

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Herbst, Vice Mayor Mike Blakesly, Councilmember Amber Aivalotis-Weaver, Councilmember Cindy Doogan, Councilmember Candice Farst, Councilmember Corey M. Follick and Councilmember Dave Lewis.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDonald, Kurt Althouse, Angela Swartz, Rob Cron, Darren Davey, Mike Hammes, Ben Borton, Leann Hanf, Brandon Sucher, Chad Follick, Bridgette Leiter, Scott Jacobs, Alicia McCracken, James Carmen, Chris Mastrino, Robert Hussong, Larry Doogan, Barbara Spurgeon, Penny & Steve Baker, Alex Gonter-Dray, Keith Valiquette, Larry Sherman, Aaron Messenger, Peyton Manger, Tonya Hittner, Phyllis White, Brandon Kaiser, Lisa Stratton, Marcia Harsman, Paige Harsman, Al & Kay Tuttle, Kristin Cox, Patty Gomez, Mary Garger, Rudy Wells, Jeff Hoagland, Gloria Shanahan, Bob Shanahan, Ed Kelker, Stephanie King, David King, Kim Bish, Michael Bish, Amos Knipp, Tanya Brown, Mark Colling, Jim & Mary Rathburn, Steve Clark and family, David Todd, Lydia Plyman.

Mayor Herbst called the council meeting of the Council of the City of Vandalia to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Herbst advised the audience Council anticipates many citizen comments regarding the referendum matter, which is not on the agenda. In order to timely get through the regular business of the City and allow those that are here for appointments to various positions or variance requests to be heard timely, **Mayor Herbst** asked if there is a Motion to amend the agenda to move the item 'Comments from Interested Citizens' before the City Manager's Report to immediately follow the reading of the 'May 2025 Bill Listing, Monthly Expenses over \$25,000 and Monthly Purchasing Card Detail' item." It was moved by Vice Mayor Blakesly, second by Councilmember Lewis to amend the agenda to move the item 'Comments from Interested Citizens' before the City Manager's Report to immediately follow the reading of the 'May 2025 Bill Listing, Monthly Expenses over \$25,000 and Monthly Purchasing Card Detail' item", motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Herbst called for a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Council Study Session Minutes from April 7, 2025, and the Council Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2025, the Council Study Session Minutes from April 21, 2025, and the Council Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025, were approved as presented.

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Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Proclamation for Pollinator Week, June 16 - 22, 2025

Mayor Herbst presented a Bee City USA Proclamation to Mr. Al Tuttle and members of the Historical Society of Vandalia Butler, in celebration of Pollinator Week, which is June 16 through June 22, 2025. **Mr. Tuttle** thanked Council for the City's continued support since being named a Bee City in 2016. **Mr. Tuttle** thanked the Parks & Recreation department for planting pollinator friendly plants and thanked Angela Swartz for her assistance in the renewal process and her display in the City Managers office.

Proclamation Recognizing Paige Harsman, Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Gold Award Recipient

Mayor Herbst read and presented a proclamation to Paige Harsman, from Vandalia Girl Scout Troop 35209, recognizing Paige for earning the esteemed Girl Scout Gold Award.

Proclamation for Parks & Recreation Month

Mayor Herbst presented a proclamation to members of the Parks and Recreation Department, Alicia McCracken, Aaron Messenger, Rudy Wells and Mark Collins, proclaiming July Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Vandalia.

Retirement Acknowledgement for Steve Clark, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mr. Althouse acknowledged Steve Clark, who retired from the City of Vandalia after 37 years of service. Council, staff and members of the audience stood and gave Mr. Clark a round of applause. **Mayor Herbst** called upon Mr. Clark to introduce his family and say a few words. **Mr. Clark** introduced his wife Melanie, daughters Riley, Katie and Payton. He noted his son Carson could not be here because he is in Alaska playing summer baseball. **Mr. Clark** thanked Council, the Parks and Rec staff and the community for their support over the years.

