

THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO
Proceedings of the Huron City Council
Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30pm

Call to Order

Mayor Monty Tapp called the regular Council meeting of August 25, 2026 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: **Sam Artino, William Biddlecombe, Monty Tapp, Mark Claus, Tom Harris and Joel Hagy**. Member absent: **Joe Dike**.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Claus to excuse the absence of Mr. Dike from this evening's meeting.

YEAS: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)

NAYS: None (0)

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

Staff in attendance: City Manager Stuart Hamilton, Law Director Todd Schrader, Finance Director Isaac Phillips, Police Chief Terry Graham, Fire Chief Kevin McGraw, Parks and Recreation Director Doug Steinwart, and Terri Welkener, Clerk of Council.

Approval of Minutes

None.

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.

Julie Dively, 316 Kiwanis Avenue, addressed Council regarding the Flock camera system. Ms. Dively acknowledged the Police Chief's recent newspaper article and public remarks on the topic, but stated her concerns remained unresolved. Her primary concern centered on the creation of a large national database that collects data on innocent residents alongside criminals. She noted that the contract with Flock Safety appears to allow for varying levels of data sharing—ranging from no sharing to full participation in a national database—and urged Council to review the contract terms closely. She characterized the company's data-gathering goals as distinct from the City's interests, and expressed concern about the privacy implications for residents of a small community where the same individuals are tracked repeatedly.

Spencer Ritter, 28 South Court, introduced himself as a lifelong Huron and Rye Beach resident and owner of two short-term rental properties in the Rye Beach neighborhood. He stated that after attending recent meetings, he was relieved to learn the underlying issues appeared to stem from absentee, out-of-town

owners rather than locally-engaged operators such as himself. Mr. Ritter expressed appreciation for Council's balanced approach to the matter, noting that a citation-based threshold for the "three strikes" policy helps protect responsible owners from complaints made in bad faith. He also expressed gratitude that the current moratorium does not affect existing license holders, calling it an important signal of good faith to investors in the City.

Old Business

Resolution No. 57-2026 (third and final reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Resolution No. 57-2026 (A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF HURON'S WITHDRAWAL OF ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE HURON JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 1995-16 ADOPTED ON JUNE 12, 1995 AND CERTIFYING SUCH WITHDRAWAL TO THE HURON JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT BOARD) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 57-2026 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Stuart Hamilton explained that upon passage, the City would submit a formal letter of resignation to the Huron Joint Recreation District. The Township would then vote on a similar withdrawal; if approved, HJRD would cease to exist. Manager Hamilton was careful to note that the decision was not a reflection of the District's leadership or operations, but rather of its organizational structure, which never allowed it to fully function as an independent district. The practical effect is that parks and recreation operations will continue as a City department, with the intention of retaining the same staff and leadership currently in place.

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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 57-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 58-2026 (third and final reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Resolution No. 58-2026 (A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND VESTING IN THE CITY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD THE AUTHORITY TO ADVISE CITY COUNCIL ON THE SUPERVISION, MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PARKS THAT ARE SITUATED WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 58-2026 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Parks & Recreation Director Doug Steinwart noted that this resolution represents the transition from the HJRD Board structure to a new Huron Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. He indicated that the bylaws were drafted, reviewed by legal counsel, and presented to the current HJRD Board. The board composition will consist of three members appointed by Council, one appointed by the Schools and one appointed by Township Trustees. Director Steinwart also recognized current HJRD Board Chair Mr. Solberg, who was present in the audience.

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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 58-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Claus to adopt the By-Laws of the City of Huron Parks & Recreation Advisory Board as included in the agenda packet.

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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the By-Laws of the City of Huron Parks & Recreation Advisory Board were adopted. A copy of the By-Laws is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit "A".

Ordinance No. 2026-21 (third and final reading)

Motion by Mr. Hagy that Ordinance No. 2026-21 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE TO BE PAID BY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2027 THROUGH DECEMBER 2027 FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY THE COSTS OF SAME TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE TAX DUPLICATE FOR COLLECTION WITH OTHER CITY TAXES IN 2027) 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: Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-21 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Finance Director Isaac Phillips reported that the City is nearing the end of its five-year contract with its solid waste provider. Through negotiations, the City secured a three-year optional extension resulting in a 9.5% reduction from the original contract rate, bringing the monthly per-can charge from \$28.00 down to \$26.00—a 4% reduction from the current year's rate. The new rate takes effect January 2027.

