

CITY COUNCIL

December 22, 2025

The December 22, 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 John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, and Kate Niederkohr.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc.; Aaron Clark; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the December 1, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the December 1, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 1, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

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

Mr. Bruce Brandstetter, Brandstetter Carroll, Inc., addressed City Council regarding the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project and reviewed several alternatives to this project. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Ben Martens, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, is currently waiting on the City's decision as to how it plans to proceed with this project. Mayor McColly indicated that the goal is to complete this project prior to the next phase of repaving on East Wyandot Avenue. It was decided that City Council members will further consider these alternatives and discuss this issue again at a meeting in January 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 44-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.", 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. 44-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 44-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 44-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 45-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARIES, WAGES AND THE RATES OF PAY FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 AND DESIGNATING THE POSITIONS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 45-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 45-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 45-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 45-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote and Ordinance No. 45-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 46-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS, AFL-CIO LOCAL 32, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2028, COVERING POLICE LIEUTENANTS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE CITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, 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. 46-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Moore, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 46-14 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. 46-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wessler, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 46-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 46-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 47-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO TRANSIENT GUEST TAX, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 47-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 47-14 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. 47-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 47-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 47-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 48-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A BID SUBMITTED FOR THE INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 48-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 48-14 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. 48-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 48-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 48-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 49-14 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, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.", 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. 49-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 49-14 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. 49-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 49-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 49-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 50-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY’S PICK UP OF THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (OPERS) FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY PURSUANT TO IRC SECTION 414(h)(2), AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 50-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to suspend the rules of the Municipal Charter calling for separate readings on different days. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 50-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 50-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 50-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	Yes
Mr. Korte	-	Abstain
Mrs. Lemire	-	Yes
Mr. Moore	-	Yes
Mrs. Niederkohr	-	Yes

The President declared the motion carried by a 6-0-1 vote and Ordinance No. 50-14 was duly adopted.

Mayor McColly indicated that the recent weather conditions have not allowed for the work on the north/south alley between Shields Drive and South Hazel Street to be completed. The contractor will be working on the alley again tomorrow and will be meeting with the residents.

Mayor McColly asked for patience from downtown businesses and patrons while Bill Sowers Tree Service is working on trees in the downtown area.

Scheduling of the Organizational Meeting was discussed. It was decided that the meeting will take place on January 2, 2026 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

It was noted that the members of City Council received the Finance Report as of November 2025 from Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor.

Mayor McColly reported that the District 16 meeting was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025 in Mansfield and funding was secured for the City’s watermain project.

Mayor McColly also reported that the GoBus agreement has been signed for a bus stop in the City that will travel to Columbus or Toledo.

Mayor McColly further reported that representatives from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) met today to discuss ways to improve safety at the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199 interchange ramp intersections, and they will be sending recommendations to the Safety Committee for these improvements.

Mayor McColly complimented the Solid Waste Management District for their facility looking great and many good things happening with this entity.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk	Kate Niederkohr, President