

**City of Fairfield
Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
February 27, 2023**

Council-Manager Briefing

A. No briefing.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor 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	
Terry Senger	Councilmember, 3rd Ward	Present	
Adam Kraft	Councilmember, 4th Ward	Present	
Mitch Rhodus	Mayor	Present	

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Paullus, moved for Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for or conducting negotiations with public employees regarding their wages, hours and other terms and conditions of their employment, as well as pending or imminent litigation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations

None.

Citizen Comments

1. Jude Kolstedt, 4640 McCormick Lane

Mr. Kolstedt stated that he would like to see the city settle negotiations with the employees.

Public Hearing(s)

Mayor Rhodus opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Clerk Wilson read the meeting notice. Economic Development Manager Nathaniel Kaelin presented the proposed expansion to the Fairfield-Fairfield Township JEDD. See attached slides. There were no public comments or questions. The public hearing was closed at 7:10 PM.

Public Hearing - Fairfield-Fairfield Township Joint Economic Development District - 1

Approval of Minutes

The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 were approved as written and submitted.

OLD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

Community & Public Relations

Councilmember Leslie Besl

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Parks, Recreation and Environment

Councilmember Gwen Brill

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Public Utilities

Councilmember Adam Kraft

Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

Ordinance establishing salaries for certain exempt and salaried employees of the City of Fairfield, Ohio, to repeal Ordinance No. 154-22 and all amendments thereto.

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the recommended revisions to the Unclassified Service Pay Plan and authorize two allocations, in the amount of \$100,000 each, for the City Manager to award performance-based wage increases and other lump sum wage, merit and equity adjustments.

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the second reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:

SECOND READING

Next: 3/13/2023 7:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

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

Development Services

Councilmember Matt Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Contract with Fairfield Township, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council suspend the rules requiring a second and third reading of this ordinance and pass as an emergency.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Parks, Recreation and Environment

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:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cincy Entertainment Services for the purchase of a Video Wall with Appurtenances for use at Parks and Recreation Events and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize an appropriation of \$99,073.00 (\$94,073.00 with \$5,000.00 for contingencies and Village Green Park needs) from the Capital Fund for the purchase of a Video Wall with appurtenances.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-23. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Public Safety

Councilmember Dale Paullus

Ordinance to amend Section 505.11 of Chapter 505 of Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio relative to control of nuisance animals.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council adopt an ordinance to amend Section 505.11 of the General Offenses Code.

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Keith Montgomery, 2580 Jupiter - informed Council and residents that an Ohio Hunting License is required, event to trap animals on private property. There is a form to complete to hunt on someone else's property. He applauds the city for empowering residents to take care of the issue, but wanted to make sure everyone has all of the information to do so.

Mike Baynes, 1792 Gloster Drive - stated he thought there would be more to the plan and it would be a more aggressive plan.

Dave Botus, 6 Knollwood Court - stated that self defense provisions allow him to take lethal action if threatened.

Rick Reilly, 5552 Crystal Drive - regarding section "e" of the amendment, he would like to see a citizens commission to work with Police Department and Mayor's Office to take a proactive approach with training and safety measures, ongoing efforts because coyotes are out when they are hungry, not for leisure.

Tina, 5284 Winton Road - She is co-manager of this property and animals; stated that she has a hunting license to trap, but how is she supposed to destroy the animal once it is trapped? Should she call the Animal Control Officer to exterminate? She purchased a trap but has not caught a single coyote. She doesn't feel that this is enough to take care of the situation.

Chris, 8 Brians Lane - stated she has seen coyotes and hasn't had any problems with them; she feels that homeowners should be responsible for their own pets and children because trying to eliminate coyotes could lead to more repopulation.

Carol Fry, 6110 Primrose Lane - stated that she sees coyotes in the field behind her yard and on the edge of her yard and she is concerned about her small pet

John, 5610 Monica Drive - stated that a firecracker will scare off coyotes for a few days because it sounds just like a gunshot

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Public Works

Councilmember Terry Senger

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for Signage of US and State Bicycle Routes and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorizes and directs the City Manager to enter into an agreement with ODOT for the installation of signage within the City of Fairfield to accommodate the development of US and State Bicycle Routes.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with GSF USA, Inc. for janitorial services for various municipal buildings.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with GSF USA, Inc. for Janitorial Services for a period of three (3) years at the prices bid.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co. Inc. for the 2023 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping Co. Inc for the 2023 Asphalt Paving and Resurfacing Project at the unit prices indicated.

It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation for the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$2,600,000.00 (\$2,384,714.22 base bid and a contingency of \$215,285.78) for this project. \$2,500,000 from the Street Improvement Fund and \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-23. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co., Inc. for the 2023 Pleasant Avenue Improvements Project.

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co., Inc. for the 2023 Pleasant Avenue BUT - 127 0.32/0.79 Improvements Project.

It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation for the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$710,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund for this project

with reimbursement of \$300,000 in expenditures to come from an OPWC grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-23. APPROVED 6-1.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft
NAYS:	Davidson

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Adam Kraft, Councilmember, 4th Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Aero-Mark Company, LLC for the 2023 Pavement Marking Application Program.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council approve legislation for an appropriation in the amount of \$62,000.00 from the Street Improvement Fund, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Aero-Mark Company, LLC of Streetsboro, Ohio for the 2023 Pavement Marking Application contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Councilmember Senger presented the first reading of this ordinance.

