

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

The Mayor called to order the regular Council meeting of April 22, 2025 to order at 6:30pm. The Mayor called for a moment of silence. After the moment of silence, the Mayor led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

The Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for the regular meeting of Council. The following members of Council answered present: **William Biddlecombe, Sam Artino, Monty Tapp, Joe Dike, Matt Grieves and Joel Hagy**. Councilmember absent: **Mark Claus**.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to excuse the absence of Mr. Claus.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and Mr. Claus' absence was excused.

Staff in attendance: Interim City Manager/Service Director Stuart Hamilton, Assistant Law Director Gary Ebert, Police Chief Terry Graham, Parks & Recreation Operations Manager Doug Steinwart, Water Superintendent Jack Evans and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 8, 2025, as written.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the minutes of the Council work session and regular meeting of April 8, 2025 were approved, as written.

Audience Comments

The Mayor directed members of the audience having comments to approach the podium, state their name and address Council, and advised that they would have 3 minutes to make their comments.

None.

Old Business

Ordinance No. 2025-7 (third and final reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2025-7 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HURON TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF THE FOLLOWING PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS: 42-00119.001; 42-00119.002; 42-00119.018; 42-00119.006; 42-00119.019; 42-00119.014; 42-00119.003; 42-00119.020; 42-00119.012; 42-00119.009; 42-00119.017; 42-00119.010; 42-00119.011; 42-00119.007; 42-00119.015; 42-00119.005; 42-00119.013; 42-00119.016; 42-00119.004; AND 42-00119.008, FROM THE CURRENT R-2 PUD (ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO R-1 PUD (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT); AND FURTHER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HURON TO REFLECT THE REZONING OF THE FOLLOWING PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS ERIE COUNTY, OHIO PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS: 42-00119.000; 42-00118.000; AND 42-00117.000, FROM THE CURRENT R-2 PUD (ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT – PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO R-1 (ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT)) be placed on its third and final reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-7 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Clerk read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-7 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in 30 days.

Ordinance No. 2025-8 (third and final reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2025-8 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 1129.09 (ALTERATION AND REMOVAL OF NONCONFORMING SIGNS) OF CHAPTER 1129 (SIGN REGULATIONS) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 1129.11 (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES) OF CHAPTER 1129 (SIGN REGULATIONS) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 1129.08 (MAINTENANCE) OF CHAPTER 1129 (SIGN REGULATIONS) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed on its third and final reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-8 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton reminded Council that this is the third and final reading for these code amendments. This change acknowledges existing legal nonconforming signs in the public right-of-way after this ordinance's effective date. These signs will lose their legal nonconforming status if they are affected by one of the points listed in the summary. Anytime the sign is structurally changed or if the building changes use would trigger loss of nonconforming use. This is designed to help people keep those signs in place, but if there is a real change, the City can remove those signs from the right-of-way and bring them back into conformance.

Mayor Tapp asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll for final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2025-8 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in 30 days.

New Business

Resolution No. 34-2025

Motion by Mr. Dike that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 34-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) FLEET 3 ADVANCED VEHICLE CAMERAS AND DOOR TRIGGERS, SOFTWARE, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY AND 34/100 DOLLARS (\$42,650.34)) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grieves, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 34-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Chief Graham stated that this Resolution authorizes an agreement with Axon for the purchase of three Fleet 3 cruiser cameras, door triggers, software and related equipment in the amount of \$42,650.34. Axon is the provider that makes their bodycams and tasers. The plan is to install two cameras in the new cruisers being purchased this year, and one in the existing K-9 cruiser purchased last year. These cameras are

synched with everything – they come on automatically when the light bar is on or when the rear door opens. There are 3 cameras in each vehicle (front, rear, back seat/prisoner compartment). Everything is Bluetooth recorded and shows when the light bar is on, the siren is on, when the officer brakes, when the turn signals are used, their speed, and are interfaced with the new speed radars. This is another great way the Police Department is using technology to instill accountability and provide video and audio evidence when they are making contacts with the public.