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, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-21 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect January 1, 2027.

Ordinance No. 2026-22 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Ordinance No. 2026-22 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 557 (GRASS, WEEDS AND VEGETATION) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed on its second 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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority of votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-22 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton summarized the ordinance as a modernization of the existing code. Rather than maintaining a City-specific list of what constitutes weeds and tall grass, the amended ordinance will defer to the State of Ohio's expert determinations, ensuring the City's definitions remain current automatically as the State updates its standards. Manager Hamilton noted this change was largely driven by residents wishing to plant native wheat varieties, which had previously been classified as weeds under the City's code.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There were none.

Ordinance No. 2026-24 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Claus that Ordinance No. 2026-24 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 385.01(a)(1) RULES; PERMIT AND FEES OF CHAPTER 385 SMALL BOAT MOORING HARBOR OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES) be placed on its second 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-24 was placed upon its second reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Director Steinwart explained that this is the second reading of proposed 2027 rate adjustments for seasonal dockage at the Huron Boat Basin. The City has historically reviewed dockage rates approximately every five years, though in recent cycles has shifted to a two-year review schedule to better align with rising operating, utility, maintenance, and repair costs. The proposed adjustments reflect modest increases: for resident slips, a \$40 increase for a 20-foot slip and a \$60 increase for a 30-foot slip; for non-resident slips, a \$40 increase for a 20-foot slip and a \$90 increase for a 30-foot slip.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There were none.

Resolution No. 66-2026 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Artino that Resolution No. 66-2026 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING SIDEWALK REPAIR AND/OR CONSTRUCTION CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) be placed on its second 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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, Resolution No. 66-2026 was placed upon its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Phillips noted that this resolution, along with Resolution No. 67-2026 (heard concurrently under Old Business), addresses unpaid invoices from the first cycle of sidewalk and tree maintenance work. The unpaid amounts are being certified as special assessments, broken out over four years with no interest added. The Erie County Auditor adds a 2% administrative fee for collection services.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There were none.

Resolution No. 67-2026 (second reading)

Motion by Mr. Hagy that Resolution No. 67-2026 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING TREE REMOVAL AND/OR MAINTENANCE CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) be placed on its second 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, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, Resolution No. 67-2026 was placed upon its second reading. The Assistant Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Phillips noted that this resolution, along with Resolution No. 66-2026 (heard concurrently under Old Business), addresses unpaid invoices from the first cycle of sidewalk and tree maintenance work. The unpaid amounts are being certified as special assessments, broken out over four years with no interest added. The Erie County Auditor adds a 2% administrative fee for collection services.

The Mayor asked if there were further questions. There were none.

New Business**Ordinance No. 2026-25**

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-25 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 23, 2025, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CASH TRANSFERS) 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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Ordinance No. 2026-25 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Finance Director Phillips described this ordinance as primarily a budgetary cleanup measure. Several line items are being reimbursed as a result of successful insurance claims and grants. The two areas representing genuine budget increases are both within the Fire Department: (1) overtime, attributed to high call volume and staffing challenges, and (2) maintenance expenses for new ambulance tires. Additional adjustments include the re-routing of parks funding directly through the General Fund now that the City is departing from HJRD, and the repayment of a \$25,000 advance made by the General Fund in 2025, made possible by proceeds from the sale of the ConAgra lot.

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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-25 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-18

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-18 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,590,000 TO PAY COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, PAVING, GRADING, DRAINING AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SOUTH MAIN STREET CORRIDOR IN THE CITY AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING CURBS, GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS, CONCRETE APRONS, STORM SEWERS, CATCH BASINS AND RELATED DRAINAGE FACILITIES, PARKING SPACES AND A MULTI-USE TRAIL, INSTALLING OR RELOCATING UTILITIES, AND REPLACING OR ADDING SIGNAGE, LIGHTING, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, HARDSCAPING AND LANDSCAPING, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, ALL AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-18 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Tapp to place Ordinance No. 2026-18 as an emergency measure.

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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-18 was placed as an emergency measure.

