

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
June 10, 2024**

Council-Manager Briefing

None.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Tim Meyers led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tim Meyers	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Matt Davidson	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Gwen Brill	Councilmember, At-Large	Present	
Leslie Besl	Councilmember, 1st Ward	Present	
Dale Paullus	Councilmember, 2nd Ward	Present	
Debbie Pennington	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

None.

Special Presentations

a. Flavors of Fairfield Recap

Economic Development Manager Nathaniel Kaelin presented a recap of the Flavors of Fairfield program. The program generated 896 business visits across 22 restaurants and bakeries. 67% of visitors were outside of Fairfield. There was a total of 124 spork winners with 4 check-ins and 54 grand prize eligible participants with 8 check-ins. He thanked Lane Public Library and Jungle Jim's for their support of the program.

Mayor Rhodus presented each of the grand prize winners with a certificate and thanked them for participating in the program.

b. Fire Department Oath of Office

Mayor Rhodus administered the ceremonial oath of office for the following individuals:

Battalion Chief Neal Ressler

Fire Captains Jon Krueckeberg, Mike Weiss and Gabriel Owens

Fire Apparatus Operators Scott Goller, Kenneth Fraser, Brent Gerrity, Matthew Brown, Joseph Guggenbiller, Robert Lance, Scott Colvin, Richard Benney and Brian Lockaby

Fire Chief Lakamp introduced each firefighter and gave a brief summary of their years of service and positions.

Citizen Comments

Cindy Brenner, 5281 Boehm Drive - addressed Council regarding speed limits on her street; several mailboxes have been hit and knocked down. She recounted an accident in which a car went airborne and another that a car hit the mailboxes of the condo association. Mayor Rhodus referred her to Police Chief Maynard for more details and possible solutions, including additional enforcement. Public Works Director Mann stated that she is not incorrect that there are a lot of accidents, however, there's not a common denominator other than driver inattention. He said that the accidents are at all times of day and night and all weather conditions. He stated that parking has been restricted and the road was widened the last time it was paved. Councilmember Meyers stated that there were cars parked on both sides of the street when he was there and it was very tight through that street, so the parking restriction may not be enforced.

Council Reports

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2024 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, moved to read all New Business by title only. Motion carried 7-0.

Development Services

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 1130.01 (B)(2), the City of Fairfield, Ohio, Zoning Map by approving the concept and final development plan for the Wawa Planned Unit Development.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council have a first reading on this item at the June 10, 2024

meeting, set the joint public hearing date for July 8, and await the written recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance and set the public hearing date for July 8, 2024.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 7/8/2024 7:00 PM
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Parks, Recreation and Environment

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Besl presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Von Euw Tetrault for final engineering and design of Lower Harbin Park Area and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the funding in the amount shown in the Financial Impact section and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the architect Von Euw Tetrault based in Cincinnati, Ohio. Von Euw Tetrault was on the upper Harbin team and will lead the final design for the lower Harbin portion.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Public Works

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Kraft presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Choice One Engineering for the design of the Pleasant Avenue Multiuse Trail and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter contract with Choice One to design the improvements for the Pleasant Avenue Multiuse Trail and further recommends that City Council authorize funding in the amount shown in the Financial Impact section.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Finance & Budget

City Manager Scott Timmer - Report

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Leslie Besl, Councilmember, 1st Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 166-23 entitled “An Ordinance to make estimated appropriations for the expenses and other expenditures of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, during a period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024.”

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Brill presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Debbie Pennington, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this Ordinance and adopt the appropriations listed above.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-24. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Pennington, Kraft

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, July 8 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, August 12 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, September 9 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved _____