

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30pm**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Monty Tapp called the regular Council meeting of September 8, 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: **Joe Dike, Sam Artino, William Biddlecombe, Monty Tapp, Mark Claus, Tom Harris and Joel Hagy.**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 regular Council meeting, 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, Artino, Biddlecombe, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)**  
**ABSTAIN:       Tapp (1)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Dike to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2026 regular Council meeting, 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:           Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy (6)**  
**ABSTAIN:       Dike (1)**  
**NAYS:           None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed.

**Presentation**

Jennifer Buch, Executive Director of the Huron Public Library, presented an update on library activity, programming, and planning. She reported that the summer reading program concluded in July with participation from 300 children, 35 teens, and 128 adults.

Ms. Buch outlined upcoming fall programming, including Tech Talks, digital safety programs, an AI tools program for small business, Google Internet Safety for Kids, an Ohio 250 program on the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a puzzle swap, a mini fall festival, the Friends of the Huron Public Library book sale, a dine-to-donate fundraiser, and a historical program concerning Aaron Burr's letter to Alexander Hamilton.

She also reported that the library was in the survey stage of its next strategic plan and encouraged all residents, including non-users of the library, to complete the survey. She noted that the children's area renovation had been completed in 2024 and advised that a renovation of the adult and AV area was planned for 2027, including carpet, paint, and reconfiguration of spaces for collaboration. She concluded by inviting the public to continue using the library's services and facilities.

**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.

Karen Newman, a Bellevue resident and Huron property owner, addressed Council regarding townhouse units she owns on Cleveland Road. She stated that the 16-unit property currently uses individual trash barrels, which she said were insufficient and contributing to rodent problems. She requested the ability to use two dumpsters similar to surrounding properties and said she had been advised to bring the matter before Council because of the City's refuse contract. The Mayor referred the matter to City Manager Stuart Hamilton for follow-up.

A second speaker, identified in the transcript as Julie Dively of 316 Kiwanis Avenue, again spoke regarding flock camera technology. She acknowledged changes made since her prior appearance, specifically reduction of data retention from 30 days to 7 days and limiting data sharing to within Ohio rather than nationwide. While she appreciated those changes, she continued to oppose the program on privacy grounds, arguing that it amounted to surveillance without a warrant or probable cause and that residents were being monitored despite being innocent. She also raised concerns about storage of data on Amazon Web Services and cited Dayton's experience with the cameras, including outside searches related to immigration and the later discontinuation of the program there. She urged Council to continue scrutinizing the issue.

**Old Business****Amended Ordinance No. 2026-21**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Amended Ordinance No. 2026-21 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-21 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 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

Finance Director Isaac Phillips explained that the amendment corrected an error in Section 1, clarifying that the rate was \$312 per year, equivalent to \$26 per month, rather than \$312 per month as previously stated.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy to place Amended Ordinance No. 2026-21 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: Hagy, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the motion passed and Amended Ordinance No. 2026-21 was placed as an emergency measure.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

**Ordinance No. 2026-22 (third and final 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 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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

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

City Manager Stuart Hamilton explained that the amendment removed the city's own specifications from the codified ordinances and instead relied on the State of Ohio's definitions to determine what constitutes a weed. In response to a Council question, he stated that the applicable State resources could be referenced and also commented that image-identification tools could help identify vegetation, though the ordinance itself would now rely on the state standard.

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, Dike (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority of votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-22 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in 30 days.

**Ordinance No. 2026-24 (third and final)**

**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 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

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

Doug Steinwart explained that the legislation would increase the proposed 2027 seasonal dockage rates at the Huron Boat Basin. He said the city had historically reviewed marina rates every five years but had moved to a two-year review cycle due to continuing increases in operating costs, utilities, and other ongoing expenditures. He gave an example that a resident 20-foot slip would see a \$40 increase.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority of votes in favor, Ordinance No. 2026-24 was adopted. The Ordinance as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect in 30 days.

**Resolution No. 66-2026 (third and final 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 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, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Dike (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 66-2026 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Isaac Phillips explained that the resolution completed the current wave of sidewalk repairs and tree maintenance assessments by certifying unpaid sidewalk repair and/or construction charges to the Erie County Auditor. He stated that no interest would be added and that affected property owners would have four years to repay the amounts.

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, Dike (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 66-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution No. 67-2026 (third and final 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 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 67-2026 was placed upon its third and final reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Phillips explained that the resolution certifies unpaid tree maintenance charges to the Erie County Auditor. He stated that no interest would be added and that the affected property owners would have four years to repay the amounts.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 67-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution No. 75-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 75-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PAY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 82/100 DOLLARS (\$62,835.82) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026) 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, Resolution No. 75-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Service Manager Jackson Schaefer explained that the resolution authorized payment of the annual Ohio Department of Transportation invoice for maintenance of the approximately two-mile section of State Route 2 through the city. He stated that the amount, \$62,835.82, was an 8.7% reduction from the prior year and covered mowing, salting, bridge deicing, ditch maintenance, and related work. He noted that this is a routine annual, budgeted expense.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 75-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 78-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 78-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) PROGRAM YEAR 41 FOR A GRANT AND/OR LOAN RELATING TO THE LINCOLN &**

**WASHINGTON AVENUES WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT AND/OR LOAN AWARD IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00), 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: Hagy, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 78-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Schaefer presented the resolution authorizing an OPWC application for the Lincoln and Washington Avenues watermain replacement project, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. He said staff identified Lincoln and Washington as the city's worst area for water main breaks. The current cast iron water main dates to 1948, is well beyond its useful life, and experienced numerous breaks, including two in January. He stated that the resolution would authorize the city to apply for and, if successful, accept the grant and/or loan.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 78-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 79-2026**

Before consideration, the record reflected Councilmembers Tom Harris and Vice-Mayor William Biddlecombe recusing themselves, with both stepping out of Council Chambers during consideration of this legislation.

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 79-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ERIE BLACKTOP INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES RELATING TO THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE PAVING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN AND 80/100 DOLLARS (\$187,810.80)) 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, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus (5)  
**RECUSE:** Biddlecombe, Harris (2)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 79-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Schaefer explained that the resolution authorized an agreement with Erie Blacktop Inc. for the Riverside Drive paving project in an amount not to exceed \$187,810.80. He described the work as a two-inch grind and replacement of the asphalt surface course. He stated the road had long been recognized as a poor condition street and that the project had been delayed by other city priorities. He explained that quote requests were sent to three larger paving contractors and a walkthrough was held to ensure comparable pricing, but only Erie Blacktop responded. Erie Blacktop proposed using D.L. Smith as a subcontractor for catch basin, stormwater, and concrete work. He stated the project was budgeted in the paving program.

In response to Councilmember Hagy, City Manager Hamilton confirmed that Riverside Drive ranked as the worst road in the city's pavement condition rating program and that the city had delayed other street work this year until it better understood the impact of other major projects on available funds.

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, Dike, Artino, Tapp, Claus (5)  
**RECUSE:** Biddlecombe, Harris (2)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 79-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 73-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 73-2026 (A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR) 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, Dike, Artino (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 73-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Finance Director Isaac Phillips explained that the resolution followed the city's July tax budget hearing and the August presentation to the Erie County Budget Commission. He said the county's certification was summarized in the materials and reflected a property tax certification approximately \$54,000 lower than submitted, offset by approximately \$23,000 more in local government support, for a net difference of roughly \$30,000. He said this variance aligned with expectations and did not require significant budget adjustments.

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, Dike, Artino (7)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 73-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 74-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Artino that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 74-2026 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING MOWING CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) 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, Dike (7)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 74-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton explained that the resolution covered the city's quarterly mowing certifications and involved a single property in the amount of \$720 to be assessed on the next year's taxes.

