CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2026

The June 1, 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 Scott Moore, Kate Niederkohr, John Walker, Kenneth Wessler, Tom Karcher, Aaron Korte, and Julia Lemire.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Robert Waxlax, Louis Dreyfus Company; Greg Moon, Zoning Inspector; Jessica Moon; Rae Wessler; Jordan Treadway; Katie Treadway; Jim Stauffer; Brian Hemminger, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the May 18, 2026 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the May 18, 2026 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 21, 2026 special Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 21, 2026 Board of Zoning Appeals hearing, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the May 29, 2026 special Safety Committee 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 regarding three (3) separate proposed agreements with the City for water usage including: a potable water agreement up to fifty (50) years in which LDC would pay the out-of-town rate for the first one-hundred seventy-four (174) gallons per minute of water and pay the in-town rate for any usage over 174 gallons; an infrastructure agreement for the expansion of the Water Treatment Plant; and an agreement for raw water tapped directly from the City's reservoir #1. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, has reviewed and edited an agreement and the agreement was returned to LDC who have responded with revisions. Mayor McColly noted that the revisions proposed by LDC are on hold as Mr. Buckland is currently out of the office and he has not reviewed the proposed revisions.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to place Ordinance No. 72-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 133.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND UPDATING THE PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF, 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 Ordinance No. 72-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 72-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 72-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 73-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 194-13 TO AMEND ONE PERMIT HOLDER AND ADD ONE PERMIT HOLDER LOCATED WITHIN THE UPPER SANDUSKY DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA (DORA).", 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. 73-14 for the second time by title only.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, for the adoption of Ordinance No. 73-14. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried and Ordinance No. 73-14 was duly adopted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Niederkohr, seconded by Mr. Korte, to place Ordinance No. 74-14 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF UPPER SANDUSKY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRANDSTETTER CARROLL, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE UPPER SANDUSKY HARRISON SMITH PARK POOL PROJECT.", 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. 74-14 for the first time by title only.

Mrs. Niederkohr reported that a lifeguard at the swimming pool saved a swimmer who was struggling in the water recently.

Mayor McColly and City Council members congratulated high school track athletes who qualified and will be participating in the State track meet later this week.

Mayor McColly reported on a resignation received from Mr. Ross Niederkohr from his seat on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to accept the resignation of Mr. Ross Niederkohr from the Planning Commission. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

Mayor McColly reported on a suggestion received from a concerned resident that was also presented to the Safety Committee and Service Committee earlier this evening to reduce the downtown lanes of traffic to single lanes in each direction due to hazards with long vehicles being parked in the angle parking spaces and partially obstructing the right hand lanes of traffic.

Mayor McColly also reported on an expanded health care option available to City employees to address mental health.

Mayor McColly further reported and congratulated Mr. Mike Wheeler for receiving the Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award.

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

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Julia Lemire, President