excited to see it get developed on the end of town.

Councilwoman Chess is also excited. She asked if the two properties that are owned by someone else, have they reached out to them? Mr. White explained the parcel highlighted in green at the top is actually owned by a developer that the City had previous talks with and it just fell through. They are open to a transaction. He is not sure about the yellow one.

Councilwoman Reaster stated this is a good move and hopefully everything comes to fruition. She is excited because it will put feet on Main Street which will spur a lot of development for the City.

Councilwoman Stanton asked if it is appropriate could he share any information on what is going to happen in this area. Mike Gebhart, City Manager, responded, no, not at this point due to negotiations and the non-disclosure we would probably leave it at that.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated this has been a work in progress for a long time. He is glad to see some movement with this. As Mr. Gebhart said they can't talk about it right yet, but

it looks like some exciting things could be happening. He thanked Mr. White for all the work that has gone into this.

Councilman Allen made a motion to waive the requirement that Ordinances be read on three separate occasions and Ordinance 23-26 be read for the third time by title only. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Yeas, seven: Allen, Reaster, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Ordinance 23-26 by title only.

Councilwoman Stanton moved to adopt Ordinance 23-26. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Stanton, Allen, Chess, Dood, McCubbins, Reaster and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Ordinance 23-26 duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 43-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE COL. GLENN & NORTH FAIRFIELD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED.

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to read Resolution 43-26 for the first time by title only. Councilwoman Stanton seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 43-26 by title only.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, stated he has two applications being presented to Council for two projects that he will purposefully keep short and sweet. He began with the OPWC grant application which is for the Colonel Glenn and North Fairfield Road improvement project. He gave a small overview to the project. This is one of the busiest intersections in the City. It is also the widest intersection in the City. It is a considerable challenge from a traffic perspective, so the Engineering Department has spent the last couple of years undergoing design and right-of-way acquisition and just getting the pieces in place to be able to move forward with this project. They are now at a point where they can move forward with budgeting and scheduling it for construction next year. It lined up well enough that they can get a grant application to try to sure up and cover some of the costs this project is going to cost us.

He reviewed the scope of the project. It is primarily a traffic infrastructure goal they are trying to achieve. The signal infrastructure is one of the oldest in the City. It is all on guidewires. It is all signal heads, and the cabinet has serviced us well, but it is reaching the end of its life. Staff is looking to bring some improvements to it. They will get some mast arms which is better infrastructure. They will not have the hanging signal heads. They are going to redo the signal cabinet and the controller. They are going to cover all the bases for infrastructure needs for the intersection. While they are at it, they are also going to be doing a considerable number of base repairs. There is a portion of the area that has some deteriorating pavement so they will be making necessary adjustments with

base repairs and joint repairs where needed. They will finish it all off with doing a resurfacing of the overall area. They will resurface the leg of Colonel Glenn all the way up to Old Yellow Springs. It is a sizable project. Given the location and area in general and the volume of traffic for the pavement work for this project they are anticipating on doing the majority of it at night. This will be discussed with the contractor once they bid and advertise it. They anticipate this project taking place in the later half of the year. Partly because they have other projects going on and partly because the grant funding, if awarded, is going to be for the fiscal year beginning in July. This project design is essentially finalized, and this project is ready to go. The grant application is due this Friday. He is projecting that he will be requesting $700,000. The total construction estimate for this project is just over $2,000,000 based on the final construction design. He is requesting just a little over 30% of that to be grant funded if awarded. Right now, they currently have in their CIP this project fully budgeted under our local funds. This is looking to give us an additional funding source to cover that and give us $700,000 we could implement at another time and on other projects. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 43-26.

Councilwoman Chess stated that area really does need attention. She was impressed because he said the project itself costs a little over $2 million. She really thought it was going to cost a lot more. Mr. Jacobs explained they are hopeful. The design is getting close to a year old now, so the estimate on all of this has probably gone up in price. At the same time, our efforts to design and prepare estimates for construction projects have worked out well enough where even the conservative estimates have been met with good, competitive bids. The Broad Street project they just awarded and started this year they were anticipating that project to be over $4 million, and the bid came in at $3.4 million. He thinks from a contractor's perspective we are still in a very good position construction wise where we are seeing aggressive bidding from contractors that still want to continue. They are looking at the projects for job security by having projects lined up over the next couple of years. Councilwoman Chess asked if we have any problems underneath the surface. Mr. Jacobs stated the design already anticipated a portion or 15% of the roadway showing distressing and signs of base failure so they will be doing full-depth pavement repairs of those areas. While the majority of the resurfacing or pavement work will be a resurfacing, they did account for a generous amount of those pavement repairs for the areas that are failing, more than just the crack on the surface.