Mayor Herbst addressed the audience advising anyone who did not wish to stay for the remainder of the meeting, this would be the time to step out.

Public Hearing: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items:

Mr. Althouse shared the Stars, Stripes & Songs with the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2025, 7-9 p.m., inviting everyone for a patriotic evening under the stars as we welcome Flight One, the high-energy rock band from the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight! Get ready for a mix of pop, rock, and Americana classics that'll have you tapping your toes and waving the red, white, and blue. Bring a lawn chair, grab your crew, and celebrate freedom, community, and the power of music with us! Food trucks, fun, and patriotic vibes guaranteed. **Mr. Althouse** shared the City is hosting the

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FlightFest event at the Sports Complex, organized by the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce and CenterPoint Energy Airshow officials. FlightFest is scheduled for Friday, June 20 from 6:00 -10:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 21 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. This event will feature guest appearances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds crews, the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, other airshow performers, and a concert by the Lt. Dan Band. The event includes food, drinks, and live music along with various displays and vendors. **Mr. Althouse** shared the City of Vandalia and Butler Township will present the Star-Spangled Celebration on Thursday, July 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Vandalia Sports Complex. The event is being sponsored by Beau Townsend Ford, Joseph Airport Toyota, Smedley's Chevrolet and Minster Bank with additional support from Digital Cowboy Computers, and Pickrel, Shaeffer & Ebeling. Entertainment will be provided by the band "The Blue Leaf's". Fireworks by Rozzi's Famous Fireworks will start at 10:00 p.m. In case of rain, the fireworks will be held on Friday, July 4th at 10:00 p.m. with fireworks only, no entertainment. **Mr. Althouse** shared City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The recreation center will close July 3 at 6:00 p.m. and will be open 7:00 a.m. to Noon on July 4. **Mr. Althouse** shared on Monday, July 7th at 4 pm, Councilmembers and City Staff will meet to engage in dialogue about key topics and discuss future goals. The retreat will be held at the Justice Center Community Room and is open to the public. **Mr. Althouse** shared Council established a summer schedule for Council meetings. The July meeting will be held Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. The Study Session will tentatively begin at 5:30 p.m.

Action Item:

Mr. Althouse advised Council enclosed in their Council packets is a list of current members of various boards and commissions whose terms expire June 30, 2025, and are interested in reappointment. **Mayor Herbst** advised voting to reappoint the incumbents may take place at one time. It was moved by Councilmember Follick, second by Vice Mayor Blakesly to approve the following listed individuals to the following positions: Motion passed 7-0.

Arts Council

Judith Pope

Stephanie Wilmoth

Bicycle Committee

Henry Hunter

Chuck Smith

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mike Johnston

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

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Jack Shirley – Mayor Appointment

John Froschauer, Sr. – Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council's Appointment

Golf Advisory Board

Robert Wolfe

Housing Code Board of Appeals

Aaron Hathaway

Local Board of Tax Review

Frank Keish, Jr.

Peter Breidenbach

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Tara Landis

Lenny Maenza

Planning Commission

David Arnold

Kristin Cox

Vice Mayor Blakesly administered the Oath of Office to Kristen Cox, who was reappointed to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Herbst administered the Oath of Office to David Arnold, who was reappointed to the Planning Commission and administered the Oath of Office to Mike Johnston, who was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Herbst reappointed Jack Shirley to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council as the Mayor's appointment.

Mayor Herbst noted Jack Froschauer will be reappointed by the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council at their next meeting.