Mr. Hagy asked if this includes both hardware and backend cloud service. Chief Graham answered that it is. The balance will be paid over 5 years (approx.. \$8,500/year). This item was included in the budget for 2025.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 34-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 35-2025

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 35-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, WITH SEELEY, SAVIDGE, EBERT & GOURASH CO., LPA FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM JUNE 4, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$154,500.00)) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 35-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Hamilton explained that this resolution authorizes the annual contract with SSEG at an annual rate of \$154,500 for a 1-year term. Either party may terminate this agreement with 90 days' notice. This agreement covers the City's basic legal services; litigation and additional projects are billed outside of the contract on an hourly basis. Mr. Schrader will continue as the Law Director, and Mr. Ebert will continue as the Assistant Law Director. The monthly flat fee will \$12,875. This is will be the sixth contract with SSEG. They are thankful to them for keeping the City out of trouble.

Mr. Hagy wanted to confirm that there is no increase in costs from last year. Mr. Hamilton confirmed that the legal fees will remain the same for this 1-year period.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Tapp, Dike, Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 35-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 36-2025

Motion by Mr. Grievess that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 36-2025 (A RESOLUTION RATIFYING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN MARCY KAPTUR'S FY26 HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUEST RELATING TO THE HURON MUNICIPAL BOAT BASIN RENOVATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AWARD(S) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE MILLION AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00), SHOULD THE APPLICATION BE SUCCESSFUL) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 30-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart explained that the Parks & Recreation Department continues its efforts to obtain funding for the rehabilitation of the Boat Basin infrastructure. This Resolution ratifies submission of a grant application to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's FY26 Housing and Urban Development Community Funding Request in the amount of \$5 Million on April 16, 2025.

Some of the large costs included in the grant request include concrete riser repairs, repairs to the entire concrete walkway and replacement of the retaining wall. The risers are the vertical portions that meet the sheet pile all the way around the bowl. This encompasses the area from north of Harbor House all the way back around to the Yacht Club.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grievess, Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 36-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 37-2025

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 37-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO, WITH THE HURON ROTARY CLUB TO HOLD THE HURON ROTARY FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO ON JUNE 28, 2025) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 37-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart stated that this is the annual agreement with the Huron Rotary Club to host the Huron Rotary Festival at the Boat Basin on City property. It will be a 1-day event this year and they have included a lot of the kids' games into their event, along with 2 quality bands at the end of the night. They are requesting the ability to sell beer and wine, and the 1-day facility charge of \$500 will be charged.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy, (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 37-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 38-2025

Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 38-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 MACK MD7 42R CHASSIS TO BE OUTFITTED WITH A BIBEAU MS-HD 10' DUMP BODY FROM NORTHERN OHIO TRUCK CENTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$125,110.00)) be placed on its first reading.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 38-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Evans stated that this Resolution requests approval for the purchase of a Mack dump truck to be utilized for their Water Distribution crew to replace the existing large dump truck, which is a 2001 GMC 7500. This is the larger of their 2 dump trucks and is used to haul the majority of our stone, mud, sludge and things like that. It also hauls their trailer for the mini excavator used primarily during water main breaks and things like that. They did obtain 3 quotes, and this was the lowest of the three. In addition, the Mack brand was most desired by staff. This vehicle was included in the budget for 2025.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Hagy, Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 38-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 39-2025

Motion by Mr. Grieves that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution 39-2025 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO WITH HURON RIVER FEST, INC. TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL RIVER FEST EVENT IN THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 11, 2025 THROUGH JULY 12, 2025) be placed on its first reading.