Finance Director Phillips explained that the decision to pursue a public bond sale—rather than a direct bank placement—was made after consultation with bond counsel. By combining this bond issuance with the Boat Basin bond (Ordinance No. 2026-26), the City can take advantage of both projects being tax-

exempt, improving the competitiveness and interest rate of the offering. The bond will carry a 20-year term, with anticipated interest rates between 4% and 5%. The \$1,590,000 figure represents the maximum authorized amount; actual borrowing is expected to be less.

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

YEAS: Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-18 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 68-2026

Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 68-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH K.E. MCCARTNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES RELATING TO SOUTH MAIN STREET STREETScape PROJECT (PID 118507) IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 62/100 (\$261,150.62)) 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: Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 68-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton reported that a Request for Qualifications was issued and five firms responded. K.E. McCartney scored highest and was selected for price negotiation, as is standard for an RFQ process. The resulting proposal of \$261,150.62 is considered a not-to-exceed amount; the City has converted all such service contracts to a time-and-materials basis, meaning the City will only be billed for services actually rendered. Manager Hamilton indicated the final cost is not expected to approach the maximum.

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

YEAS: Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 68-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-26

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-26 (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$800,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S BOAT BASIN AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING REPLACING FLOATING DOCKS AND DECKING AND CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED THERETO, DEMOLISHING EXISTING BOAT DOCKS AND RELATED APPURTENANCES, INSTALLING LIGHTING, SAFETY AND OTHER RELATED EQUIPMENT, AND IMPROVING THE ELECTRICAL AND OTHER UTILITY SYSTEMS, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, ALL AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-26 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Tapp to place Ordinance No. 2026-26 as an emergency measure.

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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-26 was placed as an emergency measure.

Finance Director Phillips explained that bids for the Boat Basin Dock Replacement Project came in higher than originally budgeted. The decision to bond this project in tandem with the South Main Street bond was driven by favorable tax-exempt status and projected cash flow constraints at the Boat Basin. The incremental annual debt payment increase attributable to adding this project is approximately \$10,000. City Manager Hamilton and Director Steinwart provided additional context on the scope of improvements, noting that modern boats draw significantly more electrical power than older ones and that the existing infrastructure is insufficient to meet current demand. The electrical service upgrade will bring in a 480-volt secondary intake, providing substantially greater capacity that could support future EV charging stations if warranted.

In response to a question from Councilmember Claus regarding planning for electric boat charging, Manager Hamilton confirmed that while the current pedestal installations are standard shore-power hookups rather than dedicated charging stations, the increased service capacity from First Energy would accommodate future charging infrastructure. Questions were also raised regarding the amperage of the

new pedestals and whether the replacement lighting would be consistent with the City's standard street lighting. Manager Hamilton also noted that a \$50,000 grant from the Erie County Conventions and Visitors Bureau (EPIC grant) and contributions from the streetlight fund will offset a portion of the costs.

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

YEAS: Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-26 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 69-2026

Motion by Mr. Claus that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 69-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO AWARD THE BASE BID AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHORELINE CONTRACTORS LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATING TO THE HURON BOAT BASIN FLOATING DOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 57/100 (\$750,814.57)) 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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 69-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Director Steinwart detailed the scope of the base bid, which covers the installation of new floating docks and concrete paver decking on B Pier (south side, adjacent to the yacht club) and H Pier (backing up to the river, for 32-foot docks). The contract includes all anchoring systems, gangways, and utility power pedestals. Five base bids were received and opened on July 15th; Shoreline Contractors LLC submitted the lowest and best bid. Director Steinwart also confirmed the project's grant funding totaling \$500,000: \$300,000 from the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) through ODNR, and \$200,000 from the one-time Strategic Community Investment Fund via House Bill 2. Construction is anticipated to begin after December 1st, with a completion deadline of April 1, 2027.

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: Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 69-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Ordinance No. 2026-27

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Ordinance No. 2026-27 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.01, TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP, AND CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 305.02, TRAFFIC CONTROL FILE, TO REFLECT: (1) REMOVAL OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 6 AND CENTER STREET; (2) TERMINATION OF JIM CAMPBELL BOULEVARD AT CENTER STREET CREATING A DEAD END; (3) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC NOT PERMITTED ON VAN RENSALAER STREET; (4) REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS RELATING TO THE US 6 PHASE II PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY) 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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-27 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Ordinance by its title only.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe to place Ordinance No. 2026-27 as an emergency measure.

