



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING  
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
June 9, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Shanette Strickland called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**INVOCATION - John Stumbo with The Alliance**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Towns, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill  
ABSENT:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 11(e)(2) and Section 12 have been removed from the agenda. The agenda is approved as amended.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025**

The regular meeting minutes of May 27, 2025, were approved as submitted.

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

**John Seryak  
8322 Bedlington Drive**

Mr. Seryak explained that with the concern about literacy rates decreasing throughout the country, they had decided to create Reynoldsburg Reads. Reynoldsburg Reads will be every Tuesday at 7:30 on the benches throughout downtown, near Main Street and Lancaster. People will read individually but meet up at 8pm to discuss whatever books they chose to read that night. They also have a Facebook page with more information as well.

## **Email Comment**

### **Kurt and Susan Keljo**

For nine months, I tried to stop the city from implementing a project that I believed would do more harm than good and did indeed do more harm than good. At least, I hoped that that project could be modified. Once the project was implemented, I spent a year and a half trying to ensure that it would be more difficult than it has been to implement projects like the Huber Park project in the future. At one point, I even hoped that the city might implement a project in Huber Park to mitigate the damage done by the project, one that EMH&T would help pay for. It is over for me. That is, I have done what I could and will not do more towards these ends. However, I want to leave you with one last thing. I want to make a pitch for trees.

From the beginning, I wanted to protect the trees in the middle of the project's reach.

There was nothing wrong with those trees, and there was no reason that they needed to be cut down. The fact that a few of them were leaning towards the creek was meaningless. Trees growing immediately along creeks lean, and they may continue to do so for decades.

The trees in the park had been limiting erosion, creating habitat for fish and other creatures, providing shade that was vital to the creek's well-being, filtering creek water, reducing runoff and generally benefiting the residents of Reynoldsburg. According to Harvard Health Publishing<sup>1</sup>, trees reduce air pollution, dampen sound pollution, reduce the heat island effect of cities and slow global climate change by taking up carbon dioxide.

A study of 7- to 9-year-old children indicated "that students who could see trees from their school windows had fewer behavioral problems than those with limited views."

Multiple other benefits of trees for children and adults have been demonstrated as well.

A friend of mine who knows nothing about my attitude towards the Huber Park project told me that it feels less private to him when he walks his dogs in the park than it once did. In addition to providing the benefits above, trees just change the feel of a place.

People say that trees grow back, but they don't. New trees must be planted or reestablish themselves. In Huber Park, it will take 30 to 50 years for the newly planted trees the size of the large trees that were cut down. I will not live long enough to see them attain that size. I do not know when large trees will again grow along Blacklick Creek in the park. None were planted along the creek, and I assume that it will be difficult for them to reestablish themselves soon.

Please protect our trees, especially trees along creeks!

### **President Strickland**

President Strickland stated that she, Mayor Begeny, and Attorney Shook, as well as other City workers, had spoken with Mr. Keljo in the past about this situation. They have tried to address some of the concerns and they believe they have done what they can in regard to this issue and Mr. Keljo's concerns with the Huber Park project.

## **Mayoral Comments**

### **Mayor Begeny**

Mayor Begeny invited all of Council to walk in the 4th of July parade with other City representatives, like the Tomato Festival Royalty, Parks and Recreation vehicles, and others as well. There is also the Market off Main every Thursday throughout the summer.

### **Presentation by Raiders Robotics Team**

Aditi Pyakurel greeted the Councilmembers and stated that she is the marketing supervisor on the Robotics Team. Sidney Singer stated that she is the awards lead on the team and Aiden Slisner stated that he is the business lead for the team.

Ms. Pyakurel stated that they will be presenting their Impact Award, and this is a presentation they gave at their competitions this past season. The Impact Award is the most prestigious award within FIRST, which is the organization they do robotics in, and they wanted to share with the community. Our reef, Reynoldsburg, is a diverse and multicultural community located in central Ohio.

Team 4085 was founded in 2012, with the mission to uplift the youth of the Reynoldsburg City school district. Since its founding 13 years ago, Technical Difficulties has worked hard towards its goal of providing more STEM opportunities to young people in our community. From appearing on the Mayor Joe Show, a talk show hosted by our mayor, to attending local festivals and fairs and hosting an art competition, they are introducing STEM as fun, vibrant, and thrilling to our community. Unfortunately, STEM is a privilege that many do not have access to. They have made it their priority to make STEM accessible for the underprivileged youth in the area through our three outreach initiatives.

