

Regular

April 16, 2025

Ontario City Council met in regular session on April 16, 2025, in the Municipal Building with Council President Eddie Gallo presiding. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present during roll call were Council members Troy Sapp, Dave Rehfeldt, Kyle Webb, Josh Bradley, Rose Feagin, Nathan Sunderland, Council President Eddie Gallo, Mayor Kris Knapp, Assistant Law Director John Studenmund, Service-Safety Director Adam Gongwer, and Clerk of Council Cathy VanAuker.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 02, 2025 were presented for approval. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Bradley scheduled an Economic Development Committee of the Whole meeting on April 30, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

Mr. Sunderland announced a Safety Committee meeting for April 30, 2025 at 5:45 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Richland Source reporter Grace McCormick for her outstanding services in the community, and for her coverage of Ontario and Council meetings. Ms. McCormick has accepted a new opportunity in Columbus.

SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No report.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Buffalo Wild Wings is hosting a fund raiser tonight for the Brian Morris family.

The Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, by the Splash Pad, at 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. The visually impaired egg hunt will be at the Splash Pad at noon.

Repair work will begin tomorrow on the Spring Village Lane driveways that were disturbed during the recent sewer line project. Residents are asked not to park in their driveways for seven days.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Alice Ramsay, 2380 Ferguson Road, expressed concerns pertaining to the zoning application process submitted to the Planning Commission for a PUD on Stumbo Road.

- Assistant Law Director John Studenmund explained Planning Commission requested additional information from the applicant, so they did not make a decision that came to Council. Because of that, there is nothing for Council to review. Until Planning Commission makes a decision, there is nothing to appeal. There are not specific deadlines. People can ask for more time or request reconsideration of applications.

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CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE NO. 25-06

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REVEILLE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF PART ELEVEN (ZONING CODE) OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sunderland read Ordinance No. 25-06 for the second time, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE- SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 CITY OF ONTARIO PAVING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 25-03 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Bradley read Resolution No. 25-03 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Bradley moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-03, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 25-03 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-04

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb moved to suspend the reading of Resolution No. 25-04 on three separate days, second by Ms. Feagin. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed. Mr. Webb read Resolution No. 25-04 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Webb moved to adopt Resolution No. 25-04, second by Mr. Sunderland. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Resolution No. 25-04 was adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN FUNDS WITH THE RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Webb Feagin moved to suspend the reading of Ordinance No. 25-10 on three separate days, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and the motion passed.

Mr. Rehfeldt read Ordinance No. 25-10 for the first time, by title only.

Mr. Rehfeldt moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-10, second by Mr. Sapp. Six members cast their votes Aye, zero Nay, and Ordinance No. 25-10 was adopted.

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CHARTER NEXT GENERATION, INC., ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AMENDMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Sapp read Ordinance No. 25-11 for the first time, by title only.

At 7:21 p.m., there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Webb, second by Mr. Sunderland.

/s/ Edward J. Gallo, President of Council

/s/ Cathy VanAuker, Clerk of Council