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

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vogelpohl Fire Equipment for the purchase of a 2023 E-One Typhoon HR100 Quint Fire Truck to be used by the Fire Department, to repeal Ordinance No. 69-22, and declaring an emergency.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the appropriation of funding in the amount of \$1,414,576 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund for this purchase. It is further recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Vogelpohl Fire Equipment Inc.,

2770 Circleport Dr., Erlanger Kentucky, 41018.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Terry Senger, Councilmember, 3rd Ward
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Finance & Budget

Councilmember Tim Meyers

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Resolution to approve and adopt the City of Fairfield, Ohio 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council pass a resolution to authorize and direct the preparation of legislation adopting the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Matt Davidson, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Sections 121.01 and 131.01 of Ordinance 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio relative to the annual compensation for members of Council and the Mayor for new terms commencing January 1, 2024 and thereafter.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council adopt an ordinance to establish compensation of elected officials. An increase from \$9,600.00 to \$12,000.00 per year will take effect for new terms commencing on and after January 1, 2024.

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 3/13/2023 7:00 PM
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Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

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

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.” - Supplemental Appropriations.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that City Council authorize and direct the preparation of legislation amending the annual operating budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-23. APPROVED 7-0.

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

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.”

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. 28-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Gwen Brill, Councilmember, At-Large
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Motion to Suspend Second and Third Readings

Vice Mayor Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 155-22 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, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.”

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. 29-23. APPROVED 7-0.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Meyers, Councilmember, At-Large
SECONDER:	Dale Paullus, Councilmember, 2nd Ward
AYES:	Meyers, Davidson, Brill, Besl, Paullus, Senger, Kraft

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- A. Monday, March 13 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- B. Monday, March 27 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM
- C. Monday, April 10 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:20 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved_____