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, Dike (7)

**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 74-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 76-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Biddlecombe that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 76-2026 (A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING DELINQUENT WATER CHARGES TO THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR COLLECTION) 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, Dike, Artino (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 76-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Mr. Phillips stated that the resolution would certify one delinquent water account totaling \$76.32 for special assessment collection the following 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: Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Dike, Artino (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 76-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

#### **Resolution No. 77-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Harris that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 77-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FROM SEL ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. FOR NEW CONTROL/MONITORING PANEL HARDWARE DESIGN DRAWINGS RELATING TO THE HURON PUBLIC POWER EXPANSION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FORTY-THREE AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$17,043.00), BRINGING THE AGGREGATE CONTRACT AMOUNT TO ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 35/100 DOLLARS (\$146,661.35)) 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 77-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

City Manager Hamilton explained that Change Order No. 1 from SEL Engineering Services related to the Huron Public Power Expansion Project. He said that after the original authorization in April for SEL to install and configure the "brains" of the third transformer project, project meetings revealed that the city's existing system documentation did not accurately reflect field conditions. The change order would authorize SEL to document the existing system as it actually exists and provide updated drawings, bringing the total contract amount to \$146,661.35.

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:** Harris, Hagy, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 77-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Resolution No. 80-2026**

**Motion by Mr. Hagy that the three-reading rule be waived and Resolution No. 80-2026 (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FROM LANDMARK STRUCTURES FOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADES AND LOGO PAINTING RELATING TO THE 2.0 MG ELEVATED WATER TANK PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND XX/100 DOLLARS (\$86,617.00)) 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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being five or more votes in favor, the three-reading rule was waived, and Resolution No. 80-2026 was placed upon its first reading. The Law Director read the Resolution by its title only.

Water Superintendent Jack Evans explained that Change Order No. 2 for the 2.0 MG Elevated Water Tank Project had two components. First, it included additional cost for logo painting because the city had agreed to install Ardagh's logo on the tower in exchange for land donation, and the difference reflected additional colors, design, and installation. Second, it upgraded the project from single-phase to three-phase power. Mr. Evans explained that aside from lighting and a heated room, the tower includes a mixer and blower system to combat disinfection by products caused by water age and chlorine breakdown. He said the tower design had been near capacity for single-phase power, and the upgrade would better position the city for future regulatory requirements and avoid more expensive retrofits later. He added that the change order was covered under the city's 0% OWDA loan and remained within contingency allowances.

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, Dike, Artino, Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris (7)  
**NAYS:** None (0)

There being a majority in favor, Resolution No. 80-2026 was adopted. The Resolution as adopted was signed by the Mayor and Clerk of Council and will take effect immediately.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp appointing Michael Ineson to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending on December 31, 2029.**

Mayor Tapp 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 and Mr. Ineson was appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2029.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Artino to set a public hearing on the amendment of Chapter 1133 (Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations) to delete Appendix A (Buffer Yard Requirements) in its entirety, and to amend and restate Section 1133.16 (Improvement and Maintenance Standards) for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm, immediately preceding the regularly scheduled Council meeting.**

Mayor Tapp 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, Dike (7)**  
**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor, the motion passed and the public hearing was set for Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm.

**City Manager's Discussion**

The City Manager spoke on several topics:

**Donation —Huron Fire Department:** Bernard Ashyk made a \$5,000 cash donation to the Huron Fire Department.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp to accept the donation of \$5,000 to the Huron Fire Department by Bernard Ashyk.**

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.

**Donation — Huron Police Department:** Bernard Ashyk made a \$5,000 cash donation to the Police Department, which will deposited to the K-9 Fund.

**Motion**

**Motion by Mr. Tapp to accept the donation of \$5,000 to the Huron Police Department by Bernard Ashyk.**

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.

Mr. Hamilton then provided project and departmental updates. Regarding the ConAgra development, he reported that bids had been received for the seawall project and that Shoreline Construction was the apparent low bidder at \$3.2 million, approximately \$2 million less than anticipated. He said bids were still under review and that the development contractors had mobilized and would begin environmental remediation and utility work.

For the South Main Street Streetscape Project, he advised that initial work would begin in small stages and that Main Street from Route 6 to Bogart Road was expected to close on September 21. He said traffic for business owners, deliveries, and operations would be maintained and that staff had been working directly with businesses on customer access plans. He further advised that ODOT was expected to close portions of Rye Beach Road at about the same time, creating multiple detours.

Mr. Hamilton noted that new street lights on the Route 6 project had been installed and illuminated, with only minor issues remaining. He announced a September 22 work session on the Lake Shore Electric Trail connector and the Jim Campbell Blvd./high school crosswalk project to share plans and receive public input.