Ms. Singer stated that with a 44% female team, it is extremely important to them that they can provide girls with STEM opportunities through their girls in STEM outreach initiative. Through this initiative, they work with local Girl Scout troops to give them the tools to help them earn skill-building badges, all well building relationships with them. Across 10 events, they have supported 94 girls in earning these badges. Globally, less than a third of women pursue STEM careers. Team 4085 actively works to make science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields where everybody, regardless of gender, can find belonging. Their hope is that when the scouts see themselves reflected in their team, they are motivated to

pursue a career they may have not previously considered.

Mr. Slisher stated that coming from a district that historically has not been able to provide financial support for STEM activities, their team has prioritized working within the district to provide opportunities for their students. In 2023, they started a robotics club that reached 90 students weekly over the course of two years. Wanting to create interest in FLL at the middle school level, they supported a week-long robotics camp where students got hands-on experience, building encoding using FLL resources. As a result, they've started, funded, and actively mentored five FLL teams across the district. Beyond fostering an interest in STEM from an early age, these teams allow them to build a direct pipeline from the elementary schools to their high school robotics team.

Ms. Pyakurel stated that in the fall, our school district placed an operating levee on the November ballot. As a team, they faced a lot of uncertainty surrounding these budget cuts. Some of the proposed reductions include cutting extracurricular activities, closing all buildings after the school day ends, and increasing the pay to play fee. In preparation, their team took steps to ensure the survival of their team and the newly founded FLL teams. To guarantee they had complete control over the \$30,000 they self-fund through our sponsorships and grants, we created CORB, the Central Ohio Robotics Boosters. Their 501c3 status allows them to apply for more grants so they can continue to financially provide for their FLL teams. Sadly, 55% of our community voted against the levy. With \$8.5 million in cuts needing to be made in the school district, Team 4085 feels confident in their ability to keep their FIRST programs afloat.

Ms. Singer stated that Central Ohio houses a large immigrant refugee population with 15.5% of its residents identifying as foreign born. This led them to create a program called RISE, Refugee and Immigrant STEM Experiences. Through RISE, they have supported 244 people across 10 events. Many refugee immigrant families, like her own, do not have equal access system because of language barriers and fatigue due to cultural shock and shift. By working with community partners like Columbus Refugee and Immigrant Services, Step Ahead Tech, and Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, they can provide unique step experiences in engaging activities for students. Their relationship with their community partners allows them to offer experiences to students that they may not have previously had access to.

Ms. Pyakurel stated that, additionally, they are collaborating with Reynoldsburg local government to better understand these issues and how we can work together to eliminate these barriers. They are working with Councilmember Pyakurel, the first Bhutanese American to be elected to public office. By appearing on his bilingual talk show, they were able to reach 6,000 people in the Nepali community



and beyond. Coming from a refugee camp herself, opportunities that were once unfathomable were made possible through FIRST. Due to 22.5% of their team identifying with the refugee and immigrant label, through their community partnerships and government connections. They have been able to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to address this initiative with the thought and care it requires, allowing them to best serve this diverse and growing community in central Ohio.

Mr. Slisher explained that in addition to working with our direct community, they pride themselves on supporting other FIRST teams as well. They spread their knowledge and skills through their online certifications and hybrid mentoring. So when Central Ohio Team 6964 reached out to them for help, they answered the call. They have supported BearBots by assisting them with season planning, recruitment, and technical build support. Last summer, they had the opportunity to attend WV Rocks, an offseason competition with a limited number of spots. Wanting to give other teams a chance at this competition, they invited members of Team 6834 to join them for the 32-hour competition. They even gave one of their members the chance to drive a robot in the competition. This year, the FIRST mission of cooperation was to support fellow Central Ohio teams and offer resources to the larger FIRST family.

Ms. Pyakurel stated that they are Team 4085, a team that reflects and unites our communities. With their dedicated efforts, they've been able to reach over 125,000 people in the last three years.

Mr. Slisher stated that the team name is Technical Difficulties. By making outreach a fundamental pillar of their team, they were able to design initiatives that are reflective of their members and serve the needs of the communities they represent. RISE, Girls in STEM, and FLL, motivate their members to be more active in initiatives and events, allowing them to have a positive impact on their own community.

Ms. Singer stated that they are more than robots. As they strengthen our reef throughout their outreach, they ensure the sustainability of their team by sharing STEM with the younger generation. By introducing these skills and opportunities, they are not only keeping their team alive, but spreading the message of FIRST to the community they reside in.

