



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
July 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Bhuwan Pyakurel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION - Pastor Matthew Stephens of Vineyard Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill
ABSENT:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2026

The regular meeting minutes of June 22, 2026, were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Councilmember Baker arrived at 6:46pm.

**Sandra Coates
7245 Saratoga Ave**

Ms. Coates stated that she had attended Council to express her concerns about Flock safety. She explained that Flock likely violates the fourth amendment and cases that set precedent include Carpenter vs United States, Berger vs New York, and Chatrue vs United States. Flock group has several documented vulnerabilities that have been acknowledged by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Some of these vulnerabilities have been classified as critical, but Flock has failed to rectify them. Representatives have called for an FTC investigation into Flock safety after these

vulnerabilities went public last year, and it was discovered that people could access some of these cameras on a commercial web browser without a password and login credentials were discovered for sale through Russian forums, posing a major security risk. Later throughout the meeting, the Reynoldsburg Police Chief will be giving a presentation on the uses and benefits of the Flock system and how steps have been taken to prevent misuse and overreach. Columbus and Dayton said the same thing before it was discovered that Flock was sharing information with immigration authorities. The ACLU has even found in some cases that the contractual terms allowed them to share data with federal agencies. There have also been instances where individuals were detained and even attacked by K9 officers based on incorrect hits on the Flock system. There have been cases in this past month alone in Wisconsin, Georgia, Florida, and Texas where officers have misused Flock for their own personal needs. She clarified that this is not an attack on police officers as a whole, just those who misuse their power and access to confidential information for their own personal gain. As for Flock, they have shown that they cannot be trusted as a company. She thanked Council for their time.

Roger Gauthier
334 Pathfinder Dr

Mr. Gauthier started by thanking Council for recognizing the Reynoldsburg Special Olympics team and their accomplishments. He stated that he wanted to double down on the statement that the fourth amendment grants citizens protection from unlawful search and seizure without a warrant. There have been many interpretations of this over the years, recently the case *Chatrie vs United States* stated that police departments are supposed to obtain a warrant to track cellphone location data. He claims that Flock surveillance is unconstitutional given the fourth amendment and there's a growing consensus among courts and citizens that this surveillance state is highly unpopular and unconstitutional. He stated that just within the last few weeks, Cleveland PD and the LAPD have ended their contract with Flock. Mr. Gauthier stated that Flock does not prevent crime, rather investing in things like youth programs and addressing people's needs does decrease crime. Major cities like Baltimore and New York City have seen decreases in crime after investing in things like job programs, local schools, community buildings, libraries, and public transportation. He challenged Council to find any data that supports Flock cameras being able to achieve such results. He believes that Flock is wasteful and a misunderstanding of the desperation that causes crime. His final claim is that Flock is overwhelmingly misused and will continue to be without local intervention. A third-party for-profit organization cannot be trusted to prioritize the safety and security of citizens over their own profit. Flock thrives off of expansion and cutting corners and will continue to do so until they are held accountable. Flock has been used to stalk citizens, has misread license plates, and the wrong people being stopped and harassed. He believes that the Council is acting in good faith and has love for their City but he cannot stress enough that participation in



Flock is a waste of money and stands in line with growing state violence, repression, and breach of the Bill of Rights. He thanked Council for their time.

Kevin Deskins
221 Deertrailer Rd

Mr. Deskins stated that he has attempted to contact each Councilmember to discuss the topic of Flock cameras with logic and reason but has been ignored. He asked that Council do the jobs they were voted into office to do. He explained that it is his civic duty to remind Council that they work for the residents. Mr. Deskins stated that the Flock cameras need to be removed. Two years ago, Council gave the Mayor authorization to enter into a contract for \$250,000 for these Flock cameras that are in violation of the fourth amendment. He claims that the police watch and search for us unconstitutionally and without warrants. He knows this because he threatened court action against the City to get the police department to give data showing a list of the department's warrantless searches within an unconstitutional system. He thanked Attorney Shook for his help in this issue and recommended that the police department be trained on how to fulfill their legal responsibilities. He claimed that in a phone call, Councilmember Salvati stated that he has bigger fish to fry than fourth amendment rights. Mr. Deskins stated that he does not care about his opinion or the other Councilmember's opinions. He stated that each of them has an email outlining how these cameras are unconstitutional and plans to continue showing up to meetings and discussing this until the issue is resolved. He stated that there are over 60 cities that have already removed or limited Flock capabilities, so he is shocked that Council is doing nothing about this issue.

