

CITY COUNCIL

July 21, 2025

The July 21, 2025 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Aaron Korte, President Pro-Tem. 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, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, and Aaron Korte. Julia Lemire and Kate Niederkohr were absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Ryan Karg; Tom Martin; Susan Bucher; Anne Brown; Steve Cook; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 Budget Hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

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

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

The minutes of the July 7, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the July 9, 2025 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

The minutes of the July 14, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

Mr. Ryan Karg addressed City Council regarding the proposed $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase being considered by City Council and indicated that he supports the measure, and he inquired about where the pool of money falls into the list of projects if income tax increase passes. Mr. Karg noted that a list of must have projects, could have projects, and won't have projects should be formed and those projects need to be clear and the City needs to be transparent for the income tax increase measure to be approved by the voters.

Mr. Tom Martin addressed City Council encouraging a 1% income tax increase be placed on the November General Election Ballot instead of a $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase. Mr. Martin indicated that the City has to be transparent to earn the voters' trust.

Mr. Steve Cook addressed City Council stating that the swimming pool needs to be kept open as this is a vital amenity in the community.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 21-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT ISSUE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO INCREASE THE CITY INCOME TAX RATE FROM ONE PERCENT (1%) TO ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT (1.75%), EFFECTIVE THIRTY (30) DAYS FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ELECTION, AND DECLARING

THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 21-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 21-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 21-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 22-14 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 Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 22-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Walker, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 22-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 22-14 was duly adopted.

Discussion was held regarding Ordinance No. 23-14. A clarification as to who will be responsible for the enforcement of the rules and revocation of permits, if necessary, under these guidelines was requested. Mr. Buckland will work with Mr. Karcher and Mr. Korte to address revisions to Section 7. of this ordinance to address these concerns.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to table the second reading of Ordinance No. 23-14 until the requested revisions are addressed. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

Mr. Moore	-	No
Mr. Walker	-	Yes
Mr. Wessler	-	Yes
Mr. Karcher	-	No
Mr. Korte	-	Yes

The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Ordinance No. 24-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM A LIMITED MANUFACTURING (LM) DISTRICT TO A RESIDENTIAL 2 (R2) DISTRICT, PERTAINING TO PROPERTIES LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF RAYBESTOS DRIVE.”, on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 24-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 24-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 24-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 25-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.06(B) OF CHAPTER 951 GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING THIS ACT AN EMERGENCY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 25-14 for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, explained the Finance Report for June 2025, the Revenue vs. Expenses 2019-2024 Special Revenue Funds, Revenue vs. Expenses 2019-2024 Major Funds, the 2024 Budget Analysis – Major Funds reports received by the members of City Council.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, President Pro-Tem