President Strickland

President Strickland thanked them for the work they are doing in the community and for our young people. She stated that being able to raise \$30,000 and reach out to over 125,000 people is amazing. She explained that she also has a STEM



background, so she understands how important this work is.

Councilmember Baker

Councilmember Baker stated that what they are doing is amazing and great work. He applauds them for the work they do and hopes they continue work like this even after school.

Councilmember Pyakurel

Councilmember Pyakurel congratulated them on all their handwork but also wanted to give a shout-out to their coaches and teachers for the work they do.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **An Ordinance Adopting the Tax Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning 2026, and Declaring an Emergency**

This is a Public Hearing to accept comments on An Ordinance Adopting the Tax Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning 2026, and Declaring an Emergency.

President Strickland stated that if anyone would like to speak on this Ordinance, please step to the microphone and give their name and address.

As there were no comments, this Public Hearing was closed.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **A Proclamation Recognizing Juneteenth**

Councilmember Johnson read the Proclamation.

Councilmember Johnson made a motion to approve the Proclamation. Second by Councilmember Towns. Motion carried.

Councilmember Johnson invited everyone to the 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 14, at Huber Park from 4-8pm.



President Strickland also stated that Reynoldsburg was one of the first suburb communities to have its own Juneteenth Celebration.

Councilmember Baker thanked Councilmember Johnson for all her work on this event.

**A Proclamation Recognizing the City of Reynoldsburg as a Welcoming City Celebrating the Diversity of Our Residents by Acknowledging World Refugee Day**

Councilmember Pyakurel stated that this Proclamation is personally very important to him because he is a former refugee who was able to come here through a refugee resettlement program. He explained that this refugee resettlement program has been paused by the current administration, and it pains him to see that others will not be offered the same opportunity he was granted. Councilmember Pyakurel stated that he has a few speakers here today to discuss the work they do with refugees and immigrants.

Councilmember Pyakurel read the Proclamation.

Angie Plummer, Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)Ms. Angie Plummer stated that it is an honor to be here today to mark the occasion, honoring and celebrating those who have come to our community as refugees and acknowledging those who are still seeking safety and stability. Ms. Plummer stated that she is the executive director of CRIS, Community Refugee and Immigration Services, whose mission is to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the central Ohio community. As a refugee resettlement agency for Church World Service, they had the privilege to be part of resettling over 12,000 refugees to Central Ohio. And proudly, they are celebrating our 30th year of service.

Having worked with refugees for a long time now, she knows what can happen when we provide an opportunity to start a new life. People who came with nothing but trauma work hard, start businesses, and buy homes. Some will become engineers, teachers, healthcare professionals, and elected officials. There are many, many successes, but she also thinks that the single mom who puts food on the table and gets her kids to school and works two jobs and pays taxes is also to be celebrated.

While those who come as adults may struggle to learn English and advance economically, the opportunities provided for their children make the struggles worth it, and we saw a great example of what those children can do earlier this evening. Graduation season is one of her favorites as they celebrate such meaningful milestones for children born to refugees. Refugees have endured hardships most



of us can only imagine, both abroad, and when they come here. They persevere in the face of tremendous obstacles.

To her, they are a constant source of inspiration, how they've maintained a capacity to hope, to work for something better. While it is tragic that the federal government has halted almost everyone, but white South Africans, from coming to the U.S. Through the U.S. Resettlement program, and today, a travel ban has become effective, which will keep families apart.

She explained that local communities like Reynoldsburg recognize the value refugees bring to us economically, as taxpayers, workers, business owners, and homeowners, and they become our friends. By welcoming refugees and working to help with their integration, we all benefit.

She thanked the City of Reynoldsburg for honoring these extraordinary men and women and children who are our valued neighbors.

John Seryak, volunteer with Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS)  
Mr. John Seryak stated that he is beyond grateful and appreciative of his opportunities to have worked with ETSS, the Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services. He has only been a volunteer for a little over a year, but his experience has been one of a grateful heart. He stated that he got a call from one of the administrators asking if he could help register 4 children in school here since he was an educator. He also added how incredibly impressed he was by our Board of Education and our schools, and the Welcoming Center, who went out of their way and did everything they could. They were kind and friendly throughout the process. Registering children in schools is quite a remarkable feat with all the passports, all the immunization records, all the doctors, all the necessary documentation, but the Reynoldsburg City schools were amazing, even the private tours of the schools with the principals and the counselors.

