CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 2026

The May 4, 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 Aaron Korte, Julia Lemire, Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, and Tom Karcher.

Others present included: Ben Buckland, Law Director; Randall Besecker, Louis Dreyfus Company; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the April 20, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the April 20, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 23, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearings, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 24, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 24, 2026 special Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 27, 2026 Tree Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the April 29, 2026 Civil Service Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Robert Waxlax, head of Business Development with the Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC), addressed City Council and introduced Mr. Randall Besecker, Commercial Manager for the Upper Sandusky Louis Dreyfus Company facility. It was noted that Mr. Waxlax and Mr. Besecker also attended and addressed the Service Committee at their meeting held earlier this evening. Mr. Waxlax explained the company's need for additional water supply at its facility and the options the company is proposing to the City. City Council members voiced their opinion that the residents of the City should not have to bear any costs associated with the LDC development or operation.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Resolution No. 71-14 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH WYANDOT COUNTY FOR 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION (CHIP) PROGRAM 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. 71-14 for the first time by title only.

It was reported that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be providing 50% of the funding to upgrade the Highland Parkway roadway with a full depth repair needed due to the expansion of Uni-Grip and semi-truck traffic expected on this roadway.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk	Julia Lemire, President