



**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG CITY COUNCIL
May 26, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Temp Stacie Baker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Toni Kleckley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: Pyakurel

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Council meeting

The regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2026 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

John Seryak

8322 Bedlington Drive

Mr. Seryak said that he represented Reynoldsburg Reads, a group celebrating its upcoming first anniversary. Reynoldsburg Reads was a grassroots community movement whose members met once a week to read together silently for half an hour. The meetings rotate locations, taking place in local parks, City Hall Chambers, the library, and local restaurants. The group was entirely informal—organizers never knew how many people would show up or what books they would bring. The group had grown into a tight-knit community that counted at least one City Councilmember among its regular attendees. After each half-hour reading session, the participants gather to introduce themselves and share what they were currently reading. To celebrate their

one-year milestone, Reynoldsburg Reads was inviting the entire community, including Councilmembers, to a special event on Saturday, June 6th, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The anniversary celebration would replicate the group's very first meeting. Participants will gather downtown to read on the East Main Street benches stretching from Lancaster Street to Waggoner Road for half an hour. Afterward, the group will move to Memorial Plaza for an hour of socializing to get to know one another better. The group prides itself on its incredible diversity, with readers ranging in age from six to those in their eighties, and a book selection that spans everything from adventure, history, biographies, and vampire novels. The local library staff has embraced the movement, frequently sending a photographer to capture group photos after their sessions. Looking ahead past the first year, the organizers hoped to expand their reach into local schools to emphasize the vital importance and joy of community reading. Updates and weekly locations can be found on the Reynoldsburg Reads Facebook page.

Patrick McNeal
Heart Food Pantry
6475 East Main Street

Mr. McNeal indicated that he was from the HEART Food Pantry—which stood for Helping Eastside and Reynoldsburg Thrive. He wanted to present an update to City Council regarding Heart's current operations and a major upcoming expansion. Located at 6475 East Main Street, the pantry currently serves about 400 families a day, four days a week, totaling roughly 1,600 families weekly. To meet this growing demand, the organization is constructing a new \$3.3 million building directly behind the local Dairy Queen, with an expected completion date of September. Operating under the model "Nourish to Flourish," the new facility will divide its space into two distinct sections. One half will be dedicated entirely to a 100% grocery-style food access center, supplied primarily by Kroger and the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. The opposite side of the building will house comprehensive "wraparound" community services—including financial literacy courses, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, healthcare options, and book readings—aimed at addressing the root causes of food insecurity and helping families successfully transition out of systemic need.

Councilmember Abram expressed her gratitude for the pantry's impact, noting recently donated leftover items from a baby shower went to HEART volunteers. Mr. McNeal emphasized that the pantry accepts all types of community donations, but underscored an urgent, critical need for increased volunteer manpower to successfully operate the expanded facility. Individuals interested in volunteering will receive dedicated training coordinated by the Volunteer Coordinator Pam, a former member of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Towns asked how City Council could best support Heart. Mr. McNeal jokingly requested \$5 million to secure all of their long-term programming goals. He added that the immediate practical needs included corporate networking, community

advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. The pantry will also be hosting several upcoming fundraising activations, including a 5K run at Civic Park and a golf outing.

Mayor Begeny explained that, along with several other local 501(c)(3) nonprofits, submitted formal financial requests to the City. These accumulated requests will be disseminated to Council for review. While the requested City funding would not total \$5 million, it would work in tandem with the capital funding the pantry is actively seeking through the state of Ohio's budget. Councilmembers concluded by thanking the representative and praising HEART as one of the "crown jewels" of Reynoldsburg, noting that even small amounts of assistance go a long way for struggling individuals and families in the community.