He stated an Afghan family who came from Kabul. The father was a translator at the American Embassy. It took him two years to be vetted, to come here for the safety of his family because the Taliban had his name on their list. They arrived safely, found a house, rented a house, and as he entered the home and spent time with the family, ate meals with them, and prayed with them. Seeing the father work at Walmart and how he was held in high esteem by the workers in the community.

He explained that he was ignorant and didn't understand, and to become a part of that family, through the ETSS and all the work that they do, and the challenges that they face, he is just privileged to work with them.

He stated that he can't say enough about this community, this City of Reynoldsburg, and how the schools helped, how Joseph's Coat helped, and how the ETSS is working to serve immigrants and their families.

He thanked the Council and Councilmember Pyakurel for allowing him to speak on this issue.

Dilli Adhikari, Secretary of the local Radha Krishna Temple

Mr. Dilli Adhikari thanked the City leaders and Councilmember Pyakurel for allowing him this opportunity to speak. He is the secretary of the local Radha Krishna Temple located at 840 Rosehill Road in Reynoldsburg. He explained that he is also a former refugee who resettled here through the U.S. Resettlement Program. He explained that he is here today to highlight two important entities within our community, World Refugee Day and our own temple, called Radak Krishan Temple. He stated that there is a common thread of compassion, community, and the universal human search for peace and belonging, and we must remember that behind the statistics are individual lives, families, dreams disrupted by conflict, persecution, or disaster.

We have Radha Krishna Temple, a vibrant institution that is more than just a place to worship. It's a spiritual and cultural hub that fosters community and promotes understanding. The Temple teachings emphasize love, compassion, and service. Principles that resonate deeply with the spirit of World Refugee Day all throughout the year. The temple actively engages in charitable and diverse, interfaith dialogue, embodying the very essence of human connection and mutual support. The Temple, through its teachings and its community, provides a sense of belonging and a supportive network for many, including those who have experienced displacement. Imagine the comfort and familiarity that a place like the Radha Krishna Temple would offer to someone new to our city. Perhaps, even a refugee seeking a sense of home and community. He asked all of us to recognize the invaluable role that institutions like Radha Krishna Temple play in building a compassionate and cohesive society by supporting organizations that embody these universal values. They are a strand in the fabric of our community and ensure that their society remains a beacon of hope and acceptance for all.

Sara Mosher, volunteer at CRIS

Ms. Sarah Mosher thanked the Council for welcoming her to this meeting and stated that she works for the International Rescue Committee, which is one of our 10 national resettlement agencies and also volunteers for CRIS, our local resettlement agency. Last week, she traveled with a group of people from Ohio to Washington, D.C., for refugee advocacy day. They had about 400 people from across the country traveling to meet with as many of our senators and representatives as possible to ask for the reinstatement of the refugee settlement program, to ask for humanitarian pathways, like temporary protected status and humanitarian parole to be kept open for people who are coming from parts of the world, where they are fleeing violence and other threats against their lives, and to ask for due process with deportations. We have seen a lot of policy changes recently that are really affecting people's lives, causing family separations, ending



the status of people who went to bed at night, thinking that they had done everything correctly, but woke up in the morning with their status canceled. This is creating a much less welcoming environment, for our friends, for our neighbors, for our co-workers, who have come from other parts of the world to make new homes here.

Those choices that are made at the national level don't have to be the same choices that we make at the local level. At the local level, we can decide what kind of community we want to be. What can we do to create the kind of welcoming community that we would want to be welcomed into if we were in the opposite situation. We can make those choices in all kinds of ways. First, by celebrating the accomplishments of immigrants and refugees who have come here, who are contributing all kinds of things to the community, by making sure that we are providing a solid education, including to the English learners in our public schools, by contributing and volunteering with organizations like CRIS, who provide social services to refugees and other immigrants when they arrive. And it's also simply by being friends and neighbors and coworkers, by listening and celebrating and living our lives side by side with the people who are already in our community.

She hopes that each one of us will be able to walk away from this meeting, thinking of one thing that we can do to support someone else in the community who has come here from someplace else.

Dr. Saleshi Asfha, CEO ETSS

Dr. Saleshi Asfha thanked the Council and Councilmember Pyakurel for the invitation to speak tonight for World Refugee Day. Dr. Asfha stated that he is the CEO of Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, which is one of the prominent refugee and immigrant service organizations in Central Ohio. Started in 2000 to serve the Ethiopian community, but after 5 years of serving the Ethiopian community, we have seen the same challenges and issues for all refugee immigrants, so they expanded their vision to embrace all refugees and immigrants. Now they serve more than 100 different countries. What they really do is help our refugee immigrants integrate in Central Ohio, improve their quality of life, increase their culture and awareness, so that they become more productive members of our society.