Councilwoman Reaster stated she knows he said the majority of the work would be done overnight to minimize impact, but do we know what the estimated time of the project is for completion. Mr. Jacobs stated he anticipates with the best-case scenario, with the contractor that fully commits the necessary crews to it they could potentially see this as a four-month project. Worse case scenario it could take a little bit longer. Only the pavement work is anticipated to happen at night. There is a lot of work in terms of the infrastructure and the signal and some of the adjacent ancillary work to the project that can still occur during the day. It is not like the entire project has to be done at night. Given the extent of some of the repairs that we are going to have and the location it is feasible to have this entire project done during the day he just does not think it would be good for his well-being to handle all those calls from traffic. He is trying to make it easy on everyone.

Councilwoman Stanton did not have any questions.

Councilman Dodd asked if this will be inspected internally. Mr. Jacobs stated yes that it is going to be one of our projects. Mr. Jacobs will be out there for some of the night's work. He certainly holds a lot of confidence in his inspectors, but he also does not want them working day and night. He can see himself spending some time out there. Councilman Dodd thinks it is a great project.

Councilman Allen had no questions. He knows they will let the public know how long the work will last and when it will happen. He assumes they will put it on the website and do some press releases related to that. Mr. Jacobs agreed. One of his goals is to always inform the public in every way that he can and give them advance notice of when the project is going to be happening. The City has two message boards they use. There will be detour routes and they will let the residents know that information. They also have stipulations in the contract that if there are any events at the Nutter Center during the construction time, obviously work cannot happen and they would have to make accommodations for them. So, the entire design and the entire maintenance of traffic during the project itself is built to be as minimal in terms of impact to everyone, but obviously it is a big intersection. It is a heavily travelled intersection. They hope by informing and providing information ahead of time to the public we can help mitigate some of that. Councilman Allen thanked Mr. Jacobs for his work on preparing for this.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked if this particular section of the roadway is concrete or asphalt. Mr. Jacobs responded it is both. There are concrete sections and they have asphalt sections. If he remembers the breakdown the majority on N. Fairfield Road is actually asphalt. The failures they are seeing here is given the grade and the vehicle traffic is all coming downhill so they are seeing a little bit of the asphalt surface sliding and disconnecting from it so that is what causes bumpiness. On Colonel Glenn a good portion of it is concrete, so that is where they are anticipating the majority of the base repairs to be taking place. Once you get away from the intersection and get a little closer to Old Yellow Springs, that is all just asphalt pavement. For that area it is only going to be resurfacing. Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked for the part where we are seeing the failure is it going to be replaced with asphalt or concrete. Mr. Jacobs stated it would be replaced in kind, if it is concrete we are going to be doing full replacement or joint repairs as needed. They are not looking to replace concrete with asphalt at this time. That would change the scope of the project entirely. They are just making the necessary repairs on the pavement in addition to the traffic infrastructure which is their primary goal here.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins asked when they get the new lights up and if they time everything will they be working with Beavercreek. Mr. Jacbos stated the signals on Colonel Glenn are already connected. They will coordinate with Beavercreek whenever it is necessary. What this will provide them with is the new hardware which will improve the detection and understanding the traffic that goes through them which will allow them to program better the timings that they have. They anticipate by having a better configuration on the hardware side of things it gives us a better flow and level of service. That is one of the primary goals here.

Mayor Kirkpatrick asked about the timeline. He asked if this would be late summer next year, early fall. Mr. Jacobs explained he is anticipating this project to be advertised around June and July so they will be awarded in July or August. It will start construction next year and their anticipation is that it should be completed next year as well. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated we are coordinating this with Wright State as far as their Nutter Center performances. Mr. Jacobs stated they have communicated with them during the design period of this. We are clearing up some right of way right now. Staff is in constant communication with the school, so they are aware of the project. Once they have finished and have everything finalized and we get closer to advertising they will be informed just as any other perspective or adjacent business.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins stated he remembered a year or two ago they read about a project that was going to take place on Beaver Velley New Germany Trebein Road where we were going to do some improvements of Beaver Valley to New Germany Trebein at that intersection. That is not going to be programmed at the same time, is it? The reason he asked is because when they do a lot of that construction on Beaver Valley, Wright State becomes our detour. Mr. Jacobs stated that one is going to be starting and there may be some minor overlaps. The culvert improvements they are going to be doing on Beaver Valley just North of New Germany Trebein is what is anticipated advertised and sold the beginning of the year. It being a full closure structure replacement a majority of the time on that one is going to be spent on the lead time to build the structure and then installing it, but because the road is closed it is a bigger impact on the day-to-day, but it allows for an ancillary construction schedule since you don't have to maintain traffic through it. Their hope is that project is going to be close to completion by the time this one really gets going.