Email Comment
Vincent Coleman

I'm writing on behalf of Columbus REALTORS®, the voice of real estate in central Ohio. A large part of our advocacy is protecting consumers' rights and property rights. We appreciate council and the city attorney's efforts to reign in on bad actors as it relates to those who own and manage short-term rentals through an ordinance to establish Section 705. While we agree that there should be accountability for negligent owners of rental properties, we are concerned that the 3-day minimum stay is too limiting.

The Columbus region, specifically Reynoldsburg, is a growing area. Not just in population but in investments in the community, its schools, and in local businesses. The central Ohio region is home to close to 15 universities, over two dozen hospital systems, multiple festivals and events, such as the Tomato festival, and much more. Reynoldsburg, as the heart of central Ohio and close to all that the region has to offer, is a prime location which attracts visitors who spend money at restaurants, shops, entertainment venues, and other small businesses throughout the community.

To mandate that a minimum stay of three days is too limiting, and we would advocate for a minimum stay of two-days as it is a relatively modest restriction that seeks to balance economic benefits with neighborhood livability. Responsible short-term rentals are a valuable tool for economic development, bringing visitors whose spending benefits local businesses and the broader community.

We would urge that the City Attorney and members of City Council revisit this provision and I would be happy to answer any questions you all may have before you take this up for consideration during Monday's meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Begeny gave a shout out to the entire Reynoldsburg community, especially the parks and recreation, communication and events staff, RPD, and Truro Township Fire Department for an amazing July 4th celebration. He stated that the event went very well and the wristband implementation went smoothly. They still have many events coming up, like food truck Friday, concerts on the lawn, and the Tomato Festival later this summer.

Waggoner Road will be opening July 14 and landscaping work will most likely begin in the fall.

Presentation Regarding Flock Cameras

Mayor Begeny stated that his highest priority has always been the safety of the residents. In 2022, a new technology was presented to him that we now know as Flock cameras. Initially designed on the existing technology that would read the license plates of cars that pass it and if the car had been reported stolen or there was an active warrant for the license owner of that car, RPD would be notified and, hopefully, apprehend it. Intrigued by the potential, but also cautious as to the impact of privacy on residents, we engaged in a 30-day trial period to see if Flock would deliver on its promises.

Within the first 30 days, the Reynoldsburg Police Department, and at the height of the stolen car epidemic, 27 stolen cars were recovered within those first 30 days. While impressive, there were still concerns about Flock that needed to be addressed. Deputy Chief Binder established a policy that seemed to satisfy some of the concerns, including who had accessed and how those things were tracked. Nationwide access was denied by RPD because they did not feel as though it was beneficial from a law enforcement point of view and many other directives were implemented at that time as well. Flock information was presented openly to City Council, talked about in a number of occasions, including on the 12:00 o'clock show, numerous times during the State of the City, and things of that nature. It was



open for any and all to discuss over the past few years. Other benefits of Flock have become apparent as car thefts declined. The successes were directly attributed to the use of Flock by RPD as well as the Franklin County Court System.

Until recently, there has been little or no opposition to Flock. As demonstrated over the past few Council meetings, residents have done exactly what they are supposed to do in a democracy. They spoke out about items that were brought up, including internal misuse of Flock, external misuse of Flock, use of Flock by outside agencies, specifically by anything related to ICE or agencies targeting Reproductive Rights. Based on the concerns of the residents, the City looked into the issues and what we found was, as expected by some, of great concern. Without the residents bringing up their concerns here and throughout the nation, it may have taken much more time for Flock to make adjustments. Despite the City's request to limit access to outside agencies, it appears that sometime in 2023 after the initial operations began, nationwide access was restored which included outside agencies. Once they were made aware of this issue in April of this year, that access has now been shut down. Flock stated that this was a national issue and not one specific to our community. They were able to limit agency access to agencies outside of Ohio but will now be limiting it more to only access to the Columbus metro area. If an outside agency is investigating criminal activity, they can work it through RPD's system and within our framework.