Dr. Asfha stated that the last five months have been a unique and challenging experience. It's uncertain situations that we have dealt with since January 20th, the executive order ending refugee status, and then the travel ban. Every week, every day, even until now, last week, we have heard that over 19 countries have been banned, no longer allowed to come to the United States and 10 out of 19 are from African countries.

They are very worried about the current state of the world and immigration, but they thank Reynoldsburg for their leadership, progress, and embracing and welcoming our refugee immigrants. He stated that he has been a resident of



Reynoldsburg for 25 years and has been very impressed to see our leadership and welcome for our refugee immigrants.

Tatjana Bozhinovski, ETSS

Ms. Tatjana Bozhinovski stated that she is a Reynoldsburg resident and a proud immigrant, but is even prouder to be a part of the ETSS family for about 12 years now, and the population that we are serving. Just like everybody else said, it has been a very difficult few months for our vulnerable communities that they are serving. It is very, very hard to tell a single mother who just came five days prior to the ban, that we will no longer be able to serve her because there was a stop work order. It is very hard to tell a family who came with their daughter in a wheelchair who's still in a hotel, that we will no longer be able to support them financially for the remainder of their reception and placement period. She explained that she could go on and on, but would get emotional about this.

No matter the challenges, our work must continue. We will not stop. The fabric of our country is more beautiful because of every single immigrant or refugee that comes to our country for decades or hundreds of years. In honor of all the refugees that are here, we are going to celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20th. She would like to invite everyone to join them on June 20 between 5 and 8pm at the YMCA at 1640 Sandalwood place in North Columbus. They will have international food, music, performances, and you will be able to hear the stories of our refugees and celebrate everyone that's there.

Councilmember Baker

Councilmember Baker thanked Councilmember Pyakurel and all the speakers for everything they do for the immigrant and refugee community here. He stated he has heard some heartbreaking stories about what people have had to escape to get to the US and has heard many stories from his wife, who is a teacher, about the hardships some of her students have faced. He explained that it is shocking how poorly immigrants are treated here and how unfortunate it is that people still act that way. He thanked ETSS for the work they do and reminded everyone that they may come here as an immigrant or refugee, but when you are in Reynoldsburg you are part of a community and a family.

President Strickland

President Strickland thanked the speakers for attending Council tonight and was inspired by messages of love, peace, compassion, belonging, and being selfless. She stated that when people do these jobs it is because they love what they do, not because of the pay, so she reiterated her thanks to these speakers and workers.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Treasury Board Meeting Minutes May, 2025**

## **REPORTS**

### **Clerk of Court Reports**

#### **Clerk of Court Report for April 2025**

The Clerk of Court submitted moneys collected from the courts for the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$36,567.

#### **Clerk of Court Report for May 2025**

The Clerk of Court submitted moneys collected from the courts for the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$30,067.

### **Liquor Permit - Funny Greek**

Chief Baker stated that this was a liquor permit request application for the Funny Greek LLC, doing business as the Funny Greek, located at 6184 E Livingston Ave. The liquor permit request is for a D1 class, which is for on-premises consumption of beer in original concealed carry-out containers until 1am. There have been no alcohol-related calls at this location in the past 2 years. The Ohio Department of Liquor Control advised them that they are not aware of anything that would prevent them from obtaining this permit. They do not recommend that they request a hearing for this permit application at this time.

### **Development, Parks & Recreation Committee**

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for June 9, 2025.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Towns, Councilmember Hill, Chair Salvati, and President Strickland.

### **An Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat Plan for the M/I Homes of Central Ohio Development at Summit Crossing, Sections 1 Phase A and Phase B**



Mayor Begeny stated that the information has been submitted and approved by the City and EMH&T for the Section 1, phase A and B development located at Summit Crossing.

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

**There is no Public Safety, Law & Courts Committee meeting.**

### **Public Service & Transportation Committee**

This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for June 9, 2025.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Cotner, Councilmember Towns, Councilmember Hill, Chair Pyakurel, and President Strickland.

### **An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Reimburse Trivium Development LLC for Capital Improvement Construction and Declaring an Emergency**

Mayor Begeny stated that they are finalizing the agreement with the Trivium Development for the project that is located at the corner of Lancaster and E Main Street. The project is complete with the requisite number of parking spaces and public improvement, and they are now able to authorize the first and only payment of \$1,124,312.50 to Trivium, which will fulfill the City's obligation.

