

CITY COUNCIL

August 3, 2026

The August 3, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Julia Lemire, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, and John Walker.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Kayla Weaver; Jean Grove; Sharon Huffman; Michael MaGinn; Betsy Corfman; Jennifer Banta; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the July 20, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the July 20, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 23, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Ms. Sharon Huffman presented her concerns to the members of City Council regarding the Louis Dreyfus Company and the millions of gallons of water needed to operate their facility and the current construction of the Interceptor Sewer Project on North Warpole Street creating safety hazards. Ms. Huffman indicated that people feel they are being gaslighted as they don't know what's going on with projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 79-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UPPER SANDUSKY VANCRESS REMEDIATION PROJECT.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 79-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 80-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE REMEDIATION AND DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER FAIRHAVEN/VANCRESS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 MARSEILLES AVENUE, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 80-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 81-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CHARITABLE GIFT AGREEMENT WITH UPPER SANDUSKY HEALTH FACILITIES, LLC FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 81-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 82-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Karcher	-	No
Mr. Korte	-	Yes
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes
Mr. Walker	-	No
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 82-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 83-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COST-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH UNIGRIP, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HIGHLAND PARKWAY AND APPROVING THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 83-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 84-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DELINQUENT DEBT COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX DEBT.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 84-14 for the first time by title only.

Discussion was held regarding information presented at the July 20, 2026 City Council meeting by Mr. Bob Snavelly, Palmer Energy, regarding regional electric aggregation programs. Mr. Moore indicated that it makes sense for the electric aggregation program to go regionally.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to approve the City’s participation in a regional electric aggregation program. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- At the Safety Committee meeting held earlier today the Safety Committee members voted to close the 100 block of South Sandusky Avenue, while keeping the 100 block of North Sandusky Avenue and all of Wyandot Avenue open, due to the current roadway detour happening as a result of the Interceptor Sewer Project, for the Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce’s First Thursday events to be held in August and September 2026.
- Work under the 2026 Street Maintenance Program will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.
- A webinar was held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 to discuss the Crawford Township waterline that will service approximately eighty (80) residences and a couple businesses. Funding for this \$2,900,000.00 project was applied for and awarded with half of the cost to be forgiven and the remainder to be repaid over a thirty (30) or forty (40) year loan with Crawford residents and businesses to be charged a monthly fee to repay the loan. It was noted that there are upcoming meetings with the Crawford residents.
- Precision Safe Sidewalks will be conducting a sidewalk assessment of the City’s sidewalks on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.
- Three (3) representatives from the City, including Mayor McColly, Mrs. Lemire, and Mr. Karcher, will be attending a State tour of a data center located in New Albany on Monday, August 10, 2026.
- Smartland Energy will be holding an informational meeting about data centers sometime in early September on a weekday evening at Trinity Evangelical Church, 108 Malabar Drive.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President