Mr. Biddlecombe recused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 6:47pm. Mr. Biddlecombe stepped out of Council Chambers.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grieves, Hagy, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)
RECUSE: Biddlecombe (1)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 39-2025 was placed upon its first reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Steinwart stated that this Resolution authorizes the annual agreement with River Fest, Inc. to use City property on July 11-12 for its River Fest event. The only major difference from prior years is that this will now be a 2-day Friday/Saturday event, instead of 3 days. The Committee is requesting closure of Main Street from First Merit Bank to South Street from Thursday evening through Sunday at 11am. The facility rental fee of \$500/day will be charged, for a total of \$1,000.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on final adoption. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Grieves, Hagy, Artino, Tapp, Dike (5)
RECUSE: Biddlecombe (1)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 39-2025 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Mr. Biddlecombe returned to Council Chambers at 6:49pm.

City Manager's Discussion

The Interim City Manager spoke on several topics:

Parks & Recreation – The summer program registration opened a few weeks, and there are already 250 youth registered, which is an increase over previous years. This number is expected to increase.

Fish Huron Art Project – The Parks & Recreation Department has been working with Fish Huron Ohio group, as they would like to donate a hanging fish sculpture to be located at Huron Boat Launch. This public art piece will provide fishermen with the ability to have a photographic backdrop, while also advertising Huron as a fishing destination. The donation will be made to ODNR and per the terms of the existing MOU, the City will be responsible for maintenance of that art piece. The art installation will be a stainless-steel sculpture with a concrete base located north of the existing fish cleaning station.

City-Wide Clean-Up – The City-Wide Clean-Up is back and scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd from 9am to 11am. Please join us at the Wall Street Parks Office as we clean up our parks and public green spaces. Cleaning supplies are being provided by the Erie County Solid Waste District – we thank them for their support.

Boat Basin Restroom Demolition – The City has issued a contract for demolition of the restrooms located at the south end of the Boat Basin. The contract is with Ed Burdue. These restrooms have become too expensive to maintain, so they are going to take them down to tidy up that end of the Boat Basin.

Ryan Boesch Promotion to Sergeant – Ryan Boesch, a 17-year veteran of the Huron Police Department, will be sworn in as Sergeant on May 13th during the regular Council meeting. Ryan has a Masters' Degree in Public Administration and currently serves as the K-9 and Field Training Officer for the Department. Sergeant Boesch will be in charge of Squad 4, which is the night shift on the back half of the week.

East Side Water Tower – The painting project started on Monday with power washing. They will shut the tower down tomorrow. It will be out of service for approximately 3 weeks. Erie County Fire has been informed. This will be a full internal/external clean, 2 coats of paint, and the new logos will be added, as well.

HPP Third Transformer Project – The bonds were sold on April 17th at a rate of 5.55% over a 15-year period. The City's excellent Moody's rating really helped to keep that rate down – we were expecting over 6%.

HPP Expansion Under Railroad Tracks – All of the underground work is done on this project – we just have to pull cable, connect and power up. We still expect our first new customer for HPP to join us in May of this year.

City Manager Approved Agreements – The City Manager approved a request from the Huron Garden Club to place signage in the median to advertise their annual plant sale, which will be held on May 17th at Lake Front Park. The sign will be placed on May 11th and removed before midnight on May 17th. The funds raised from this sale will be used to purchase decorations for the Huron Public Library Christmas tree, gardening books, magazines, and flowers at Lake Front Park. In addition, the Club will make a \$100 contribution to the McBride Arboretum.

Upcoming Meetings – HJRD on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 in the Council Chambers; Utilities Committee on Wednesday, May 7th at 5:00pm in the main conference room; BZA on Monday, May 12th at 5:30pm in Council Chambers; Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30pm prior to the Council meeting; regular Council meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers; Planning Commission on Wednesday, May 21st at 5:00pm in Council Chambers; regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Biddlecombe asked what the timeline is for demolition of the restrooms. Mr. Hamilton answered that they don't have that yet. They have decided that if it is not done by Memorial Day, they will hold off until after Labor Day.