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

25-R-31 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Negotiate And Enter Into A Facilities Infrastructure Improvement Project Phase 2 Contract Amendment With Energy Systems Group, LLC. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 25-R-31 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the Department of Engineering Services and Parks & Recreation Department are recommending entering a Phase 2 contract amendment with Energy Systems Group, LLC of Newburgh, Indiana for the planning, design, engineering, and associated processes relating to Phase 2 in the Facilities Infrastructure Improvement Project. The scope of work for this stage of the project includes the replacement of the Recreation Center Boilers. The scope of work for Phase 1 was completed with final acceptance in December 2024. The Phase 2 work shall be treated as a separate scope of work subject to the same contract terms and conditions as the Phase 1 work. Staff

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requested to waive the formal bidding process and enter a Phase 2 contract amendment with Energy Systems Group, LLC of Newburgh, Indiana in an amount of \$206,393 for the planning, design and associated processes relating to Phase 2 of the Facilities Infrastructure Project. A total of \$90,000 was budgeted for this project. Staff recommended the balance of funds come from the current capital budget balances. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Follick, second by Councilmember Farst to approve Resolution 25-R-31, motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading:

25-13 An Ordinance Rezoning 0.919 Acres Of Land Located At 3320 Benchwood Road From Residential Single-Family (Rsf-1) To Highway Business (Hb) And Amending The Zoning Map Of The City. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-13 by title. **Mr.**

Althouse advised Council the applicant, Jonathan Woche, AICP, with McBride Dale Clarion, and on behalf of Richard Schott, requests the rezoning of one parcel totaling 0.919 acres +/- located at 3320 Benchwood Road. As proposed, the subject property would be rezoned from the RSF-1 Single-Family Residential district to the HB – Highway Business district. On May 13, 2025, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Farst, second by Vice Mayor Blakesly to approve Ordinance 25-13, motion passed 7-0.

25-14 An Ordinance Approving The Editing And Inclusion Of Certain Ordinances And A Resolution As Parts Of The Various Component Codes Of The Codified Ordinances; Providing For The Adoption And Publication Of New Matter In The Updated And Revised Codified Ordinances; And Repealing Ordinances And Resolutions In Conflict Therewith. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-14 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council this ordinance approves the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions that have been passed by Council since the last update of the Codified Ordinances. This update will codify all pertinent legislation passed by Council during 2024, as well as incorporating amendments to the Ohio Revised Code. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Vice Mayor Blakesly, second by Councilmember Doogan to approve Ordinance 25-14, motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

Ordinances – Emergency Reading:

25-11 An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Notes In The Maximum Principal Amount Of \$1,272,000, In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, To Provide Moneys For The Retirement Of The City's Outstanding Taxable Land

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Acquisition Notes, Series 2024, And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-11 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the Land Acquisition Note issued for the acquisition of land for the Stonequarry Crossing development matures on July 22, 2025. The total amount due is \$1,399,000 in principal plus interest. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the 2025 Budget includes a principal payment of \$127,000, plus an interest payment amount of \$95,000. The maturity date on the new note (\$1,272,000) will be in July of 2026. The debt is scheduled to be paid in full in 2036. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilmember Lewis, second by Councilmember Farst to approve Ordinance 25-11, Councilmember Follick noted this ordinance and the next ordinance are not new debt the City is taking on, but an annual housekeeping legislation. There were no additional comments or questions from Council, motion passed 7-0.

25-12 An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Notes In The Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount Of \$865,000, In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, To Provide Moneys For The Retirement Of The City's Outstanding Various Purpose Notes, Series 2024, And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-12 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council The Fire Engine 2016 Bond Anticipation Note issued for a fire engine matures on August 19, 2025. This note was combined with the Fire Ladder Truck 2021 BAN in order to save on the costs of issuance. The current remaining amount due on the note is \$1,053,000 (Fire Engine \$96,000; Fire Ladder Truck \$957,000) plus interest. **Mr. Althouse** advised the amount of the principal payment for the Fire Engine is \$48,000, and \$140,000 for the Fire Ladder Truck. The 2025 budget includes a pay down amount of \$48,000 on the outstanding principal due for the Fire Engine, and \$140,000 for the Fire Ladder Truck, plus an interest payment of \$63,440. The maturity on the new note (Fire Engine \$48,000; Fire Ladder Truck \$817,000) will be in August of 2026. **Mr. Althouse** advised the debt on the Fire Engine is scheduled to be paid in full in 2026, and year 2031 for the Fire Ladder Truck. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Doogan, second by Vice Mayor Blakesly to approve Ordinance 25-12, motion passed 7-0.