He gave an update on transient rental regulations, explaining that because of the recently adopted moratorium, the city would process only renewals and transfers, would not accept waiting list applications, and would not issue new certificates during the moratorium. He said meetings were scheduled with transient rental owners to obtain operational feedback and that staff hoped to hold a work session at the first meeting in October. He also explained a code interpretation issue: transient rental regulations are located in the building code section, not the zoning code, and certain state building code spacing requirements apply when constructing or structurally altering a transient rental structure, but not merely when converting an existing residence without structural changes.

For Parks & Recreation, he reported that both the city and Huron Township had formally withdrawn from the Huron Joint Recreation District and that the newly established Huron Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would begin meeting in November. He also noted that registration remained open for the fall golf skills academy.

In safety services, he reported that the fire promotional process was beginning, with written tests and assessments scheduled, and that two firefighter-paramedic positions would open as a result of promotions. He also stated that the Fire Department had logged its fourth consecutive month with more

than 200 calls for service and was running approximately 160 calls ahead of the prior year. Residents were advised not to be alarmed by training activity along the lakeshore.

For the Water Department, he reported that Huron would host a Lake Erie Water Plant Committee meeting in November, bringing regional water utility professionals for technical training and a plant tour. He also announced an opening for a water plant operator/day-shift maintenance position.

Regarding Huron Public Power, he said an outage was planned for Saturday, September 26, to connect switchgear and energize the third transformer.

He also reported approving a request from the Friends of the Huron Public Library to place a 2-foot by 3-foot sign in the median for the October 7–10 book sale.

Finally, he reviewed upcoming meetings: Board of Zoning Appeals on September 14, Planning Commission on September 16, a work session on September 22, and the next Council meeting on September 22.

During questions, Councilmember Hagy asked whether the \$3.2 million seawall figure represented the full construction cost; Mr. Hamilton said it did. Councilmember Hagy also asked about the Lake Shore Electric Trail connector and whether work would affect existing trail segments; Mr. Hamilton responded that the work was for the west-end connector only. He further asked whether the quiet zone estimate included the Main Street crossing complications, and Mr. Hamilton responded that the estimate contemplated more expensive four-gate crossing improvements there.

Vice-Mayor Biddlecombe raised continuing concerns from parents and coaches regarding e-bike use by older students. Mr. Hamilton responded that enforcement is most effective when violations are reported in real time to dispatch or the police department, because reports made after the fact generally do not allow officers to identify the rider. He also noted that broader state-level regulation may ultimately be needed to avoid a patchwork of differing local rules.

Council then discussed the railroad quiet zone. Councilmember Dike asked that the city revisit the issue and explore possible action. Mr. Hamilton explained that an updated quiet zone study had been prepared about two years earlier with an estimated cost of about \$1 million, but the project was tabled when the income tax levy failed and other projects were also deferred. He said funding options might include renewed discussions with Norfolk Southern regarding closing the Williams Street crossing, possible Township participation, grants, or a levy, but he cautioned that special assessments are legally complicated. After discussion, Council directed the City Manager to conduct due diligence on potential funding opportunities and return to Council before any money was spent.

Councilmember Dike also raised concerns about circulation problems at the Showboat property parking area and asked that options be considered for a turnaround. Mr. Hamilton replied that staff had already been reviewing drainage and subsurface issues there and had recently met to consider improvements, including a possible turnaround at the north end, though further geotechnical work would likely be necessary.

Councilmember Dike additionally raised the concept of extending public access from the Showboat property to Harbor House. Mr. Hamilton responded that such a connection would be desirable but would be a longer-term and more complex project involving permitting, private property considerations, and

substantial cost. He said the ConAgra TIF area might eventually provide a possible funding source for some related improvements once other priorities were addressed. The Mayor added that Council had discussed the "sidewalk to nowhere" issue before and that grant opportunities related to public access might be worth investigating.

#### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Tapp thanked Jennifer Buch for the library presentation, the audience speakers for attending and speaking, Bernard Ashyk for the donations, and Michael Ineson for agreeing to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He commented that the city had been trying to fill that position for some time.