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

### **Finance & Administration Committee**

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for June 9, 2025.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Salvati, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Pyakurel, Chair Baker, and President Strickland.

### **An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Juneteenth Event**

Director Clemens stated that the City of Reynoldsburg received sponsorships and donations designated to support the 2024 Juneteenth Celebration, and a portion of



the funds received were not expended during the 2024 event. The Community Events Department requests that the remaining funds from sponsorships and donations specifically designated for the 2024 Juneteenth Celebration, and not expended during the 2024 fiscal year, be carried forward and appropriated to the 2025 Community Events Budget. These funds shall be restricted for use toward the planning and execution of the 2025 Juneteenth Celebration in the amount of \$3,914.06.

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

### **An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Pride Event**

Director Clemens stated the City of Reynoldsburg received sponsorships and donations designated to support the 2024 Pride Celebration, and a portion of the funds received were not expended during the 2024 event. The Community Events Department requests that the remaining funds from sponsorships and donations specifically designated for the 2024 Pride Celebration, and not expended during the 2024 fiscal year, be carried forward and appropriated to the 2025 Community Events Budget. These funds shall be restricted for use toward the planning and execution of the 2025 Pride Celebration in the amount of \$4,062.86.

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

### **An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Unappropriated General Fund to Accounts in the Community Events Department from the 2024 Diwali Celebration Event**

Director Clemens stated the City of Reynoldsburg received sponsorships and donations designated to support the 2024 Diwali-Tihar Celebration, and a portion of the funds received were not expended during the 2024 event. The Community Events Department requests that the remaining funds from sponsorships and donations specifically designated for the 2024 Diwali Celebration, and not expended during the 2024 fiscal year, be carried forward and appropriated to the 2025 Community Events Budget. These funds shall be restricted for use toward the planning and execution of the 2025 Diwali Celebration in the amount of \$8,190.82.

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



## **CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY APPROVAL**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>PASSED (UNANIMOUS)</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Baker                                                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Pyakurel                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Towns, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill |

**An Ordinance to Authorize the Mayor to Reimburse Trivium Development LLC for Capital Improvement Construction and Declaring an Emergency**

## **CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING**

**An Ordinance to Approve the Final Plat Plan for the M/I Homes of Central Ohio Development at Summit Crossing, Sections 1 Phase A and Phase B**

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## **CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING**



**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with DLZ for Construction Inspection Services for the City of Reynoldsburg Parks and Public Service Facility Project and Appropriating Funds**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Birchview Drive Engineering Design Services (Eastgreen Boulevard to Belltree Drive)**

**An Ordinance Adopting the Tax Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning 2026, and Declaring an Emergency**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIRD READING**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>PASSED (UNANIMOUS)</b>                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Salvati                                                            |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Pyakurel                                                           |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Cotner, Baker, Johnson, Strickland, Towns, Salvati, Pyakurel, Hill |

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Services Agreement with Matrix Pointe Software, Inc. for a Prosecutor Case Management System and Appropriating Funds Therefor**

#### **OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilmember Baker gave a shout-out to the Reynoldsburg Class of 2025 and congratulated them on all their hard work. He also stated that there was an article that recently came out about Columbus building a new water treatment plant and there has been discussion of an increase in water rates. Nothing is set yet, but he wanted to warn residents about what may come.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**June 18, 2025 Planning & Zoning (Note Wednesday Meeting)**  
**June 19, 2025 Juneteenth Holiday City Offices Closed**  
**June 23, 2025 Council**



**July 3, 2025 Planning & Zoning**  
**July 4, 2025 4th of July City Offices Closed**  
**July 14, 2025 Council**  
**July 17, 2025 Planning & Zoning**  
**July 28, 2025 Council**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) "to conference with an attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action."**

Council is going into Executive Session and will not conduct any business following the Executive Session.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(3) "to conference with an attorney concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action." Second by Councilmember Johnson.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes; Baker - yes; Johnson - yes; Strickland - yes; Towns - yes; Salvati - yes; Pyakurel - yes; Hill - yes.

Motion carried.

Council invites Mayor Begeny, Attorney Shook, Auditor Cicak, Attorney Batke, and Clerk Prasher to remain in the session.

Councilmember Salvati made a motion to leave Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Johnson.

Roll Call: Cotner - yes; Baker - yes; Johnson - yes; Strickland - yes; Towns - yes; Salvati - yes; Pyakurel - yes; Hill - yes.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Shanette Strickland, Council President

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Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council