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance: BZA 25-0006 – 650 Pool Ave – Minimum Lot Frontage
(The Landing). **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the applicant, Longhorn Development, has requested a variance to not meet the minimum lot frontage requirement at 650 Pool Avenue. The purpose of this request is to allow Lot 3 of “The Landing” to have 0 feet of lot frontage, falling short of the required 125 feet of lot frontage. The Board of Zoning

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Appeals voted 2-1 to recommend approval of the proposed variance. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Follick, second by Councilmember Lewis, to approve the Variance to not meet the minimum lot frontage requirement at 650 Pool Avenue, motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Herbst called for comments or questions on the Civil Service Minutes of May 12, 2025 and Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes of May 14, 2025. There were none.

Mayor Herbst reviewed the May 2025 Bill Listing \$7,544,238.51, Monthly Expenses over \$25,000 and Monthly Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$32,336.18. There were no comments or questions from Council.

Comments from Interested Citizens:

Mayor Herbst called for comments from interested citizens advising as they come to the podium, please clearly state their name and address for the record. **Mayor Herbst** asked those who speak to please follow the etiquette of communicating with respect to others, to please stay on topic with their statements, while addressing Council. **Mayor Herbst** reminded the audience, this is not the forum for arguments and asked in an effort to give all citizens an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns, to keep their comments as brief as possible. **David Todd**, 156 Colebrook Drive, addressed Council there are major issues in the neighborhood with a resident who cannot keep their grass cut, noting it is over 40 inches tall and the Code Enforcement Officer, Kip Millikin, repeatedly puts signs up and nothing is being done. **Mr. Todd** shared there is an issue with a white SUV, license plate JNV 9512, being parked on the street at 131 Colebrook for the last eight to ten months. **Mr. Althouse** advised a Police Officer will check this out. **Mr. Todd** shared at 751 Spartan there are tree limbs and debris at the curb and have been there since the beginning of the year. **Mayor Herbst** informed Mr. Todd that Staff members will follow up with his concerns. **Lydia Plyman**, 4001 Old Springfield, addressed Council with her concern for the bees, as a bee keeper, she is advocating for the bees, thanked the City for having pollinator habitats and asked Council to consider more open land noting every acre of agricultural land that is turned into a warehouse or a housing development is 20 gallons of honey, noting that every three bites of food you eat were thanks to pollinators. **Tonya Brown**, 4428 Poplar Creek Road, addressed Council with her concern about the referendum form that was provided to the South Brown School referendum committee, noting it did not meet the general laws of the State of Ohio, sighting the Vandalia City Charter requirements and sighting section 4-6 in the charter relating to the City Attorney endorsing the form's correctness. **Mrs. Brown** insisted the City did not provide the voters with a lawful document and placed the responsibility on the City's Attorney and the Clerk