He also remarked that it was encouraging to see equipment on site for the ConAgra project after considerable planning work. He noted that city staff had contact information available for individuals interested in purchasing or receiving information about the development. He further commented favorably on the lighting improvements at the roundabout and closed by expressing condolences to the Esposito family following a recent death of a longtime Huron resident.

#### **For the Good of the Order**

Councilmembers offered closing remarks. Several thanked Michael Ineson for volunteering, thanked residents for attending and providing comments, and thanked Bernard Ashik for his support of the Police and Fire Departments. Multiple members also expressed condolences to the Esposito family.

Vice-Mayor Biddlecombe additionally announced the next Board of Education meeting and reviewed upcoming home athletic events, encouraging public support for local student athletes.

#### **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:

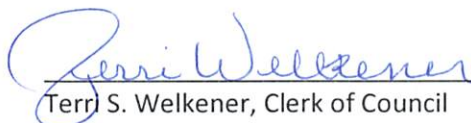
**YEAS: Biddlecombe, Tapp, Claus, Harris, Hagy, Dike, Artino (7)**

**NAYS: None (0)**

There being a majority in favor of the motion, the regular Council meeting of September 8, 2026, was adjourned at 7:45pm.

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Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Terri S. Welkener, Clerk of Council

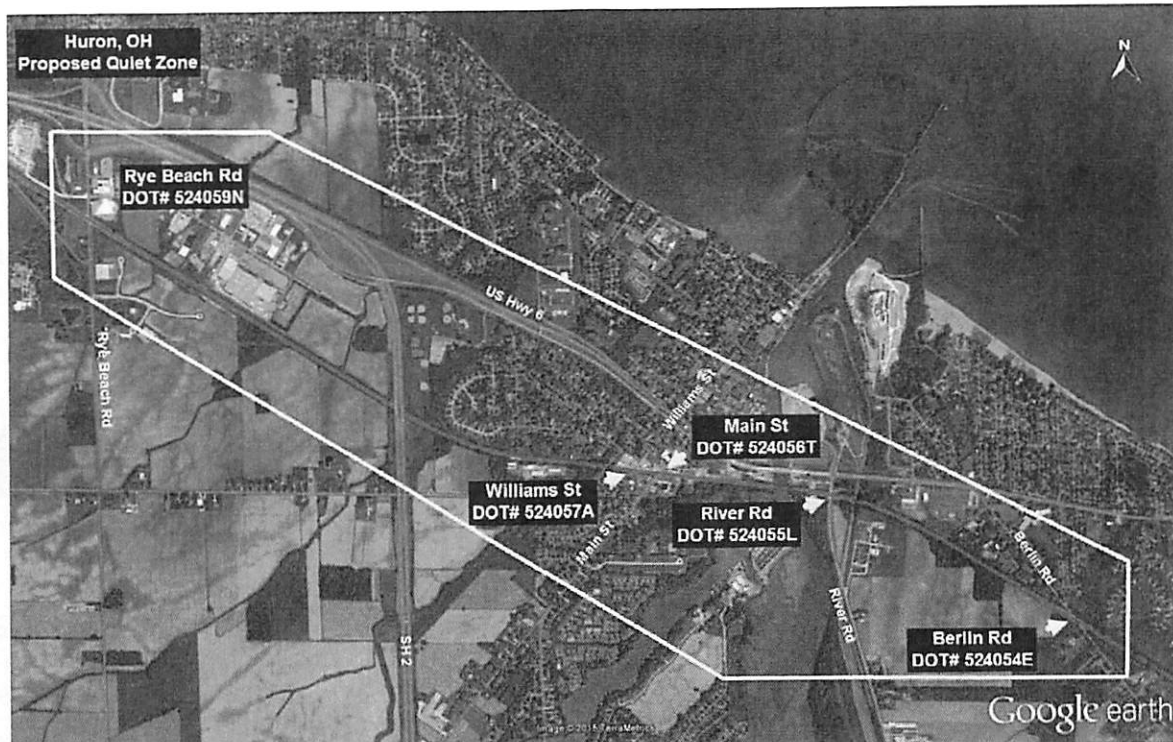


Figure 1. Overall View of Proposed Quiet Zone

The limits of the proposed quiet zone will extend from MP 230.87 to MP 234.49 for an actual quiet zone length of 3.62 miles. However, due to the location of adjacent crossings within the corridor, the effective length of the proposed quiet zone will be significantly longer. The closest highway-rail grade crossing west of the proposed quiet zone is US 6 at MP 235.00. The closest highway-rail grade crossing east of the proposed quiet zone is SR 61 at MP 228.62. As a result, the effective length of the proposed quiet zone will be approximately 5.88 miles.

## Summary of Quiet Zone Safety Improvement Options

CTC conducted a field review of the grade crossings within the proposed Huron quiet zone on the afternoon of July 7, 2015. The purpose of the review was to evaluate proposed crossings for basic quiet zone requirements and review quiet zone concepts with Agency representatives in preparation for the agency team meeting and future diagnostic meeting with the Railroad and the FRA. Options available to the Agency for the creation of the quiet zone were presented after the field evaluation. Factors considered in the evaluation were safety, compliance with the FRA rules, public acceptance and budgetary constraints for the implementation of the proposed quiet zone.

As recommended in 49 CFR 222, Appendix F the crossings proposed for inclusion in a quiet zone should be reviewed in the field by a diagnostic team composed of railroad personnel, public

## Proposed Quiet Zone Corridor

The Agency is interested in determining the improvements required and the approximate cost to create a new quiet zone along Norfolk Southern Railroad, Dearborn Subdivision located near the downtown area of Huron, Ohio. The proposed quiet zone corridor is shown in Figure 1. The Railroad runs approximately 96 trains per day at speeds up to 69 mph on this subdivision through the city of Huron, Ohio. The highway-rail grade crossings that were evaluated are described in the table below.

Table 1. Proposed Quiet Zone Crossings

| Street or Road Name | DOT No. | Railroad Milepost (MP) | Subdivision | Nearest Parallel Street |
|---------------------|---------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Berlin Road         | 524054E | 231.12                 | Dearborn    | Cleveland Rd/SH6        |
| River Road          | 524055L | 231.92                 | Dearborn    | Cleveland Rd/SH6        |
| Main Street         | 524056T | 232.42                 | Dearborn    | Jefferson St            |
| Williams Street     | 524057A | 232.50                 | Dearborn    | Bogart Rd               |
| Rye Beach Road      | 524059N | 234.24                 | Dearborn    | Sawmill Parkway         |

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From the Desk Of

**WALTER R. JOHNSON JR**

For God and Country

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Dear Andy:

Congrats on all the good things  
happening in our Fair Community,  
including the Mucci & Marabina  
farms.

Perhaps you, the Council with some  
help from the Township Trustees and  
State and/or Fedz could take some of  
the new revenue and apply it to  
the badly needed "train queue/  
Safety zone".

It would benefit everyone  
and can save some lives, obviously  
with the amount of train traffic the  
2 gate system w/horns is inadequate,  
and we need a 4 gate system.  
(no need for horns).

Regards

Walt

Copy to Nelson Township Trustees



SOUTH ST

CITY-OWNED  
PROPERTY FOR  
FLEXIBLE USE

LAKE  
ERIE

PARK ST

LAKE  
PARK

TOWNHOME  
INFILL

CROSSWA  
IMPROVEM

CENTER ST

SHARED-USE  
TRAIL

ON-STREE

COMMERCIAL  
INFILL

OFF-STREET  
PARKING L

WALL ST

TOWNHOM

TURNAROU

RE-CONFIG  
PARKING L

MAIN ST

SHARED-USE  
TRAIL

COMMERCIAL  
INFILL

PUBLIC  
ACCESS TO  
BOARDWALK

CONTINUOUS PUBLIC  
BOARDWALK

ENHANCED PUBLIC WATERFRONT PARK  
(TO BE STUDIED IN FUTURE LAKEFRONT  
GREEN SPACE PROJECT)

## MAIN STREET/SHOWBOAT CONCEPT

The Main Street/Showboat Property concept focuses on revitalizing a popular area in Huron to enhance its functionality, aesthetic appeal, and community accessibility. Below is the concept that survey respondents reacted to in the survey.