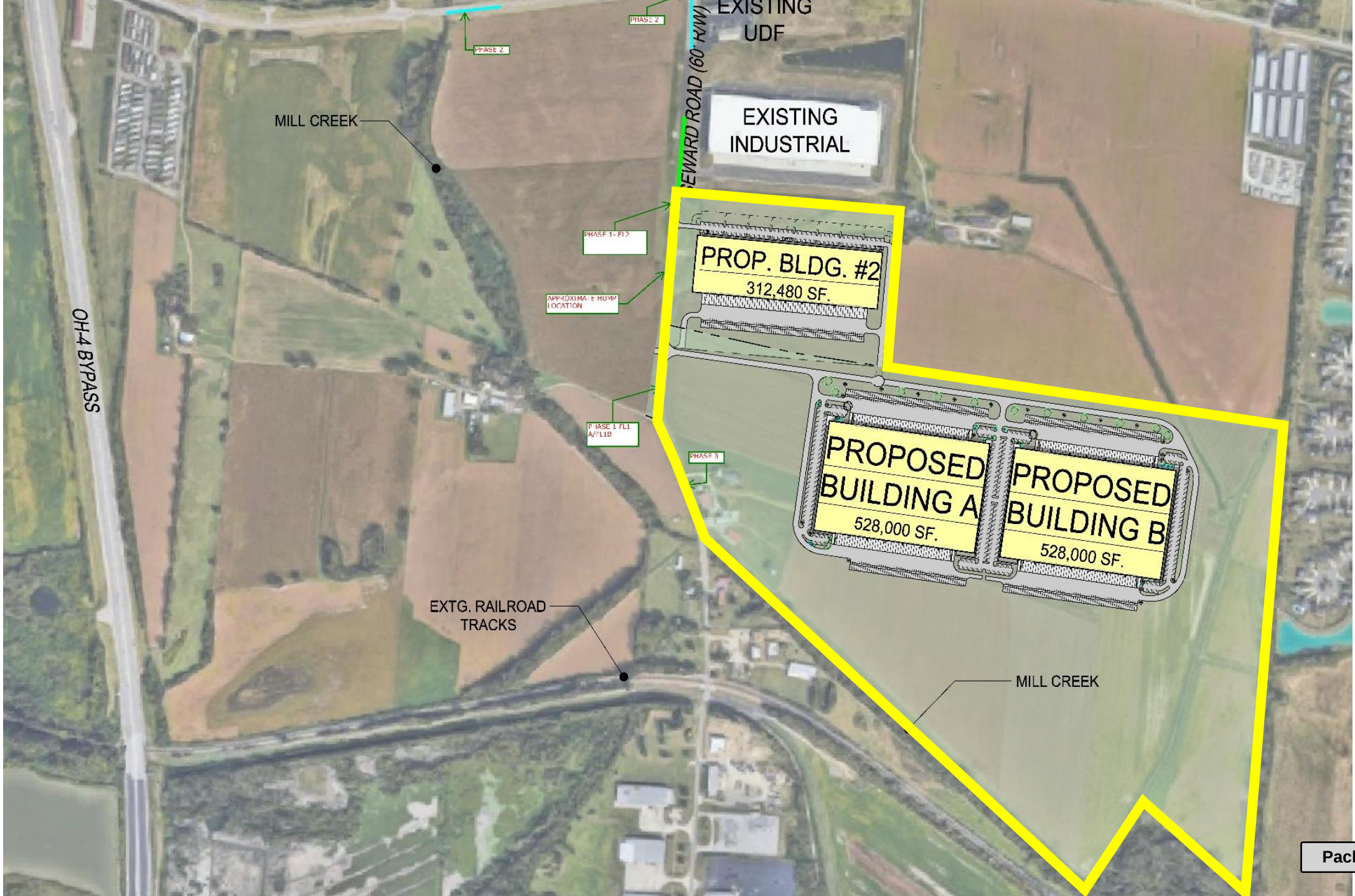


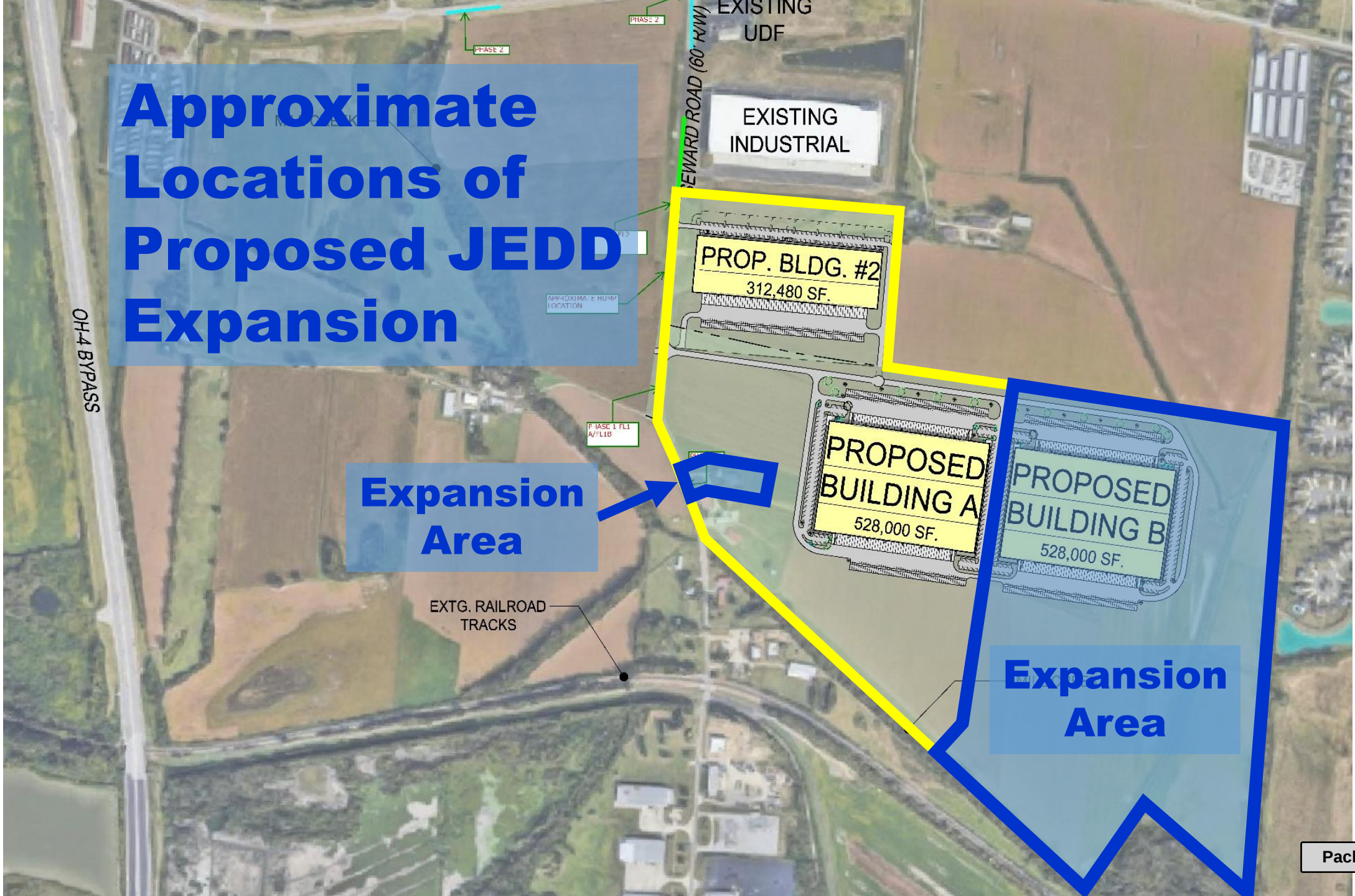
Fairfield-Fairfield Township JEDD

PUBLIC HEARING
February 27, 2023

Joint Economic Development Districts (JEDD)

- Special purpose district created to spur economic development
- Allows for the levying of municipal income tax in unincorporated areas
- Established by a contract signed between at least one municipality and at least one township







PUBLIC COMMENT