Councilwoman Reaster moved to adopt Resolution 43-26. Councilwoman Chess seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Chess, Allen, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 43-26 duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 44-26 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE DAYTON YELLOW SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins made a motion to read Resolution 44-26 for the first time by title only. Councilwoman Reaster seconded. Voice Vote. Motion carried. Mike McNamee, City Solicitor, read Resolution 44-26 by title only.

Manuel Jacobs, City Engineer, gave a quick overview of the program. The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) is soliciting transportation projects. These federal transportation programs are managed at the state level by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and the funds are distributed locally through a competitive process by MVRPC. Municipalities get to apply and score for these projects to hopefully get ODOT funding for it. The City of Fairborn Engineering Department is able to manage and run these programs themselves. Projects like the Broad Street project instead of having to

be managed and inspected and handled by ODOT staff is able to manage the project themselves. It gives a little better flexibility and a little better use of our money in terms of how it is utilized and how it is invested. These funding programs have always been helpful for us. It is how they have covered a lot of thoroughfare projects.

The three requirements for these grant application are the same as the OPWC one. They must provide local match dollars. All of these grants are not 100 percent. Those are very rare and few, but generally they will do a 60/40 split or an 80/20 split. A lot of these considerations come to into play when you look at how much you are applying for in a grant. Staff has scoring sheets that they have to prepare which basically looks at the project from a lens of various aspects. What are the economic impacts of this project? What are the regional benefits? Who is benefiting from them? Is it in a demographically poor area, or is it in a commercial/industrial area? There are all kinds of factors that the regional groups and the scorers will be looking at it. The staff has to self-score to basically see how attractive this project is. One of the biggest impacts to an application score is what percentage of the project the City is willing to invest in it. If the City does a 60/40 split, you don't get a lot of points. You are banking on a lot of it to be coming from them. You are not putting as much into it but say you want to invest 70/30 or 80/20 and put a little more investment in it that helps with the scoring. With a lot of those considerations, he is basically looking at it all the way up to the grant application deadline in terms of how much we can really get. Last year, they tried this application and they generally tried it aggressively. They felt it was in a good location. They felt it was well placed and they felt it was going to score well enough in a way that would allow them to aggressively pursue grant funding. Last year they tried it with an 80/20 split which relied a lot more on the federal side and they did not get as much points on that aspect and the application scored well, but unfortunately as it pertains to federal grants nowadays it is a smaller pool of funding available year to year. It is a much more aggressive one and this year they are taking a step back and they are confident they can push something on it. This time they are going to be doing a different split so it is going to be closer to a 60/40 split on the City's side. As they said it is Dayton Yellow Springs Road resurfacing. Generally, they have been using STP for thoroughfare capital projects and which they are doing curbs, sidewalk, multi-use paths, bike lanes they are doing the whole complete corridor. As he looks into DYS from an infrastructure and a complete street perspective it is mostly built out. It already has a pretty good use of vehicle traffic. It already has sidewalks, curbs, drainage is already in place there is not much for them to add, but it is also is something they need to look at from a pavement management perspective in that it is a heavily trafficked road and it will benefit us to resurface it sooner than later before we have to suddenly have to treat it as a full project. That is what they are trying to aim for here. This is targeted for fiscal year 2031 so we are still talking about a project that is five years away It is primarily going to be milling and resurfacing including base repairs, tape, and markings. They are going to take the opportunity to do some signal detection improvements on the existing infrastructure hardware and make adjustments to catch basins and inlets wherever it is needed. He did not include it on the slides, but this section of DYS that he is discussing is essentially from Maple all the way to 675. So, it is a long stretch of road with a lot of intersections in the way. Their hope is that the road right now is in ok shape, hopefully it will not get worse, and it will allow them to resurface it. This gives the City a bigger bang for their buck in terms that they don't have to have long-term construction restrictions. They don't have to do long-term maintenance of traffic. They

can go resurface, mill as needed, and have the contractor knock it out in a month or so. It is a lot of paving, but we should be able to get better longevity for the road. The estimate for the entire project is just under $900,000 and given the split that he is proposing they are looking at a 60/40 split with the City portion being about $346,000. He thinks that will allow the project to score a little better. If we get to the finish line and he thinks that he needs to score even less and push a little more, we might make some adjustments, but he is pretty confident with these numbers as they are. He displayed pictures of the current condition of the road. Staff recommends approval of Resolution 44-26.

Councilman Dodd asked if this is scheduled for fiscal year 2031. Mr. Jacobs replied, yes. Mr. Jacobs explained STP applications are generally on a five-year lead time. So fiscal year 2031 is the earliest they can request funding for it. Councilman Dodd thinks this is a great project.

Councilman Allen had no questions.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins had no questions.

Councilwoman Chess had no questions.

Councilwoman Reaster asked if the road would last until 2031 or will there need to be portions that require repair prior to that time. Mr. Jacobs responded they may have some fixes here and there. They do coordinate with the Street Department who would handle any repairs. They can always switch gears if there are areas that may require an immediate fix.

Councilwoman Stanton asked about the signal detection. Mr. Jacobs stated they are taking the opportunity to replace the older signal hardware. It is most feasible for them to take this opportunity, anything that gets milled off in terms of detection will be replaced with radar units on the actual signal heads. It allows them to have more reliable traffic flow detection for signals to work better and keep traffic flowing. Councilwoman Stanton asked if that makes it more adjustable for them. Mr. Jacobs stated it will give them more accurate information.

Mayor Kirkpatrick asked the exact location of DYS that they are starting and finishing. Mr. Jacobs explained they would begin at Five Points and go to 675.

Councilwoman Chess moved to adopt Resolution 44-26. Deputy Mayor McCubbins seconded. Yeas, seven: Chess, McCubbins, Allen, Dodd, Reaster, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. Mayor Kirkpatrick declared Resolution 44-26 duly adopted.

APPOINTMENT

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to appoint Beth Barnes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending 12-31-28. Councilman Allen seconded. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Mayor Kirkpatrick announced the appointment of Ms. Barnes to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked Ms. Barnes for her willingness to serve on the board.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mayor Kirkpatrick opened Citizens Comments.

JoAnn Collins, 173 Erie Avenue, stated Sunday from noon to three at Community Park, October 4, 2026, was a beautiful day. They had the pleasure of having the Fairborn Fire Department, Chief Ryan Williams and staff, Sparky, and the outfit he was in on a hot day was great. Fairborn law enforcement lady officer Rhodes and Officer Weaver demonstrated the drone. Fairborn Parks Chris Barker was there with the City set up with the red light for information on Safety City. They had new City new equipment, trucks and tractors and there was information about people asking about the Rona Hills grant in the Park. The City of Fairborn Communications Department, Emily Gay was there, ODOT, Wright State University Police, the Greene County Sheriff's Department Officer lady Bowers, Officer Green of the State Highway Patrol, Fairborn School Bus with a handicap ramp, information goodies for the kids, demo of the kids putting out fires and the kids had hoses. It showed the resources we have and the safety protection. The reason she is saying all of this is that the citizens may not know and realize that our people support us through all of our fairs, festivals, parades, and everything they give time, before, after and during including set up and clean up. They are out there and they work hard. They don't just tell people to do things. They do it themselves and make sure it is done. Fairborn is very blessed with this. She thinks it is important because people do follow this that they know exactly what is going on when we have new vehicles and why we buy them and when we have problems why we do them. She thinks it is good that they received the grant for Rona Hills Park. She especially wanted to speak because she had an incident with the Fire Department as her smoke detectors went off. She did not smell any smoke, so she stood on a chair and unscrewed them. She took them down and opened the garage door and pitched them out. She called the Fire Department, and they do come out and check it. The one thing she did not have was a carbon monoxide detector and when they came out, they told her it had to be low and if you hear that alarm get out. Winter is coming on and it is very important that the citizens are made aware of all the services that our community, the Police, and the Fire, do. Our children are safe because we have officers in the school to guard the new schools and our children. They are out there monitoring the traffic. She sees them everyday on Maple. This is wonderful. We care about our community. We care about our citizens and our kids. She thinks it is wonderful that Fairborn does this. We have a lot more programs that some do not have. She wished a Happy Anniversary of 35 years to Chantilly's, three-time dessert maker for presidents and a longtime member of Fairborn.

Stanley Cobb, 569 Warm Springs Drive, Fairborn, Ohio greeted Mayor Kirkpatrick, and the members of Council thanked them for having the opportunity to bring a subject to

them collectively and individually that is of great importance to Scouting America which encompasses Greene and Clinton counties. He provided packets to Council which he hopes they will review at their convenience. What the packets are is an opportunity for them to be a part of Scouting America in the development of their youth. They want the youth to be the best that they can be at whatever they choose to be. What the packets are asking them to do actually is to become individually, collectively with your colleagues or your religious or other civic organizations they might be a member of to become Charter organizations. What that involves is that with the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense which gives the children of active-duty members a waiver for registration fees and the signing and passing of Senate Bill 19 which gives Scouting America the opportunity to return to schools and give the youth in schools a brief glimpse of what Scouting has to offer them. This they believe will cause an increase in their registration and with the current members that they have with the Charter organization they believe that this might cause an overflow of youth. They do not want the youth to think they are just a number. They want them to have fun and think that they are worthwhile so if we have other people and other organizations that would like to be Charter organizations to help in that regard it would be greatly appreciated. Again, take the time to look at the packet, his contact information is also attached to it. If they have any questions, they are welcome to call him. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

Mayor Kirkpatrick closed Citizens Comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Mike Gebhart, City Manager, reviewed the October milestone recipients.

Public Safety in the Park as JoAnn Collins had mentioned was a great kickoff to Fire Prevention Week on Sunday. He thanked Chief Williams and the Fire Department as well as the Police, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments for their contributions to making that a great event every year.

Next Monday night we will have a work session that begins at 5:00 p.m. at Spark Fairborn. It is at 305 W. Main Street, the old Rousch's Restaurant. This will be the annual City Council Budget Work Session for fiscal year 2027. Kristina Cooper, our Finance Director, is working diligently to finalize all the details of that and the Capital Budget request. He is hopeful they will have something for Council to review no later than Thursday at noon, preferably Wednesday by 5:00 p.m. Please check your email for those. Again, that is at Spark Fairborn, 305 W. Main Street, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and it is open to the public. It usually takes anywhere from 1.5 to 2 hours for that work session. It will be a little different this year as we have a new Finance Director and a new Assistant Finance Director. It will be a learning experience for them also. He thanked everyone who participated with Penny Davis last week. Wednesday was her last day, and we had a nice reception from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Penny worked right up until 5:00 p.m., which is typical of her, and we wish her the best. We will see her on Friday as she comes back for the Employee Appreciation picnic. It certainly is different without her, but Bev Hannon was baptized by fire tonight. He thanked her for stepping up very quickly and he wished

Julie Taylor and her family the best and hope for the best outcome there. He thanked Bev and Penny and everyone who made the last couple of weeks special for Penny.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Chess thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting. She thanked JoAnn Collins for her comments as she always brings positive energy when she comes to speak about the people who work for the City and the things that they do. They do a lot and she does not think people realize how much work it takes to put some of these programs on and how much energy it takes. She believes they don't do it because they have to do it, she thinks they do it because they enjoy doing it and they love this City. She thanked Mrs. Collins for reminding them of the great people they have working for them and the people that volunteer and do great things. She thanked Mr. Cobb for his presentation. She thinks Scouts is very worthwhile for the community. She attended the car show and it was amazing. She discussed the Heels for Heroes event.

Councilwoman Reaster thanked everyone who came forward and spoke. She hopes everyone has a lovely week.

Councilwoman Stanton thanked the milestone recipients and congratulated them on their work anniversaries. She thanked JoAnn Collins for her comments. She agrees with Sylvia that it is always nice that JoAnn compliments the people in the community. She is more of a morning person, and she is more likely to be in Community Park in the morning and the afternoon so that is one event she always gets to catch. She thanked Stan Cobb for the information about Scouting. She asked that the information Mr. Cobb provided be included in the minutes. She also complimented the paving completed on Beaver Valley Road. She discussed the budget work session. It is a concise presentation of how all the money gets spent for the year and what kind of projects are lined up. It is worthwhile if you can fit into your schedule please attend.

