

CITY COUNCIL

October 20, 2025

The October 20, 2025 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Aaron Korte, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Tom Karcher. Julia Lemire was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Susan Bucher; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the October 6, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the October 6, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 6, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 14, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the October 15, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

It was noted that an open house will be held tomorrow evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department to promote the need for the ¾% income tax increase.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that a professor from the University of Cincinnati will be dedicating a historical marker on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Old Mission Church/Cemetery located at the northeast corner of East Church Street and North Fifth Street.

It was noted that City Council members received the Finance Report for September 2025 as provided by Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor.

Mayor McColly reported that Driven Excavating should begin work soon on the Westside Waterline Project.

Mayor McColly also reported that 0% financing will be sought from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the new waterline to be installed from Sandusky Avenue to Reservoir Road. Phase I is estimated to cost \$600,000.00 and will include the installation of a 12" waterline from Sandusky Avenue to Third Street along the north side of the roadway. Phase II will include continuing the waterline from Third Street, crossing East Wyandot Avenue into Harrison Smith Park and then taking it east in Harrison Smith Park and installing it under the George Washington Bridge and going to a connection on Reservoir Road.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President