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of Council/City Manager to provide correct lawful documents. **Mrs. Brown** advised she has searched other cities' charters, and their language regarding referendums, where the referendum form can be downloaded on the Secretary of State's website. **Mrs. Brown** advised it was City staff's responsibility to provide a petition that met the State of Ohio requirements, and they were negligent in their responsibility to which Council needs to hold them accountable. **Robert Shanahan**, 7733 S. Brown School Road, addressed Council sharing statistics of the rate of new single-family homes being built to rent in the US is increasing, sharing his concern that the approved PUD on South Brown School Road will be all rentals. **Mr. Shanahan** shared the voters will not forget Council's disregard for what the citizens said over the several months leading up to the vote of the PUD and Council's decision to approve with conditions in direct opposition of the citizens' objections. **Jeff Hoagland**, 817 Deerhurst, addressed Council concerning the rezoning process for 7848 South Brown School Road, noting he has been in support of housing at this location, but there should have been a higher standard than what was approved by Council. **Mr. Hoagland** addressed Council concerning the referendum process, stating the charter needs fixed immediately. **Mr. Hoagland** made references to the charter, correspondence from the City Manager to the Petitioners and the Board of Elections to the City. **Mr. Hoagland** shared the petition was out of date, noting the City updates its other forms annually and requested the form be updated immediately to be current with the Secretary of State and for Council to update the Charter immediately. **Mr. Hoagland** shared Council failed to listen to the citizens' voice throughout the rezoning process, noting when elected, Council's job is to represent the constituents. **Mr. Hoagland** addressed Council, stating that one of the Councilmembers reached out to a DDC staff member asking "Can you get me in contact with someone to talk about the roadblocks Jeff is putting up for our City?" adding another message was sent, "It's like we are purposely left out of the DDC unless we reach out ourselves." **Mr. Hoagland** stated this is completely inaccurate, as he knows the City Manager is invited and the Assistant City Manager, Rob Cron, attends almost all of the DDC events. **Mr. Hoagland** stated when he became involved with the rezoning process, he went on record saying he was doing this as a citizen of Vandalia. **Mr. Hoagland** shared he cannot believe a Councilmember would call out his ethics and integrity to one of his coworkers at the DDC, sighting an additional quoted message, "he is now pushing even further to stop this housing development, and I am bewildered that every time I speak or go to an event, I hear how big that need is, but he is doing everything he can to stop that from happening in our City." **Mr. Hoagland** addressed Mr. McDonald, formally requesting a Freedom of Information Act, requesting for any Councilmember who texted a DDC staff member on or about June 12th regarding himself and the rezoning of land on South Brown School Road, noting key words to look for, roadblocks, DDC,

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housing development and bewildered. There were no additional comments from interested citizens.

Council Comments

Mr. Althouse congratulated Steve Clark again on his retirement, noting it has been a great pleasure working with him and wished him all the best.

Councilmember Farst shared she attended Steve's retirement party at Helke Park, which was well attended and noted it has been great seeing the progress in the Parks and Recreation Department over the years under Steve's leadership. **Councilmember Farst** thanked Chief Follick and the Fire Department for the two presentations tonight. **Councilmember Farst** addressed Mr. Hoagland, sharing her respect for him is immense and she would never question his morals or ethics, apologizing that this happened to him.

Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver shared there has been a lot going on in the City, with welcoming a Veteran and his family to the Vandalia community on Friday to their new Habitat for Humanity Home. **Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver** shared she also attended Steve Clark's farewell party and shared she had the opportunity to do a ride along with the police department and witness some of the amazing things they do helping people. **Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver** shared the next few weeks are going to be really busy with events like the Stars, Stripes & Songs, FlightFest and the Star-Spangled Celebration, encouraging everyone to get out and enjoy the community events.

Councilmember Doogan thanked the people who were reassigned to Boards and Commissions and congratulated Steve Clark on his well-deserved retirement, noting she hates to see him go, he is a wonderful person and has done a great job for the City.

Councilmember Lewis echoed comments about Mr. Clark, who he has known for decades, and through his leadership, has developed a robust Parks and Recreation program within the State of Ohio, which is a positive point for a City with a population of approximately 15,000 people.

Councilmember Follick echoed and congratulated Mr. Clark on his retirement, sharing he has known the Clark family for a very long time and Steve has been tremendous for the City of Vandalia and he wishes him the very best in his retirement. **Councilmember Follick** echoed the thanks to the Boards and Commissions members who have agreed to serve as citizen volunteers, noting some members put in a lot of time and deal with subject matters that are controversial. **Councilmember Follick** advised there is a need to fill vacant spots on the City's Boards and Commissions, with information available on

