

CITY COUNCIL

January 5, 2026

The January 5, 2026 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers by Julia Lemire, 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 Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler. Scott Moore was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the December 22, 2025 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

At this time Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, addressed City Council regarding the possible purchase of a new John Deere 333 P-Tier Compact Track Loader as part of the State Purchasing Program at a total cost of \$93,800.00. City Council members reviewed the quote from Ag-Pro Companies, 1385 East Wyandot Avenue, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351 for the purchase of this equipment. This loader would be an addition to the fleet of equipment and the existing loader would continue to be utilized. It was noted that the Service Committee has reviewed this information and recommended City Council approve this purchase. Mr. Taylor indicated that this purchase has been addressed in the City's budget for 2026. An ordinance to address this purchase will be presented at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor McColly presented the two alternatives to the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project that he favors, being option 5B with no crossings on East Wyandot Avenue at this intersection, and option 4A being piano key crossing markings on Fourth Street and East Wyandot Avenue and] pedestrian crossing sign with solar flashing lights on East Wyandot Avenue to warn vehicular traffic of pedestrians in the crosswalk. It was noted that Mayor McColly presented this information to the Safety Committee at their meeting held earlier this evening and Police Chief Jared Lucas suggested option 4A include a pedestrian crossing sign with solar flashing lights be placed in the middle of the roadway. Considerable discussion was held regarding the options for this intersection.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to remove Ordinance No. 38-14 from the table, as it was tabled prior to its second reading at the November 17, 2025 City Council meeting. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, 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, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes; the President declared the motion carried. The Clerk read Ordinance No. 38-14 for the second time by title only, as amended.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 38-13, as amended. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 38-14 was adopted as amended.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Walker, to proceed with option 4A being piano key crossing markings on Fourth Street and East Wyandot Avenue and without the flashing pedestrian crossing sign for the Fourth Street ADA Sidewalks and Curb Ramps Project. Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows:

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

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

Information from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for improved safety measures at the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections was presented. ODOT is suggesting implementing a 3-way stop control at both ramp terminals which could take effect in the near future. Grant funding is available through ODOT’s Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for a potential long-term safety project but construction of a project under this funding could be several years out. It was noted that the Safety Committee reviewed this information in their meeting held earlier this evening and approved to follow the ODOT recommendation to implement a 3-way stop control at both ramp terminals of the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections. Mr. Buckland suggested an ordinance be presented to City Council to affirm the ODOT recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to proceed with an Ordinance to follow the ODOT recommendation to implement a 3-way stop control at both ramp terminals of the US 23/US 30 and State Route 199/North Warpole Street interchange ramp intersections. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was agreed that with the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19, 2026 that the next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Mr. Buckland indicated the he will present his annual Law Director Report at the next City Council meeting.

It was noted that City Council members received the Transient Guest Tax Collections Report as of December 31, 2025 and the Transient Guest Tax Daily Receipts Report as of December 23, 2025.

The two appointments to the Income Tax Board of Review, one by Mayor McColly and one by City Council, were discussed. Mr. Korte indicated that he has contacted someone regarding an appointment to this board and he is currently waiting for a response. These appointments will be addressed at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President