

CITY COUNCIL

September 2, 2025

The September 2, 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 Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, and Scott Moore.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Nickie Coppler, City Auditor; Keith Niederkohr, Parks Manager; Bev Walton; Lisa Spangler; Karen Magers; Shirley Jones; Jennifer Smalley; Allene North; Laura Wines; Janeen Heilman; John Duress; Sara Moore; Kathyn Rall; Lu Lehman; Cathy Browne; Dan Ross; Sue Ross; Dean Leonard; Jackie Miranda; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the August 18, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the August 18, 2025 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the August 25, 2025 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

At this time visitors addressed City Council in support of the swimming pool in Harrison Smith Park. Mrs. Allene North indicated that the swimming pool is considered a community gathering place and shared that her family grew up at the swimming pool. Mrs. North also spoke in support of the police and fire departments which could also benefit from the proposed $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase to be voted on in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Mrs. Jennifer Smalley stated that swim lessons are very important and she applauded the pool staff for their work. Mrs. Smalley noted that the community doesn't need anything fancy like the design of the new swimming pool facility that was proposed earlier this year. Mrs. Jackie Miranda indicated that the swimming pool provides entertainment for teenagers during the summer months.

Mrs. Lemire shared a pay comparison she compiled of the Police and Fire Departments of 1970 vs. 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Resolution No. 28-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.", 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. 28-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Resolution No. 28-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Resolution No. 28-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 30-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WAGE AND BENEFIT FUND ALLOCATIONS FOR CERTAIN CITY POSITIONS EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 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. 30-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, 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 Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Karcher, to place Ordinance No. 30-14 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. 30-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 30-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 30-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 31-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL WAGE AND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 1-14 (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, 2025 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 Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 31-14 for the first time by title only.

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A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, to place Ordinance No. 31-14 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. 31-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lemire, seconded by Mr. Korte, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 31-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 31-14 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Nickie Coppler, City Auditor, explained the need to eliminate the 16% allocation from the City's income tax collections to the Parks Department for the remainder of 2025, as addressed in Ordinance No. 32-14, and the benefit of this action to the City's general fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 32-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 25-13 WHICH WAS AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 191.013 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2, 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. 32-14 for the first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte seconded by Mr. 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 Mr. Karcher, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 32-14 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. 32-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Karcher, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 32-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 32-14 was duly adopted.

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 first 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 first time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Lemire, 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 first 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 first time by title only.

Mrs. Jennifer Smalley addressed City Council again stating that it is a consensus that the design for a new swimming pool should remain the same as the existing swimming pool, and she voiced her opinion that if that happens the $\frac{3}{4}\%$ income tax increase will pass.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Kate Niederkohr, President