Councilman Dodd thanked everyone for attending. It is nice to see friendly faces in the crowd. He congratulated the milestone recipients. He stated Friday, the 16th is the Halloween Costume Contest. If you have never seen it with the kids in their costumes it is amazing. He has been there as a judge every year over the past five years as a judge. The downtown Halloween Festival events are also exceptional. He discussed the volunteer boards. That is how he started ten years ago on the Parks and Recreation Board. It is amazing you get to learn the intermixing of how the City works and that particular board and how you can help the City. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for any of the boards, please let any of the Council members know or call the City and we will get you hooked up. He also attended the car show. He was impressed with the event.

Councilman Allen thanked everyone for their attendance. He was at the car show. He was not in heels this time. However, the Heels for Heroes what they were alluding to is an opportunity for Operation Fairborn cares to raise funds. That is their biggest fundraiser where they try to help those veterans who are in distress and they can't pay a bill or get a car repair or they are just down on their luck. They try to fill that gap and that is their big fundraiser. He wanted to give a shoutout to all those who supported the event. He

thinks every Council member supported that event in some way shape or form. He truly appreciates that. It will sustain them for another year to take care of some veterans who are in need.

He stated October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a campaign that is done nationally every year. It is an opportunity to hear the stories and honor those survivors and share those messages of hope for those who are still fighting the good fight when it comes to Breast Cancer. You will see those opportunities throughout the month. Please share in that and take part in those events. He also announced an event at the Fairborn FISH where they will be giving out car seats for those families who are in need of car seats. He knows that as he spoke with Jane Dorley and Bill this afternoon as they were preparing for that. They had a huge need. Sometimes they have those families who have no car seats. Literally, the parent is driving the car with the child in one hand and the steering wheel in the next. They found it to be very stressful. Bill and Jane saw the need and asked for help. Our local Firefighters are going to put those car seats in for those families that need them tomorrow. He thanked Mr. Cobb for the words about Scouting just in general. Even if they can't become a Charter member or Charter organization just what scouting does for our young people is amazing. Setting the foundation and giving them the tools they need to move forward and deal with the things they deal with in this world. He knows Dan Kirkpatrick is a huge part of that program as well. The last thing he had was about volunteerism. They heard that Beth is going to be on the Parks Board. There is more than enough opportunity for everybody. Don't be shy. Volunteer for a board. There is more than enough room at the table.

Deputy Mayor McCubbins thanked his colleagues for all their wonderful comments tonight. He thanked the citizens who came forward and spoke. Council really does appreciate that. As Sylvia said your weekly talk about the weather, believe it or not winter is coming. He knows it does not feel like it since we are in the 70's in October; but it is coming. Before you know it, we will be in that daylight savings time thing again since we can't decide as a nation if we want to do it or not. It is a great time to change your batteries as JoAnn alluded to for those that need help with that or need smoke or carbon monoxide detectors, please contact our Fire Department who has those available and they will assist you in getting those installed. Speaking of the Fire Department and our other first responders, they had a very busy weekend this weekend. There was a lot of work over the weekend with fires and other issues. Thankfully, there were no fatalities, and everyone was ok, but a lot of work went into responding to those events.

On the budget side of the house, he always looks forward to the budget even though it is a 500-page document that is very time consuming to go through especially when you are not an accountant and don't have classical training in that. It is a very good document that breaks down where the City is spending its money. He can say the City does a good job of taking custody of the tax dollars they are given and spending it wisely. According to an article he read over the weekend El Nino, Super El Nino is projecting us to have a milder, drier winter, which would mean less accumulation. He knows we have already stocked the salt barn for the year so we won't see cost savings there, but potentially if this holds true, we won't use as much salt this winter which means we will buy less next year. This is always a good thing. Unless you like snow. He thanked Bev Hannon for filling in on short notice. He has seen Bev's work for the last six years that he has been involved

with the City. He is sure her minutes will be wonderful. He finished by saying Go Skyhawks! The varsity football team is doing fantastic this year.