Charan Subedi
12811 River Road
Pickerington

Mr. Subedi explained that he was deeply involved in community service and a founding member of the Bhutanese-American community and the Bhutanese-American Sports Counsel. We addressed City Council on behalf of HIRA. HIRA was a locally established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting active living and healthy lifestyles to combat the screen fatigue, loneliness, and social disconnection prevalent in today's technology-driven world. He shared how running, hiking, and completing six full marathons—including the London Marathon—inspired the creation of HIRA. Encouraged by a Councilmember, the group was formed to utilize Reynoldsburg's parks and trails to host community activities such as hiking, biking, running, pickleball, badminton, and table tennis, including organizing the local Namaste 5K, which has successfully run for the past five years in the City. Mr. Subedi discussed a recent issue involving a Mother's Day Mom Soccer Tournament held at Civic Park on May 9th and 10th. At the request of a board member, HIRA stepped in to support the tournament's independent event organizers, solely providing the necessary event liability insurance coverage. However, the event organizers failed to follow the City's Parks and Recreation guidelines during the tournament. Because HIRA was listed as the insurance sponsor, the organization subsequently received an email from the City stating that HIRA's ability to permit and organize future events within the City of Reynoldsburg had been limited or suspended for the next year. The speaker clarified that HIRA was not responsible for managing or organizing the soccer tournament and respected the City's concerns regarding the infractions. On behalf of the nonprofit, he formally requested that the City reconsider this restriction and reinstate their permit privileges so they can proceed with the scheduled calendar of events for the remainder of the year. This included two community biking events scheduled for the upcoming month.

Councilmember Baker commented that he was personally at Civic Park with his son on May 9th and witnessed the aftermath of the tournament firsthand. He thanked Mr.

Subedi for coming before Council to explain HIRA's limited role as an insurance provider and to clarify the situation.

Roshan Human

5577 Blue Sky Court
Westerville

Roshan Human also addressed City Council regarding the recent rule violation notice issued by the City. Mr. Human identified himself as a founding member of the Bhutanese-American Community of Central Ohio, the General Secretary of the international non-profit Punya Foundation, a long-time human rights activist, and a certified human rights consultant. He also served as a disaster relief volunteer with the American Red Cross and a Skywarn weather spotter for the National Weather Service. Mr. Human highlighted his years of positive community involvement in Reynoldsburg, noting that he had coordinated the annual Namaste 5K at Civic Park since 2022 to promote active lifestyles and mental health wellness among Bhutanese-Americans. Additionally, he regularly volunteered for various City events, including the Diwali-Tihar Festival and participated in community walks alongside the City Council President Pyakurel. He wanted to address the formal rules violation notice he received from the City dated May 13th, stemming from a recreational soccer tournament held over Mother's Day weekend on May 9th and 10th at Civic Park. Mr. Human explained that he graciously accepted a request from Columbus Moms to organize the tournament to honor hard-working mothers within the Bhutanese-American community. The celebratory event drew families and participating mothers from several regional cities, including Akron, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. While the majority of the weekend's activities proceeded smoothly, Mr. Human acknowledged that certain aspects of the event had not gone as expected and directly violated the rules and regulations set by the Reynoldsburg Parks and Recreation Department. As the primary organizer of the tournament, Mr. Human stated that he accepted sole responsibility for the infractions that occurred and offered a humble apology to city leaders. He noted that the City's violation notice also named the HIRA organization, its representatives, and the Columbus Moms group. Because these additional individuals and entities were not directly involved in hosting or managing the daily operations of the event, Mr. Human was formally requesting that the City exclude them from the disciplinary notice and any associated penalties. Concluding his statement, he made a personal appeal to the Mayor and City Council to allow him to continue his volunteerism and community service in Reynoldsburg, promising that he will strictly adhere to all city rules, regulations, and permit guidelines moving forward.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Begeny

Mayor Begeny thanked everyone that came out to the Plant Reynoldsburg event and

helped out until it started raining. He also stated that events season is coming up, so he encourages everyone to pay attention to the website and Facebook page to see what may be happening soon. Mayor Begeny gave a shout-out to Councilmember Mildred Johnson, Councilmember Angela Abram, and Councilmember Lou Salvati for joining our senior citizens at the age-friendly Clippers Baseball game.

Proclamation by Senator Michele Reynolds for Zeta Phi Beta Inc., Sigma Iota Zeta

Mayor Begeny read a Proclamation with Senator Michele Reynolds for Zeta Phi Beta Inc., Sigma Iota Zeta.

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University on January 16, 1920. The Sorority was founded on the principles of Scholarship, Service, Sisterhood, and Finer Womanhood. The Sorority serves to empower people from all walks of life.