Mayor Begeny stated that we cannot prevent bad actors 100% of the time. What we can and must do is establish rules and the severest of consequences for those that violate the trust that they have been given. We are referring potential policy violations by officers within the Reynoldsburg Police Department to BCI for an independent investigation and in a few moments Chief Curtis Baker will provide additional details of existing policy related to Flock as well as some success stories.

Moving forward, we will continue to hold Flock accountable. We do have a contract with them that establishes who we feel should and should not have access to information on our community. We will also continuously reevaluate the benefits and consequences of Flock in our community, so this conversation is not over.

Chief Baker reiterated that the use of our Flock system is currently limited to only Ohio agencies and an out-of-state agency can request access if needed. He stated that they always have concern for misconduct within agencies but stated that no job has perfect employees all the time and law enforcement is no different. He explained that he hopes Council knows him well enough to know that he would hold officers accountable for their actions. Chief Baker stated that he can't promise that officers will not engage in misconduct, but he can promise there will be accountability and consequences, and they will not retain employees who engage

in such serious misconduct. He stated that license plate readers are to be used only for business and any personal usage is in violation of their policy. If an individual were discovered to be using this software for personal use, they would conduct an investigation and if it were to be determined that it was criminal in nature, then they would use an outside agency to conduct that investigation.

Chief Baker stated that when new technology is implemented, agencies have to learn what works and what doesn't and grow with those technologies as they change and advance. He explained that sometimes these changes are based on citizen feedback, so he is not opposed to hearing the criticisms of this software. He believes the system will continue to improve and policies will continue to change based on the needs of the City and the concerns of its residents.

Chief Baker stated that he went through recent cases where Flock was used and wanted to highlight some of the positives. He stated that the Kroger on Taylor Road was robbed of \$4,900 and shortly after there were several more robberies occurring in Groveport, Westerville, Canal Winchester, and in Dublin. They were able to get a description of the vehicle and locate the offender and the RPD was able to confront the offender, who was armed at the time, and arrest them. In March, several officers were responding to a burglary in progress where the caller stated that their ex-partner was attempting to kick the door in. By the time officers arrived on the scene, the suspect had fled, but they were able to gather information on the vehicle and the person. Shortly after, the suspect's car began alerting Flock going towards the location of the victim's house and officers were able to stop the suspect before he arrived at the house and arrested him at that time. He stated that there was another situation in March that was a domestic violence incident where the suspect shot a pistol while in the house and strangled the victim before fleeing the scene. Officers were able to locate this offender and stop them before they were able to get out of the City. They have also been able to stop people who were using counterfeit money to purchase items, locate stolen vehicles, IDs, and credit cards, track vehicles that have hit police cruisers, and many other situations. In June, a vehicle was alerted on Brice Road as a stolen car and when they stopped that car they found drugs packaged for sale. Chief Baker stated that people coming into the City in stolen cars are not here to get ice cream. Frequently, when they are stopped by police, they are in possession of firearms, drugs, and other stolen property. He clarified that without this technology, many of these cases would not have been solved so quickly. He also stated that while Flock may be a new system, license plate readers have been around his whole career, so this technology is not entirely new. Chief Baker stated with any new technology they have to continue to improve and update policies, and they will continue to do so to ensure the safety of all people. He does not want to instill fear into the community, but he does believe it would put the community at a disadvantage if they were to stop using this system.

Mayor Begeny stated that one consistent objection presented to him is one that concerns us all and that is the right of privacy. This isn't just about Flock and government agencies, this is about private companies' data crunching shopping habits, viewing habits, travel habits, this is about your cell phone, what you say and who you say it to on social media. It is easy to focus on Flock as it has become a standard law enforcement tool in many communities throughout the nation; we see the use of Flock by schools, private businesses, even homeowners associations, believe it or not, it has made a positive impact on the community. The question of privacy has rightfully been brought up for the City to address and will most likely be decided by the courts long after this day. If we're going to talk about privacy rights, we must include everything. We need to put the strongest of guardrails in places at all levels of government to find the balance between security and privacy so that neither is sacrificed to the other. This is an ongoing conversation, and he thanked the residents that have brought a lot of this to their attention, and they will continue to have good conversations regarding this issue.