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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-27 was placed as an emergency measure.

City Manager Hamilton described this ordinance as documentation catch-up for changes already made in connection with the US 6 Phase 2 project—recording all removed, installed, and modified traffic control elements. He noted that the ordinance covers only enforceable signs (speed, parking, etc.), not advisory signs, and that the primary purpose is to ensure all changes are properly codified to support enforcement by the Police Department.

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

YEAS: Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-27 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 70-2026

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 70-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE HURON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SERVICES OF THE HURON TOWNSHIP BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO EXERCISE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND ACCEPT AND APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND MAKE ALL NECESSARY INSPECTIONS UNDER THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL (ONE, TWO AND THREE-FAMILY) CODES OF OHIO WITHIN THE CITY OF HURON) 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: Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 70-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton described this as a five-year renewal of an existing service agreement. The terms are substantially the same as the prior agreement, with one substantive change: the cancellation notice period was extended from 60 days to six months on either side, reflecting the practical reality that setting up a building department requires considerable lead time.

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: Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 70-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 71-2026

Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 71-2026 (A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING OF INSPECTIONS OF PROPERTIES CITY-WIDE IN ANTICIPATION OF ENFORCEMENT OF SIDEWALK-RELATED ORDINANCES AND OHIO LAW RELATING TO SIDEWALKS) 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: Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 71-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton clarified that this resolution is distinct from the City's ongoing sidewalk repair program. It is an annual authorization that provides the legal framework—including required ORC notification periods, cost documentation, and assessment procedures—for the City to address sidewalk safety hazards on an as-needed basis throughout the year.

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: Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 71-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

Resolution No. 72-2026

Motion by Mr. Tapp that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 72-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TRES) TRANSFER FORM FROM THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL FOR TALLTOWN TRAILS LLC) 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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)
NAYS: None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 72-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton explained that this is a TRES request to bring a liquor license into the City for the former I-5s location at the Boat Basin. The applicant, Ms. Townsend, intends to use the license to attract a buyer for the property, with the business potentially being re-opened under the license in the interim if a sale does not occur promptly. Manager Hamilton indicated the new operation could generate approximately ten or more full-time positions. Ms. Townsend currently owns a bar in Sandusky that is currently expanding and disclosed that while she was not ready to commit to operating the property herself, she found the proposal promising and noted the boat basin renovations made the location increasingly attractive.

Councilmember Hagy inquired whether the City tracks how many liquor licenses it has issued relative to its population cap. Manager Hamilton confirmed that tracking is handled by the Ohio Division of Liquor Control rather than the City, and that TRES transfers are the mechanism the state uses to permit additional licenses for economic development purposes within jurisdictions that have reached their cap. Staff indicated they could research the City's current count if Council wished.

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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino, Biddlecombe (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 72-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

City Manager's Discussion

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

Donation — K-9 Fund: The Huron Historical Society made a \$200 cash donation to the Police Department's K-9 fund.

Motion

Motion by Mr. Tapp to accept the donation of \$200 to the K-9 Fund from the Huron Historical Society.

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, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe (7)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

South Main Street Streetscape Project: Construction is expected to begin the second week of September. City staff will distribute informational flyers to affected businesses and residents. The traffic management plan will maintain southbound traffic on Main Street throughout construction, while northbound traffic will be diverted via Bogart to Williams to Center Street. The project is anticipated to run through March of the following year due to the winter months.

Chapter 1133 — Off-Street Parking: A draft amendment was submitted to the Planning Commission on August 13th. The Commission had no recommended changes, and the amendment will be brought to Council for consideration. The amendment relates to hardscaping standards on public parking areas.

Short-Term Rental Moratorium: City Manager Hamilton reminded Council and the public that under the moratorium enacted with Ordinance No. 2026-23, existing license holders may continue to renew and operate, and license transfers remain permissible. Individuals on the waiting list will remain on it but may not pull an available license until the moratorium review is complete. No new additions to the waiting list will be accepted during the moratorium period. Manager Hamilton noted he has received many calls from short-term rental owners seeking to be heard and confirmed that the review process will be fully transparent with all stakeholders included.