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the City's website. **Councilmember Follick** gave a preemptive thank you to City Staff, in every department, for their collective efforts for the upcoming events such as Air Show and Fourth of July, putting in tremendous amounts of hours and efforts to provide services and programs in the community. **Councilmember Follick** echoed Councilmember Farst's comments about Mr. Hoagland, apologizing for whichever Councilmember contacted the DDC, noting that it was not appropriate. **Councilmember Follick** shared he would like to address a couple of statements that were made tonight and also on social media, cautioning about what he considers borderline slandering some of the City Staff members, noting that he does not believe any City Staff members did anything intentional to derail the referendum process. **Councilmember Follick** stated he is in agreement with Mr. Hoagland that a Charter amendment is needed on this issue, as well as a couple other issues, noting there is a process that must be gone through before there can be changes made to the City's Charter, which Council alone cannot make. **Councilmember Follick** inquired if someone from the petitioners group wanted to respond to his question regarding the email that was sent on March 6th to Mr. Hoagland, on behalf of the petitioner group, that states "attached is a form Referendum petition so that you can see the size, character and format of referendum petitions based on the requirements of the City of Vandalia Charter. As each petition must also satisfy the requirements of the general laws of the State of Ohio, you should check with your own legal counsel to make sure it complies with any applicable Ohio election laws. The City staff, including the City attorney, does not provide legal advice on the preparation or filing of referendums." noting this was also on the form. **Councilmember Follick** asked if legal counsel was consulted prior to the process as the guidance from City Staff was given, being the City Charter does not change with election laws. **Councilmember Follick** extended his condolences to the family of Ted Rusen, a longtime City of Vandalia employee who served as the Service Director and City Engineer, who was a great employee, very professional, as well as a nice man.

Vice Mayor Blakesly echoed all the other Councilmembers comments on upcoming events, Boards and Commissions volunteers, staff's work on upcoming events and condolences on the passing of Ted Rusen, noting he did a lot for the City of Vandalia. **Vice Mayor Blakesly** congratulated Steve Clark on his retirement, noting he will be missed, but has bestowed upon the staff his great knowledge of Parks and Rec and love of the City to help carry his legacy on.

Mayor Herbst echoed all the other Councilmembers comments, congratulating Steve Clark on his retirement and looking forward to what is in store for the future of Parks and

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Recreation. **Mayor Herbst** thanked the audience for showing up tonight and speaking, noting it shows the citizens care about the community.

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

After **Mayor Herbst** adjourned the meeting, **Tonya Brown** asked if she could speak. Mayor Herbst motioned for her to step to the podium, as she could not be heard from her seat. **Mrs. Brown** addressed Council inquiring about the document that was give to the petitioners being part of the charter, who created the document and who makes sure it is correct. **Law Director McDonald** responded to Mrs. Brown that he made sure the document comports with the City's Charter and with the chapter in the Ohio Revised Code dealing with referendums and initiatives, which included the red print on the referendum petition. **Law Director McDonald** stated he did not look at the Ohio Secretary of State section of circulating petition which requires additional language on the petition and did not know it was there. **Mrs. Brown** called Mr. McDonald's actions irresponsible and neglectful, noting it is unacceptable for the City to have the citizens hire an attorney to check the City's forms. **Councilmember Follick** addressed Mrs. Brown inquiring if the answer was no, the petitioners did not hire legal counsel, to which **Mrs. Brown** replied that was none of his business. **Mrs. Brown** addressed Mr. Althouse, inquiring about a letter that was not sent to Tamela Weatherhead, but hand delivered to someone else. **Mr. Althouse** responded that Mr. Hoagland played an important role, but was not on the committee of petitioners, receiving the letter on behalf of the committee and told Mr. Althouse he would deliver the letter. **Mrs. Brown** advised no committee members were contacted until the petition was rejected. **Mr. Althouse** reminded Mrs. Brown they were in communication with each other, and he had spoken to other committee members on the phone. **Mrs. Brown** stated the Montgomery County Board of Elections had received many referendums over the years and were applauded by the petition paper work given by the City to them, which lacked the information. **Mrs. Brown** closed with whatever Mr. Follick, and this is very disappointing in the City.

Mayor Herbst stated the meeting has been adjourned.

APPROVED:

Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Swartz, Deputy Clerk of Council

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