

CITY COUNCIL

September 15, 2025

The September 15, 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; Bud Miller; Tom Martin; Jack Helmer; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 2, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

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

The minutes of the September 8, 2025 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the September 9, 2025 special Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Bud Miller distributed and read a statement he wrote regarding questions and suggestions he has regarding the City's proposed ¾% income tax increase to be voted on at the November 4, 2025 General Election and the funds that could be generated from the income tax increase if the measure passes in November.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 33-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 553.011 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTING STREETS BY ABANDONING A LOCOMOTIVE, AND DECLARING 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. 33-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 33-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 33-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Resolution No. 34-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION (OPWC) STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, 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 Resolution No. 34-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Resolution No. 34-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 34-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Wessler, to place Ordinance No. 35-14 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION RANGE AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPERVISOR, PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN BENEFITS SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE BASE SALARY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”, on its first reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 35-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, 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 as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Walker, to place Ordinance No. 35-14 on its second reading by title only. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 35-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 35-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

The President declared the motion carried by a 5-2 vote and Ordinance No. 35-14 was duly adopted.

City Council members and Mayor McColly spoke in support of the City's proposed $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase to be voted on at the November 4, 2025 General Election and the need for additional funding which would be generated from this increase in order to maintain the current level of services provided to the community.

Mayor McColly reported that a resident inquired about obtaining a Wyandot Avenue street sign which is being replaced. Mayor McColly inquired with City Council members as to if they would be willing to put the sign up for bid as it is City property and cannot be given away. City Council members discussed setting a minimum which could be the equivalent of the scrap price of the sign. Mayor McColly indicated that he will obtain the scrap price of the sign from Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor. Mr. Buckland indicated that a policy needs to be established for the sale of such property.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to authorize the bid of a Wyandot Avenue sign, with the minimum price to be the equivalent of the scrap price of the sign. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was noted that the Finance Report for August 2025 was received.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President