Councilmember Hill asked when the current contract is up for renewal. Attorney Shook stated that he believes they signed a 5-year contract in 2023, so it should be up for renewal and discussion in 2028.

President Pyakurel asked how many different situations have been addressed in 2026 using the Flock system. Chief Baker stated that he only did a quick search for alerts for 2026 and that the system works in two ways. It can alert officers to vehicles that have been entered into the system and there have been about 40 apprehensions this year using that alert system. Flock can also be used as an investigative tool where they are watching for something based on vague descriptions that alerts have not been set up for. Chief Baker stated that this was one of the best things to happen in addressing crime in a long time.

Councilmember Chambers asked if Flock cameras take live video and how long that is stored in the system. Chief Baker stated that it is not a live video. The photos are stored for 30 days only, but they are able to audit the actual searches for much longer.

Councilmember Baker asked if we have seen the crime rate decrease since the implementation of this system. Chief Baker stated that increasing or decreasing crime rates can be affected by a number of things throughout the country. He can say that there has been a decrease in crimes like stolen vehicles in many areas, but it can also be attributed to car companies like Kia making their cars harder to steal. What he can say is that there has been a huge increase in arrests for these crimes because they are able to find the vehicle and the person that committed the crime using these cameras. Before Flock, they were maybe able to recover one to

two stolen cars a month, and now it is weekly, if not every other day. He also wanted to reiterate that people who steal cars typically do not stop there, they typically have plans to commit other crimes or have stolen property as well. Chief Baker stated that with 100% certainty, these cameras have saved lives in the City of Reynoldsburg.

Presentation by Tonya Kelly Regarding the Ostomy Warriors

Ms. Tonya Kelly stated that she is attending Council not only as a resident, but as an educator, a community advocate, and an ostomy warrior. She is here to discuss a topic that has changed hundreds of thousands of lives, including about 2000 lives right here in Reynoldsburg. She stated that July is Disability Pride Month and 18 months ago her life changed forever. Due to critical and medical necessity, she underwent a procedure for an ostomy. Navigating this shift took intense mental and physical fortitude and forced her to rebuild her relationship with her own body. She stated that this did not diminish her drive in her career or passions, it amplified it.

She wanted to start by explaining that an ostomy is a surgically created opening called a stoma that can go from the small or large intestine to the surface of the abdomen. This allows bodily waste, diseased, damaged, or non-functioning organs to redirect waste safely into an external medical pouch. This is never a cosmetic choice; it is a life-saving and life-enhancing intervention for people in all stages of life, from newborns to senior citizens. This can address issues with diseases like Crohn's disease, genetic birth defects, trauma, and in her case, two herniated discs that caused digestive and nervous system damage.

Across America, over 750,000 individuals live with an ostomy and about 20,000 right here in Ohio. Despite their significant numbers, many communities face systematic barriers to accessing highly specialized medical supplies that they depend on to live. They also face shame and harmful social isolation and stigmatism due to this condition. It forces individuals to hide their condition from family, friends, and work, causing them to live a life of secrecy preventing them from healing and seeking community support.

This brings her to her call to action: advocacy cannot be passive. Right now there are critical policy battles occurring across legislative bodies around the country. Medicare and Medicaid are attempting to move forward with a competitive bidding program for ostomies and urology. This would remove patient choice, increase healthcare complications, and limit access to trusted manufacturers. She is asking that they join the UOAA in demanding that they do not move forward with this program. She clarified that this is not just about ostomies, this is about anyone who deals with any kind of medical disability. Ms. Kelly asked that Council assist in creating a local disability awareness initiative to get more people involved and increase awareness and understanding.

Councilmember Johnson thanked her for this information. She stated that we should stand up and support our residents in their battles. Councilmember Johnson asked more specifically how they could help with the issues they are facing. Ms. Kelly stated that they are requesting assistance in increasing awareness and understanding of these issues in hopes that they can influence change in the future. More information about the Ostomy Warriors can be found on Facebook and other social media under Strength Beyond Scars. Her phone number is (614)512-6511 and her email is ostomywarriors25@gmail.com. Councilmember Johnson thanked her for all of this information.