Board of Zoning Appeals: One vacancy remains on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested residents were encouraged to contact the Clerk of Council at 419-433-5000, extension 1102.

Parks & Recreation — Picnic Table Grant: The City was awarded \$9,606.50 from the Erie County Solid Waste District Recycle Materials Grant. Funds will be used to purchase six new picnic tables for the Boat Basin shelters, to be assembled and installed in the fall.

Parks & Recreation — EPIC Grant: The City was awarded \$50,000 from the Erie County Conventions and Visitors Bureau to be used toward replacement of lights and poles around the Boat Basin area. Remaining funding will be drawn from the bond proceeds and the Streetlight Fund.

Recreation Programs: Registration remains open for the Fall Golf Skills Academy (ages 10–17) at Sawmill Creek Golf Course, beginning September 13th. Fall ball leagues have begun at Fabens Park and will run through Saturdays and Sundays until September 20th.

Fire Department: School safety inspections have been completed by the Fire Department, and all buildings are ready for students. Run volume continues to be high. Fire crews will be conducting marine training along the lakeshore this month, using boats to supply engines and ladders with water; residents were asked not to be alarmed by this activity. The Fire Department is also in the development phase of a smoke detector program in partnership with the local Red Cross, with more details to follow.

Water Department: Staff is evaluating replacement of the waterline on Lincoln and Washington Streets, where four main breaks occurred last year. The City is pursuing an OPWC loan-grant combination for a project in the approximately \$500,000 range.

West Side Water Tower: The tank ball has been raised. Crews will proceed with installing the roof, safety features, and interior components. The project has approximately one year of work remaining.

Service Department: Quotes have been solicited from local contractors for Riverside Drive improvements, with a walk-through completed and pricing expected back by September 1st. The decision to proceed will depend on pricing.

ConAgra Seawall Revetment Project: The project is out to bid, with a pre-bid walk-through completed and bids due September 7th at 2:00 PM.

Upcoming September Meetings:

- Utilities Committee — September 2, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting — September 8, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers
- BZA Meeting — September 14, 5:30 PM, Council Chambers
- Planning Commission — September 16, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers
- City Council Meeting — September 22, 6:30 PM, Council Chambers

NOTE: City offices closed September 7th in observance of Labor Day

Mayor's Discussion

Mayor Tapp thanked the audience members who addressed Council, including Ms. Dively, Mr. Ritter, and Jami Tallman-Townsend. He noted that while he was not present at the prior meeting regarding the Flock camera system, he has since met with the Police Chief to better understand the program and intends to continue learning about it. Mayor Tapp also expressed appreciation to the Huron Historical Society for

their K-9 Fund donation and commented that he looks forward to the revitalization of the former I-5s location. He acknowledged the significance of the West Side Water Tower project, noting the scope of the undertaking. With respect to short-term rentals, Mayor Tapp assured the public that considerable work is being conducted behind the scenes by the law department and staff, that residents on all sides of the issue will be involved, and that work sessions will be open to the public.

For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Hagy thanked those who attended and noted the rarity of members of the public coming to express appreciation for the Council's work. He also offered his condolences to the Ward family and the Phillips family, noting the recent passing of Betty Ward and Rita Phillips, both long-time Huron residents. Mrs. Ward was noted for her longtime involvement in the school booster club.

Councilmember Harris had no additional comments.

Councilmember Claus echoed appreciation for public attendance and reiterated his desire to move the short-term rental review process forward as quickly as possible. He emphasized the importance of scheduling work sessions soon and noted that the moratorium was enacted to allow for a comprehensive policy review.

Vice-Mayor Biddlecombe thanked the audience and those watching at home, as well as City staff. He announced upcoming Huron Tiger home athletic events: Boys Golf on August 31st and September 2nd; Girls Tennis on August 26th and 31st; Volleyball on September 3rd; and the first home football game on Friday, August 28th against Hopewell-Loudon, followed by an away game at Genoa on September 4th.

Councilmember Artino thanked those in attendance and expressed his anticipation of seeing them at future meetings.

Executive Session

None.

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, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Artino (6)

NAYS: None (0)

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of August 25, 2026, was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Adopted: _____

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Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council