WHEREAS, the Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter was chartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio on June 20, 2001 and provides service and scholarships to students in Reynoldsburg and other central Ohio communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter hosts their annual Breakfast with the Artist event where they award scholarships and spotlight local artists, while highlighting community members who work in Social Justice, Health Justice, and Economic Justice; and

Whereas, they are an annual sponsor and volunteer for the Reynoldsburg Juneteenth Festival where they focus on educating the citizens of Reynoldsburg on voter registration; and

Whereas, Sigma Iota Zeta has also served the Central Ohio youth through their Pearlette and Amicette Youth Auxiliaries; they also participate in stocking non-perishable food items in the Reynoldsburg Blessing Boxes; and

Whereas, the Reynoldsburg Chapter of Sigma Iota Zeta will celebrate their 25th anniversary on June 20, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Begeny, Mayor of the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, hereby heartily commend the Sigma Iota Zeta Chapter on their 25th anniversary.

Senator Michele Reynolds thanked Mayor Begeny, City Council, and the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta sorority Inc. She explained that it was truly a double honor for her, because not only was she representing Ohio Senate District 3, she was also a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority Inc. and celebrated thirty-one years in this organization on May 12th. She explained that she was very proud to be here and thanked Mayor Begeny for allowing her to recognize her Chapter for their 25th anniversary. She stated that she also brought a senatorial citation from her office personally,. On June 3rd, she and Representative Lawson-Rowe will be inviting her sisters to receive President's Letters on behalf of the Ohio Senate and the Ohio

House of Representatives.

Councilmember Abrams stated that it was wonderful to have the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta here at City Council. She added that she enjoyed hosting events with them as a Delta sister. She thanked them for all that they do for Reynoldsburg. Councilmember Chambers thanked them as well.

Comments from Ward Boundary Chair Les Davies

Mr. Davies was not in attendance at the meeting. Attorney Shook stated that, from his understanding, the Commission's recommendation to Council was to keep the Ward Boundary maps the same as they currently exist. He explained that even though there were shifts in the population from ward to ward based on developments built during the last five to six years, unfortunately, the census analysis does not catch up that quickly. At this time, the Commission were not able to accurately calculate how the population had shifted in each ward, which would allow them to make an educated redrawing of the boundaries. Attorney Shook explained that the Commission recommended that the Council keep the ward boundaries the same until the next census, which would be in 2030.

President Pro Temp Baker stated that that seemed like a fine recommendation.

Presentation by the Franklin County Auditor's Office Regarding Property Values

Mr. Demarcus Parker stated that he is the director of appraisal for the Franklin County Auditor's Office (FCAO) and is here representing Michael Stinziano. Mr. Parker stated that the Franklin County Auditor's Office conducts property value updates periodically because they are required by law to conduct a reappraisal every 6 years with a property value update at the 3-year midpoint. This is an effort to accurately reflect property value changes in the current real estate market. The Ohio Department of Taxation makes the final determination of whether the updated property values are accurate and acceptable. The study involves an analysis of "arms-length" sales that have taken place over the last three years. An "arms-length" sale is a sale in which both parties are mutually exclusive and acting independently of one another. Meaning, a sale between family members for \$1 would not be an "arms-length" sale. Starting in January, the Franklin County Auditor's Office collected data from the preceding three years up to this date. In March and April, they prepare and submit those numbers to the Department of Taxation. Between May and June, they will receive the approval of values from the Department of Taxation and begin preparing to send out letters containing tentative property values to all Franklin County property owners. Then, between July and September, property owners may schedule times to speak with a member of FCAO should they feel that these numbers are inaccurate. Mr. Parker stated that all

property owners can work with FCAO to provide information regarding their proposed values during this process using different documentation that supports a different evaluation.

Mr. Parker stated that the next property value update could affect taxes. This appraisal process is required by law to provide tax districts with the most accurate property assessments possible. He clarified that the majority of taxes are established through the ballot box through voted-on levies. The FCAO encourages residents to contact the office at any time with questions regarding the 2026 property value update, property taxes, or any other issue they may be able to assist you with. Residents can reach them at AuditorStinziano@franklincountyohio.gov or (614)525-4663.

Councilmember Abram asked how the Reynoldsburg Auditor's Office and the Franklin County Auditor's Office have interacted in regard to getting information out to residents about this property value update. Auditor Strickland stated that they receive information from the Franklin County Auditor's Office around once a week regarding property taxes. She explained that they have been working very closely with them and will be scheduling a meeting with the Auditor's Office to continue to build their working relationship.