Councilmember Baker thanked her for this information and being a teacher. He stated that he has a friend who recently underwent this procedure and stated that these people should never be ashamed of doing what is right for them and allowing them to live their lives to the fullest. He is ashamed that the government is trying to dictate what medical supplies people can and cannot use for their condition.

Councilmember Abram thanked her for being at Council this evening. She stated that she would love to partner with her on a local disability awareness initiative.

PROCLAMATIONS

A Proclamation Recognizing Reynoldsburg Special Olympic Participants in the Ohio Special Olympic Summer Games

Councilmember Abram read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to approve this Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

A Proclamation Recognizing Michael Neff-Young for Winning a Gold Medal for Bowling Representing Team Ohio in the 2026 Special Olympics USA Games

Councilmember Abram read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Towns made a motion to approve this Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

Mr. Michael Neff-Young thanked Council and Mayor Begeny and stated how proud he is to be a special Olympics champion.

COMMUNICATIONS

May Treasury Board Meeting Minutes

June Treasury Board Meeting Minutes

MOTIONS

A Motion to Reconsider Ordinance No. 34-2026 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract and Accept Funding Assistance through the OPRA State Initiative Program in Partnership with GameTime, Appropriating Funds Therefor, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to reconsider this Ordinance. Second by Councilmember Hill. Motion carried.

This Ordinance is being reconsidered again as City Attorney Shook recommended that a 5% contingency be included in the legislation and advised the prevailing wages were not included in the original bid documents and that cost needed to be included in the overall expense total.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to amend this Ordinance to accept the corrected appropriation numbers. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

The Ordinance is now amended.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to approve this Ordinance as amended. Second by Councilmember Baker.

AYE: Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel, Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill. Motion carried. The amended Ordinance is approved.

REPORTS



Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for July 13, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Salvati, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funds from a Private Funding Organization from a Grant for a JFK Park Amenity, and Declaring an Emergency

This Ordinance has been requested as a single-read emergency.

Mayor Begeny stated that there is a private organization giving the City a grant for the funding, and they will be announcing that at a later date. The funding will be for a new park amenity.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

This Ordinance will be forwarded to Council for a first reading and emergency approval.

A Resolution Accepting, Approving, and Ratifying the Submitted Recommendations of Several City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Councils

Economic Development Specialist Jonathan Cabot stated that before Council is a Resolution to accept the recommendations made by Reynoldsburg's three tax incentive review councils. These are bodies of various community stakeholders that meet annually to review and provide recommendations to Council. On the act of abatements and exemptions, they can recommend to continue, modify, or cancel the agreements. Attorney Shook and Auditor Strickland attended these meetings on behalf of the City as voting members. He also stated that Development Director Meyer, Tax Administrator Gischel, and himself, attended these meetings as supporting staff. Each TIRC board voted unanimously for continuance of each exemption and abatement for Franklin, Licking, and Fairfield Counties.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee

This is the Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting for July 13, 2026.



Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Johnson, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance to Establish Section 705 **Permitting Short-Term Rentals as a Chapter of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg**

This legislation has returned to Council for any further discussion and to amend language.

Attorney Shook stated that as they indicated at the last meeting, they wanted to adjust the Ordinance language to correct that they are permitting short-term rentals and to set an effective date. They would like to take the time to identify all short-term rentals in the City and notify them of these changes before implementing the Ordinance on January 1st, 2027.

Councilmember Abram asked if Attorney Shook had any opinions or suggestions based on the earlier statement from the Columbus Realtors Association. Attorney Shook stated that he does not have a vote on the matter, but he would recommend that it stay at the recommended 3 days. He respects the individual that sent the email and for speaking up on behalf of the association, and he did email this person back. Attorney Shook still believes that three days is the best option to try to deter parties happening at these locations. He stated that they have had two shootings at these parties within the last year and this is not normal for Reynoldsburg.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to amend the title of the legislation and add language indicating the safety aspects of the Ordinance. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

The Ordinance is amended.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a third reading and approval. Second by Councilmember Abram. Motion carried.

Public Service & Transportation Committee

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for July 13, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Hill, and President Pyakurel.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Strawser



Paving Company Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

This legislation has been returned to the Committee to amend the contractor and bid amount.

