

CITY COUNCIL

October 5, 2026

The October 5, 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 Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tome Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Mircea Handru, North Central Behavioral Health Executive Director; Todd Jenkins, Peterman Associates; Randall Besecker, Louis Dreyfus Company; Suzy Cross; Anita Costello; Amanda Watson; Mark Albert; Trish Frazzini; Kayla Weaver; Heidi Moore; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

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The minutes of the September 21, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

The minutes of the September 22, 2026 special Planning Commission meeting (6:15 p.m.), having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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The minutes of the September 28, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting (12:30 p.m.), having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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The minutes of the September 29, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Mircea Handru, North Central Behavioral Health Executive Director, addressed City Council promoting the passage of the 0.60 mill, 10 year renewal levy on the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot. Mr. Handru indicated that the North Central Behavioral Health Board represents Seneca, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties and this measure will be on the ballot in each of these counties. Passage of this measure in Wyandot County will continue to fund essential mental health and addiction programs and services for Wyandot County residents.

Ms. Anita Costello addressed City Council regarding concerns she has of a neighbor's property on Shafer Drive. Mayor McColly indicated that he received a similar call from another resident and City officials will be out looking at properties on this street tomorrow.

Mr. Todd Jenkins, Peterman Associates, presented a project status update for the following projects: Interceptor Sewer Project; Wastewater Treatment Plant Tertiary Filter Project; and the Long Term Control Plan. It was noted that Mr. Jenkins also attended the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening to also report details of these projects.

It was noted that the Safety Committee has recommended Ordinance No. 89-14 be amended to remove the 2020 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser from this legislation so that this cruiser can be converted into a vehicle for the Fire Chief.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 89-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2018 FORD EXPLORER POLICE CRUISER.", on its second reading by title only as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 89-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 89-14 as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 89-14 was duly adopted, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 90-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 933.12 FROZEN METER CHARGE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 90-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 90-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 90-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 91-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE HIGHLAND PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 91-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 91-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 91-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 92-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE ADA CURB RAMPS PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 92-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 92-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 92-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr to place Ordinance No. 93-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, AND LOUIS DREYFUS COMPANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.", on its second reading by title only.

Mr. Buckland recommended the second reading of Ordinance No. 93-14 be tabled as there are additional details to be worked out with this agreement.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 93-14. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 94-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN UNIMPROVED EAST/WEST ALLEY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, COUNTY OF WYANDOT, STATE OF OHIO.", 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. 94-14 for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Niederkohr requested Mayor McColly explain the grant funding for the Interceptor Sewer Project and the Tertiary Filter Project and the information that was presented at the Service Committee meeting held earlier this evening. Mayor McColly explained the timeline for these projects and delays that occurred. Mayor McColly indicated that the City will use all of the grant funding that it was awarded but due to overages and change orders to the Interceptor Sewer Project some of the grant funding for the Tertiary Filter Project will be applied to the Interceptor Sewer Project. As the grant filing deadlines for these projects is October 31, 2026 and the Tertiary Filter Project is not expected to be completed until April 2027 there will be approximately \$400,000.00 of excess spending that will occur outside of the grant funding that the City will be responsible for paying.

Mr. Korte suggested the possibility of switching the times of November 2, 2026 City Council and Planning Commission meetings in anticipation of visitors and extended discussions at the Planning Commission meeting. It was agreed that the November 2, 2026 Planning Commission meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., instead of 6:30 p.m., and City Council will begin at the regularly scheduled time of 7:00 p.m.

It was noted that City Council members received the Income Tax Collections Report as of September 30, 2026.

Mayor McColly reported on the following:

- Preconstruction meetings for the Highland Parkway Reconstruction Project and the ADA Curb Ramps Project are scheduled to be held tomorrow. Construction under both of these projects is expected to be completed in November 2026.
- Closing of the former Fairhaven property will be taking place soon.
- A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 to discuss the qualifications for an architect or engineer for the new building to replace the former Fairhaven building.
- Mayor McColly thanked Mr. Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector, for his work with the City as he transitions into a new position.
- Mayor McColly thanked Mrs. Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce Director, for her work in organizing the First Thursday events in the downtown area.
- A \$5,000.00 donation to be utilized towards the City's tree program was received from Bowen Engineering. Mr. Jason Lemire is a member of the Tree Commission and also an employee of Bowen Engineering.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President