Councilmember Chambers asked if this process was free for residents. Mr. Parker responded in the affirmative. It was free for all residents sign up.

Council President Pro Temp Baker stated that Auditor Stinziano has had meetings at City Hall to allow residents to come and learn more about their office and ask questions. Mayor Begeny stated that he would also be on the 12 o'clock show with Mayor Joe on Wednesday.

APPEAL HEARING

Appeal Hearing of the Planning & Zoning Board March 5, 2026 Decision for Application #2026-0010 for 6591 East Main Street

President Pyakurel stated that Council was presented with an appeal of the Planning & Zoning Board's March 25, 2026 decision to deny a variance for a property at 6591 East Main Street (Application #2026-0010). This hearing was a quasi-judicial hearing that required Council to hold an evidentiary hearing to review the information, which was held during Council's May 11, 2026 meeting. Council must review the materials and the standards to vote on the appeal and then adopt

written Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Clerk Prasher reminded the participants that they were still under oath.

Director Meyer commented that no new administrative information had been submitted since the previous meeting,

Applicant Duckworth centered his argument on Section 110 3.15 of the municipal code, which governed the Main Street corridor. He argued that this section explicitly mandated regulatory leniency and flexibility for non-conforming buildings and adaptive reuse projects to allow existing businesses to remain and grow. He further noted that the terms "laundromat" and "coin laundry" were completely absent from the current text, making the code overly broad and creating an unintended regulatory gap for a vital, community-oriented paid service. He suggested that Council could alternatively categorize the facility under the permitted "Personal Care and Beauty Services" framework.

Attorney Shook provided critical legal clarification, explaining that the matter at hand was an administrative appeal of a non-conforming use denial rather than a traditional variance request. Addressing a point in the applicant's summary of legal grounds, which asserted that the City was violating the spirit of its own master plan, Attorney Shook explained that while the Comprehensive Master Plan served as the rational basis and prelude to municipal law, it was not legally binding on Council. Only the explicit, enacted language of the zoning code holds binding legal authority. The Planning and Zoning administrator's review correctly determined that the closest similar defined use in the code was "clothing services and dry cleaning," which was strictly restricted to other zoning districts, thereby disqualifying the laundromat from a similar-use expansion at its current Main Street location.

Councilmember Salvati discussed the precedent-setting nature of the request. He noted that, while the applicant's interpretation of the corridor's leniency text was highly creative, the property itself did not possess the unique geographical or mapping anomalies required to legally justify a variance. After attending the Planning & Zoning Board meeting and listening to the Board's extensive discussion, officials affirmed that granting the request would present a textbook case of setting an unfavorable zoning precedent.

Councilmember Hill, who was absent from the prior meeting, raised questions regarding the signage variance that allowed Splash Laundry to absorb the exterior signage space of an adjacent martial arts studio that relocated next door into a vacant former bakery space. Director Meyer clarified that the separate signage approval process should not be conflated with the core issue of land use, and that

the unauthorized expansion of the non-conforming commercial space itself was what ultimately triggered the administrative denial.

Councilmembers Abram and Baker both expressed their support for the expansion of the laundromat and appreciated Mr. Duckworth's efforts to improve the facility. They also understood the precedent-setting nature should Council decide to overturn the Planning & Zoning Board decision. While expressing strong personal support for the utility of a local laundromat, Councilmembers emphasized their obligation to uphold the code as currently written. They noted that the zoning code was a living document subject to trial and error, and recommended that the Zoning Department formally evaluate adding laundromats as an explicitly permitted use during the annual code updates for 2027.

Councilmember Baker moved to close the Appeal Hearing. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

Councilmember Baker moved to direct Attorney Shook to draft a Resolution of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to deny the appeal. Second by Councilmember Salvati. Roll call: Johnson — Yes; Towns — Yes; Salvati — Yes; Chambers — Yes; Hill — Yes; Abram — Yes; Baker — Yes. The motion was approved 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

REPORTS

Clerk of Court Report

Clerk of Court Report for April 2026

The Clerk of Court submitted monies collected from the courts held in the month of April 2026 in the amount of \$38,338.

Development, Parks & Recreation Committee

This is the Development, Parks & Recreation Committee meeting for May 26, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Salvati, and President Pro Temp Baker.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Expansion of the Eastern Community Reinvestment Area Eligible for Tax Abatement Originally Established by

Ordinance No 97-2023, and Declaring an Emergency

Executive Session

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5) "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes."

Councilmember Salvati stated that the Council will go into executive session and once the executive session is complete the Council will resume with the committee meeting.

Councilmember Towns made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC section 121.22(G)(5) "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes." Second by Councilmember Chambers.

Roll call: Johnson — Yes; Towns — Yes; Salvati — Yes; Chambers — Yes; Hill — Yes; Abram — Yes; Baker — Yes. The motion was approved 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Council invites Mayor Begeny, Attorney Shook, Auditor Strickland, Director Meyer, and Clerk Prasher to remain in the session.

Councilmember Towns made a motion to leave executive session. Second by Councilmember Johnson.

Roll call: Johnson — Yes; Towns — Yes; Salvati — Yes; Chambers — Yes; Hill — Yes; Abram — Yes; Baker — Yes. The motion was approved 7 affirmative votes, 0 negative votes.

Councilmember Salvati 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 and Accept Funding Assistance through the OPRA State Initiative Program in Partnership with GameTime, Appropriating Funds Therefor, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor Begeny stated that they are requesting authorization to enter into agreement with GameTime for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Huber Park and McPherson Park as well as to accept the funding award from the vendor in the amount of \$264,247.66. They are also asking to waive competitive

bidding pursuant to City Code section 175 as the purchase will be made through OMNIA, a cooperative purchasing contract. They are also requesting funds from the unappropriated CIP balance into the accounts identified within the legislative request to support the costs. Emergency language has been requested for the passage of this legislation at the June 8th Council meeting in order to meet the required project completion deadline as stipulated by the grant.

Councilmember Salvati stated that the grant for the \$264,000 is great, but when you hear that the whole project is around \$900,000, it seems a little different. He explained that, apparently, the squishy rubber stuff we walk on at the parks is not actually mulch and is very expensive.

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

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) and Appropriating Funds Therefor

Mayor Begeny stated that the parks and recreation department is requesting authorization to enter into an agreement with COSI, to not only expand high quality STEM learning experiences at the Tomato Festival and Diwali Festival but also designate July 20th through 26th as Reynoldsburg week at COSI where all Reynoldsburg residents will be given a discount admission to COSI. Members of the City Staff, schools, and everyone will be invited to participate in various activities during that week. Reynoldsburg is actually the first community to actually go through this process, and they agreed with COSI that they were the best community to take the lead on this project.

Councilmember Abram asked how COSI decided which festivals to host events at. Mayor Begeny stated that it was mostly due to high attendance at the Tomato Festival and Diwali Festival.

Mayor Begeny wanted to reiterate the discounted admission for students and that COSI is affordable and is the #1 science museum. He stated that it is great for people of all ages.

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

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

Public Service & Transportation Committee



This is the Public Service & Transportation Committee meeting for May 26, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Abram, Councilmember Chambers, Councilmember Towns, Chair Hill, and President Pro Temp Baker.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Related to the Main Street Sidewalk Program, and Declaring an Emergency

Director Dorman stated that a while ago they did a study on the Main Street corridor mainly between Waggoner and Taylor to look for things like gaps in sidewalks or areas that do not allow for pedestrian access. Based on this study, it was decided to focus on the area between Taylor and Hansen. This Ordinance would allow EMH&T to go out and do survey work and design a solution. That solution and cost of the project would then be brought back to Council for their approval.

Councilmember Abram asked if there was a way to put out road signs out signaling that there are pedestrians in the area so that people driving by are more aware. Director Dorman stated that this area is not pedestrian-friendly at the moment, and he feels like it would give people a false sense of security or permission to walk through that area. They can add signs, but they don't want to encourage more people to walk through that area.

Councilmember Salvati asked about sidewalks where the new recreation and service building will be. Mayor Begeny stated that they will have sidewalks in that area and COPC has already installed some sidewalks too.

President Pro Temp Baker thanked him for working on this project.