Director Dorman stated that this item was added to the agenda at the last meeting as a placeholder and now that bidding is over. Staff has added the contractor and bid amount to the legislation. The best bidder was Strawser paving and they have been awarded the contract.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to amend this legislation to add Strawser Paving as the contractor and amend the financials to reflect the bid amount. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

The Ordinance is now amended.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this amended Ordinance to Council for a second reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project (Contract B), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that this is contract B for the Main Street program for the preventative street maintenance contract they do every year. This helps prolong the life of the pavement that was installed last year.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project (Contract A and B), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that DLZ is the firm that does all of our inspections. They use a type of checks and balances system to have a different company complete the inspections than the one that actually completed the work to ensure that it is truly up to standard. He explained that they have done a great job for the City in the past.



Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading. Second by Councilmember Chambers. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Purchase a Ford F600 4 x 4 Pick-Up Truck and Related Equipment for the Street Department and Waive Competitive Bidding

Director Dorman explained that this item was included in the 2026 budget that Council approved. They will use the state pricing so they do not need to go out to bid for this item.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the City Auditor to Remove Equipment from the City's Fixed Asset List for the Reynoldsburg Storm Water Department

Director Dorman stated that this item is to remove old equipment from the fixed asset list for the stormwater department.

Councilmember Hill made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

Finance & Administration Committee

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 65-2025 for Adjustments to the Annual Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 to Add the Eastwood TIF Fund, and Declaring an Emergency

This legislation has been requested as a single-read emergency.

Auditor Strickland stated that the Eastwood TIF was not added, so they had to go back into the budget and add it.

Councilmember Baker made a motion to forward this Ordinance to Council for a first reading and emergency approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Baker
SECONDER:	Salvati
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

A Resolution Accepting, Approving, and Ratifying the Submitted Recommendations of Several City of Reynoldsburg Tax Incentive Review Councils

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Baker
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funds from a Private Funding Organization from a Grant for a JFK Park Amenity, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Strawser Paving Company Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Pertaining to the East Main Street and Brice Road Intersection Improvement Project, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and



Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 65-2025 for Adjustments to the Annual Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, State of Ohio, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 to Add the Eastwood TIF Fund, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Pavement Technology, Inc. Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project (Contract B), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services Pertaining to the 2026 Street Maintenance and Improvement Project (Contract A and B), Appropriating Funds Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement with Summit Road Industrial LLC or an Affiliate, Providing for a Project and a Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to the City's Community Reinvestment Area Program, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Juneteenth Event



An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Pride Event

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2025 Diwali-Tihar Celebration Event

CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING

RESULT:	PASSED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Salvati
SECONDER:	Johnson
AYES:	Abram, Baker, Johnson, Pyakurel Towns, Salvati, Chambers, Hill

An Ordinance to Establish Section 705 **Permitting Short-Term Rentals as a Chapter of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg**

An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 907 Rights-of-Way Management Policy of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Reynoldsburg

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Chambers thanked all the residents who came out to the meeting for sharing their comments and concerns with Council. She explained that this is what democracy is all about, and she ensured that they would take their comments into account and continue to have positive and respectful dialogue. She also thanked Chief Baker and Mayor Begeny for enlightening them on the use of Flock cameras and how they are being used in Reynoldsburg. Councilmember Chambers congratulated the Special Olympics participants and a big shout-out to Michael Neff-Young. She also gave a shout-out to Ms. Taya Kidd, a second grade teacher at French Run Elementary, for being recognized as Ohio District 6 Teacher of the Year.

Councilmember Baker thanked RPD and Chief Baker for an arrest they made recently where an offender stole equipment off of the West Licking fire truck 404. He also gave a shout-out to his wife who was named co-teacher of the year at the school district she works at and a happy birthday to his son. He also thanked teachers, retail workers,



nurses, and doctors for the work they do.

President Pyakurel stated that he was debating sharing this but felt that it was for the best to discuss it. He explained how important it is that we have people in our lives we can talk to and share our sorrows with. He stated that he received very bad news last week, and he feels as though so many people are carrying such heavy burdens. President Pyakurel stated that everyone should have a friend that they can talk to and get coffee with and share the important parts of our lives with.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 16, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
July 27, 2026 Council
Council is in recess the month of August
August 6, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board
August 13 - 15, 2026 Tomato Festival
August 20, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Pyakurel adjourned the meeting.

Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council