Mayor Kirkpatrick thanked JoAnn and Stan for speaking today. He touched on what Stan said. He used the term Scouting America several times. Scouting America is the term now for what used to be the Boy Scouts of America. Boy Scouts several years ago started including girls in Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, separate Boy Scout troops or co-ed Boy Scout troops or Co-ed Boy Scout troops, but he wanted to let everyone know that girls have been involved in the scouting movement since the early 70's in Explorer posts. He remembers when he was in an Explorer post in high school they had a co-ed explorer post. It actually goes back to the 1970's but it has been much more formalized in the last few years with the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. What Stan is working on in his position is to look at how we can form more scouting units. They are looking for chartered organizations, whether that is a church group, a school, another organization who might want to charter an organization of Scouting America, whether it is Cub Scouts, or older scouts that used to be called Boy Scouts that are now called Scouting America. As Clint mentioned, scouting offers a lot for young people in character development and professional development. We still have Explorer posts that focus on particular careers. There are Police, Fire, and other kinds of Explorer posts. There are lots of opportunities through the Scouting America program for our young people to get engage and involved. Stan is one of the people to contact if you have questions. There are others in the community as well. Please consider becoming a volunteer or getting active in those programs.

It has been mentioned about the Halloween Festival. It is actually three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 16th, 17th and 18th. The costume contest is a big thing and starts at the YMCA where the judging takes place and then they parade down Central Avenue to Central and Main where the stage will be and there are awards for the costume award winners. The Halloween Festival is huge, and it is one of the biggest Halloween Festivals in Ohio. It attracts people from all over. He has talked to a lot of people that moved to the area and the first thing they have heard about is the Halloween Festival. He spoke to a lot of people at the Car Show about it and they were excited about the upcoming Halloween Festival.

He congratulated all of the milestone recipients. It is wonderful to see staff that choose to stay with the City. He also mentioned the Heels for Heroes program and its benefits. They will be hearing more about the Sister City initiative in the coming months. The City has been trying to get a Sister City for the City of Fairborn for a number of years. They have looked at cities in Europe and Asia. The City has been approached by a city outside of Tokyo, Japan that is interested in forming a Sister City relationship. They are reforming the committee to look at that. This will include representation from the City, the Chamber, the schools, Wright State and potentially from the Base. You will be hearing more about the Sister City program and if that works out, we may have a Sister City in Japan.

Over the next few weeks, you will see people out picking up trash on the weekends. Please be aware of the people in reflective vests picking up trash. It is unfortunate we need to have those types of programs. You will see several different groups over the next few weeks doing that. The real message is please don't litter. If your neighborhood would

like to sponsor an Adopt A Highway program, please contact the City Street Department. If you go to the website, you can actually see a map that shows where there are openings for the Adopt A Highway program. The Fairborn Military Veterans Coalition is going to be doing one soon.

He discussed last Friday's football game. If you missed that one you missed one of the most exciting football games this City has seen in years. Fairborn High School was behind 14 to 0 at one point. They went back and forth and in the fourth quarter the game was tied. Piqua had the opportunity to kick a field goal. They had an excellent kicker, and the Fairborn team blocked the kick and then in overtime Piqua scored and kicked an extra point and then we came back and then Fairborn made a touchdown and went for a two-point conversion and won the game in overtime by one point. Fairborn City Schools made Friday's game Military Appreciation Night and the goal was to get as many veterans as possible down on the field at halftime. They had over 100 veterans who came down on the field at halftime. Both Piqua and Fairborn veterans were recognized. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognize the veterans.

He finished by saying they would miss Penny Davis. She was a big part of this community and the City staff. Julie Taylor is going to do a great job. She always has. He thanked Bev Hannon for filling in at the last minute. Julie had a family situation come up. Bev stepped up and never missed a beat. He hopes Julie's family situation gets resolved in a positive way.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Reaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. Yeas, seven: Reaster, Allen, Chess, Dodd, McCubbins, Stanton, and Kirkpatrick. Nays, none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

MAYOR

CLERK, CITY OF FAIRBORN

569 Warm Springs Drive

AGENDA

1. Charters to Organizations
2. Charters to Groups of Citizens
3. Charter Applications, Renewals, and Revocations
4. Charter Bylaws: Key Topics
5. Chartered Organization Representative Guide

FAMILY SCOUTING

Now Offering Iconic Scouting America Programs to Boys & Girls

HOW FAMILIES CONNECT WITH CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS

What Is Family Scouting?

A flexible approach that brings Scouting to every family in every community.

Open to All Families

Families can choose Cub Scouts for their sons **AND** daughters, with a Scouting program for older boys and girls allowing participants to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Chartered Organization Choice

Chartered organization partners choose the model that works best: single-gender programming for boys **OR** girls, or dual-gender programming for boys **AND** girls.

Connecting Families

Families register youth through local units sponsored by chartered organizations like churches, schools, and civic groups in their community.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

How Will It Work?

Cub Scouts

Ages 5–10

Single-gender or coed dens

Scouts BSA

Ages 11–17

Single-gender or coed troops

Venturing

Ages 14–21

Coed programming

HOW FAMILIES CONNECT



Why the Change?

90%

of parents are interested in a program like **Cub Scouts** for their daughters

87%

of parents are interested in a program like **Scouts BSA** for their daughters

Allows organizations to identify the options that work best for their communities

Introduces Scouting to more families

Provides flexibility for chartered partners

Boys and girls learn and grow at the pace unique to their development

Why Become a Chartered Organization?

Fulfill Your Mission

Scouting can help you fulfill your mission and provide a youth development program for your organization that serves boys and girls.

Grow Your Outreach

Scouting can help grow your outreach in the community by bringing new families into your organization.

Proven Program

Scouting is foundational in many communities and offers a proven program that meets the needs of youth.

Develop Character

Scouting develops character in youth. You can be the catalyst that makes success possible for youth in your community.

CHARTERS TO ORGANIZATIONS

1. Scouting America grants charters to organizations that meet Bylaws, Rules and Regulations requirements
2. New charters require review of the organization's objectives, purpose, character, and compatibility with Scouting's aims
3. Charter holders must provide adequate facilities, supervision, and leadership for at least one year
4. Unit meeting locations are periodically inspected for adequacy and appropriateness
5. Charters may be revoked or modified at Scouting America's sole judgment

https://d.docs.live.net/93f2f218a6099b0e/Documents/Tecumseh Council-Sycamore District BSA/2025-Rules_Regulations_NEB-Approved-10.28.2025-Scouting America.pdf

CHARTERS TO GROUPS OF CITIZENS

1. Units may form independent of an existing organization when conditions warrant
2. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who subscribe to the Scout Oath
3. Primary interest must be helping youth through the Scouting program
4. Must have resources to provide leadership, supervision, and facilities
5. Same obligations apply as for organization-based charters

CHARTER APPLICATIONS, RENEWALS, AND REVOCATIONS

1. Applications require favorable recommendation from the local council
2. Annual charter fee paid to National Council at each registration or re-registration
3. Unit registration expires 12 months from the original approval date
4. Rights and privileges expire with the unit registration
5. Dropped units may reestablish continuous service with evidence of activity and back fees

https://d.docs.live.net/93f2f218a6099b0e/Documents/Tecumseh Council-Sycamore District BSA/Chartered-Organization-Resource-Guide 522-925 wb.pdf

CHARTER BYLAWS: KEY TOPICS

https://d.docs.live.net/93f2f218a6099b0e/Documents/Tecumseh Council-Sycamore District BSA/2025_Charter_Bylaws-Scouting America.pdf

1. 28-page pamphlet covering governance structure of Scouting America (amended October 2025)
2. Covers the National Council, Executive Board, and local council organization
3. 2025 update: Local councils must submit updated bylaws with charter applications
4. Chartered organizations are no longer automatic voting members of local councils
5. New local council bylaws template gives councils flexibility to structure their own governance

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE GUIDE

https://d.docs.live.net/93f2f218a6099b0e/Documents/Tecumseh Council-Sycamore District BSA/Chartered Organization Representative Guidebook.pdf

1. COR serves as liaison between the chartered organization, units, and the local council
2. Appointed by the chartered organization; must be a registered adult member of Scouting America
3. Member of the unit Key 3 team, district committee, and voting member of the local council
4. Encourages training, promotes recruitment, and assists with annual charter renewal
5. Helps select unit leadership and ensures quality program delivery

SUMMARY

1. Scouting America grants charters to qualifying organizations and citizen groups to operate Scouting units
2. Charter applications require local council approval; renewals occur annually with a 12-month registration cycle
3. The 2025 Bylaws give local councils more flexibility in governance and no longer make chartered organizations automatic voting members
4. The Chartered Organization Representative (COR) is the key liaison between the organization, its units, and the local council

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Know your charter type – whether through an organization or a group of citizens, the obligations are the same
2. Stay current on renewals – unit rights expire with registration; plan ahead for the annual cycle
3. Review the 2025 Bylaws changes – governance flexibility and voting membership rules have shifted
4. Empower your COR – they are the bridge between your organization and Scouting's resources
5. Use the official guidebooks – the Bylaws pamphlet and COR Guide are essential references for every chartered organization