Mr. Grieves asked about the status of the DORA. Mr. Hamilton stated that the DORA project has been in limbo for a while. The last time they talked about it, there wasn't a whole lot of excitement about it. While they still have a lot of work to put into it, it's not on the front burner. They are more than happy to resurrect it if it is becoming something that people really want. He believes they envisioned rolling that out with the South Main Street renovation. Asked if financials have anything to do with it, Mr. Hamilton said not at this time. The financial strain will come from additional staffing. That is the part they are still trying to figure out internally. They really can't afford to add staff (police officers, parks & rec staff). There would be a lot of cleanup to do, bins to be emptied, and police patrols to be added. Enforcement by the police would be really tricky going in and out of the DORA... there are details that must be figured out.

Mayor Tapp said one of the complications with the DORA is that it has to be a continuous area – North Main Street and South Main Street. Do you have two, or have one and not have the other? That is one of the questions, especially as you cross Cleveland Road and the railroad tracks.

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp said:

Welcome to Mr. Hamilton as Interim City Manager. It was a process we all agreed upon and we are looking forward to working with you and making this a smooth transition for the rest of the year. I appreciate all of your hard work. On the 16th, he, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Lasko, Mr. Steinwart and Jennifer Kilbury met with Therese Gavarone in reference to asking for monies to help take care of some of the Boat Basin projects. That went as well as it can go, and Mr. Steinwart will stay in contact with her office.

Congratulations to Ryan Boesch for being promoted to Sergeant. His also our dog handler. I didn't know he has been here for 17 years. Congratulations to him.

Projects are happening and busy, and I want to thank the staff. Forgive the paint smell – this is an ongoing thing in the City Hall right now. Hopefully, they will wrap this up by the end of 2025.

For the Good of the Order

Sam Artino – Welcome to our new City Manager. I appreciate your stepping up. I have nothing else.

Joe Dike – I would also like to say congratulations to Sgt. Boesch. Also, I had a couple of individuals approach me over the past couple of weeks about two things. First, is there anything we can do for electric bikes. There are lot of kids riding these, riding them in tandem, there is no safety helmet, they are riding at high speeds, and a lot of people are concerned as they are not following any of the safety laws such as stop signs? They are concerned that someone is going to get hurt very badly. I told them that I would pass this on, and I have witnessed this myself. These kids fly through and it's only a matter of time before somebody hits a rock or something... I saw two kids riding on the same bike... it does not look safe. Secondly, another individual mentioned something about drones. Have we talked about or thought about anything when it comes to drones? I am told there is an Amazon Fulfillment Center being built in Milan (I don't know if that is true, or not) and they you see commercials of how someday there will be drones dropping off packages. I can tell you one thing, I do not want to be sitting in my front yard throwing a football with my kid and see a drone zipping up and down multiple times through my neighborhood. I think they are loud and annoying. I can remember when somebody came in when we were repaving Beachwood and said, when I put my drone up in the air and take an aerial picture of our neighborhood and the streets are going to be different colors. I don't care who has the drone, I think they are annoying, I think we are entitled to our privacy, and I think maybe we should start talking about that. Before you know it, it is going to be here. I think we should be more proactive.

Joel Hagy – Congratulations to the newly minted Sgt. Boesch, and I believe that means he outranks his partner now.

Matt Grieves – Congrats to Sgt. Boesch.

William Biddlecombe – Thanks, staff for your hard work and congratulations to Sgt. Boesch. The next School Board meeting is coming up on Monday at 7:00pm at the High School (April 28th). Upcoming home games: Softball (April 25-29 and May 2, 5, 7 and 8); Baseball (April 25 and 28, and May 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 13); Track (April 26, May 5 and 6); Boys Tennis (April 23 and 30, May 1 and 5). Please come out and support our local events, programs and student athletes and GO TIGERS!

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to enter into executive session for consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee, and to invite Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ebert and Chief Graham.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Council moved into executive session at 7:03pm.

Return to Regular Session

Council returned to regular session at 7:42pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions on the motion. There being none, the Mayor directed the Clerk to call the roll on the motion. Members of Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Artino, Tapp, Dike, Grieves, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of April 22, 2025, was adjourned at 7:42pm.


Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

Adopted: 13 MAY 2025

