

PUBLIC HEARING

November 17, 2025

The November 17, 2025 Public Hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. in Council Chambers by Kate Niederkohr, President. City Council members present were Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, and Julia Lemire.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Coordinator; Ben Martens, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership; Aaron Clark; Marty Reber; Robin Schuster; Cassie Miller; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The purpose of this hearing was to allow public input on the City's intention to apply to commit funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Fund Program for the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project.

Mr. Ben Martens explained the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project and the availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Revolving Loan Funds to pay for the project.

Mr. Aaron Clark, Bringman Clark Funeral Home located at 226 East Wyandot Avenue, addressed City Council indicating that he believes this project will increase accidents at this intersection and there will be negative outcomes if the City proceeds with the project. Mr. Clark proposed the following three options: 1) no change, 2) close the sidewalk crossings at this intersection, or 3) install a traffic light at this intersection to improve safety.

There being no further business, the President declared the public hearing adjourned.

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Kate Niederkohr, President

## CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2025

The November 17, 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 Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, and Julia Lemire.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Stephanie Hessey, Human Resource Coordinator; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 7, 2025 special Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 10, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Ms. Marty Reber, Mr. Robin Schuster, and Ms. Cassie Miller presented a slide presentation and outlined plans for the Semiquincentennial Celebration to take place in 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 36-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION PROGRAM FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 MARSEILLES AVENUE, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 36-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 36-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 36-14 was adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 37-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 2-14, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.", on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 37-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 37-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 37-14 was adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 38-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENTS AND TAKE ACTION NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO A GRANT TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND.”, on its second reading by title only.

Following input received at the public hearing held prior to this meeting and considerable discussion regarding the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project to be done using funding from the City’s Revolving Loan Fund, to be approved by Ordinance No. 38-14; a motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 38-14 in order to obtain more information and review those findings. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution No. 39-14 entitled, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Resolution No. 39-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Resolution No. 39-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 39-14 was adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 40-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 727 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE AND REGULATE MOBILE FOOD VENDORS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 40-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 41-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL USE OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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| Mr. Moore       | - | Yes |
| Mrs. Niederkohr | - | Yes |
| Mr. Walker      | - | No  |
| Mr. Wessler     | - | Yes |
| Mr. Karcher     | - | Yes |
| Mr. Korte       | - | Yes |
| Mrs. Lemire     | - | Yes |

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 41-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 42-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SECTION 155.07 IN CHAPTER 155 DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 42-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 43-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PAY SCALE AND COMPENSATION FOR NON-UNION CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND REPEALING ALL PRIOR INCONSISTENT WAGE ORDINANCES.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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| Mr. Moore       | - | Yes     |
| Mrs. Niederkohr | - | Yes     |
| Mr. Walker      | - | Yes     |
| Mr. Wessler     | - | Yes     |
| Mr. Karcher     | - | No      |
| Mr. Korte       | - | Abstain |
| Mrs. Lemire     | - | Yes     |

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-1-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 43-14 for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Lemire reported that she along with Mayor McColly and Mrs. Niederkohr met with Fire Chief MaGinn and noted that the City is looking to hire three (3) additional full-time firemen. An inquiry was made about an application for a Safer grant to assist with hiring firemen. Mrs. Lemire indicated that an application for a Safer grant is a possibility for next year.

Mayor McColly reported that he is working with Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, to conduct a street survey which would provide a detailed ranking of streets in need of resurfacing.

Mayor McColly reported on a notification received from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) indicating that \$570,000.00 has been approved for improvements to the South Warpole Street railroad crossing with a completion date of July 15, 2026.

Mayor McColly also reported that a few years ago the City was initially contacted by the PUCO about the possibility of closing some of the railroad crossings within the City.

Mayor McColly further reported that improvements to the north/south railroad crossing at CH 330, adjacent to Automated Petroleum located at 402 North Warpole Street, was set to begin before fall harvest and was suspended due to harvest but it should begin soon.

Mayor McColly further reported on a meeting with a representative from the PUCO, Police Chief Jared Lucas, and Mr. Brad Taylor regarding a potential railroad corridor.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Kate Niederkohr, President