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 MS Consulting for Professional Engineering Services Pertaining to Storm Sewer Improvements as Outlined in the Recently Completed Blacklick Creek Watershed Study

Director Dorman stated that this Ordinance is another part 2 of an initial study that was done previously with MS Consulting that produced a document, the Blacklick Watershed Creek Study. Within that study, there were recommendations provided as to what the City can do to help with some of these issues that were identified. Some of these solutions include storm sewer improvements, acquisition of properties that were not built to today's standards, as well as some other options.



This contract will allow them to take this study and begin doing actual design work to see how it can be implemented in Reynoldsburg. Director Dorman stated that they will be applying for funding for some of these projects as well.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2025) for the Collection by the Franklin County Auditor

Director Dorman stated that this Resolution is just for nuisance costs. Code enforcement is able to cite someone for a violation and if it is not remedied within a certain time frame, the City then has the right to remedy the issue itself through contractors and then bill the property owner. If the property owner does not pay the bill then it would be added onto their property tax. This Resolution specifically is for Franklin County.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2025) for Collections by the Licking County Auditor

Director Dorman stated that this Resolution is the same as what was previously discussed but specifically is for Licking County.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Public Infrastructure Associated with Eastwood Sections 2 and 3

Director Dorman stated that Eastwood is the homes for rent in a subdivision off of Summit road just south of the high school. This Resolution is for the side roads around this subdivision. They have also provided a one-year maintenance bond.

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

Finance & Administration Committee

This is the Finance & Administration Committee meeting for May 26, 2026.

Members in attendance are: Councilmember Hill, Councilmember Johnson,

Councilmember Salvati, and President Pro Temp Baker.

An Ordinance to Approve Payment of Certain Purchase Orders and Expenses Pursuant to the Auditor's Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

President Pro Temp Baker stated that as a Then and Now, this item has been requested as a single-read emergency.

Auditor Strickland explained that this Ordinance is a clean-up work that was done at the beginning of this year. There were bills that had to be paid but a PO had not been opened yet, but we were still expected to make that payment. This Ordinance is ensuring that everything is caught up. She explained that there may be more then and nows in the future until they are able to get everything back on track.

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Illuminology to Assist with the Preparation of a Community Survey

Director Clemens stated that the City has worked with Illuminology since 2023 to do community surveys and measure residents' opinions on certain matters. They discuss quality of life here in Reynoldsburg, city services, and a variety of other civic issues as well. This item was budgeted for, so they are now requesting approval to enter into contract. She stated that they would like to do community surveys every three years.

President Pro Temp Baker made a motion to forward this Resolution to Council for approval. Second by Councilmember Johnson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA

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

A Resolution Authorizing the Clerk of Council to Certify Nuisance Costs (2025) for the Collection by the Franklin County Auditor



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CONSENT AGENDA FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION

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

An Ordinance Consenting to the Annexation of Certain Real Property Located on Taylor Road in Etna Township Consisting of 132.6+/- Acres, Owned by Joseph I Bauman, Trustee of Bauman Family Trust, and Declaring an Emergency

An Ordinance to Approve Payment of Certain Purchase Orders and Expenses Pursuant to the Auditor's Certificate of Availability of Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

CONSENT AGENDA FOR FIRST READING

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CONSENT AGENDA FOR SECOND READING

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract to Purchase a Chevrolet Equinox EV for the Building Department and Appropriating Funds Therefor

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with EMH&T for Engineering Design Services Related to Various Traffic Signal Studies

An Ordinance Adopting the Tax Budget for the City of Reynoldsburg, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning 2027, and Declaring an Emergency

OTHER COUNCIL MATTERS



Councilmember Johnson invited everyone to come to Juneteeth at Huber Park on June 20th from 4pm to 8pm.

Councilmember Chambers congratulated all the graduates in Reynoldsburg, and thanked all teachers and education professionals for all of their hard work.

President Pro Temp Baker thanked RPD, teachers, and congratulated the graduates in Reynoldsburg as well.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 4, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board

June 8, 2026 Council

June 18, 2026 Planning & Zoning Board

June 19, 2026 Juneteenth City Offices Closed

June 22, 2026 Council

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Council President Pro Temp Baker adjourned the meeting.

Bhuwan Pyakurel, Council President

Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council