

## CITY COUNCIL

April 20, 2026

The April 20, 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, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Rhonda Rosebrough, Sexual Assault Response Network; Christina Jones, Sexual Assault Response Network; Bob Snavelly, Palmer Energy; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 6, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 13, 2026 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 13, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Rhonda Rosebrough and Christina Jones, representing the Sexual Assault Response Network (SARN) addressed City Council and noted that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. SARN is an advocate available to survivors, and there is also a helpline available 24 hours per day/7 days per week. A list of upcoming events was provided, and anyone interested in getting involved can sign up for volunteer training.

Bob Snavelly, Palmer Energy, addressed City Council regarding the electric aggregation program for the residents of the City of Upper Sandusky for a twenty-four (24) month contract term being January 2027 billing period through December 2028 billing period. Mr. Snavelly provided proposed offers during that time frame and recommended an agreement with Direct Energy be approved at a rate of \$0.10160/kWh. Mr. Snavelly added that the electric aggregation program in Upper Sandusky represents 2,100 customers.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to give the Mayor authority to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy for a twenty-four (24) month contract term being January 2027 billing period through December 2028 billing period at a rate of \$0.10160/kWh. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 67-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO.", 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. 67-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 67-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 67-14 was duly adopted.

It was noted that the members of City Council received the Finance Report for March 2026.

Mayor McColly reported that he and Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will again be meeting soon with Uni-Grip, Inc. regarding the base of Highland Parkway since Uni-Grip, Inc. is planning an expansion and has indicated that they will be accessing the addition to their facility from Highland Parkway.

Mayor McColly also reported that meetings have been held with Columbia Gas of Ohio for upcoming projects.

It was noted that an open house was held on Thursday, April 16 by Vancrest Health Care Centers for their new facility in Upper Sandusky located at 890 Marseilles Avenue.

Mayor McColly further reported that a grant application has been submitted for the demolition of the old Fairhaven facility located at 850 Marseilles Avenue and willingness has been expressed to donate the property to the City following demolition.

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

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Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

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Julia Lemire, President