

**City of Fairfield Minutes
Regular Meeting of City Council
May 27, 2025**

Council-Manager Briefing

6:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Operations Business Model

Mayor Rhodus called the briefing to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmembers present: Leslie Besl, Dale Paullus, Debbie Pennington, Adam Kraft, Tim Meyers, Matt Davidson and Gwen Brill.

Staff members present: Scott Timmer, Adam Sackenheim, Mandi Brock, Chris Addison, Alisha Wilson, Laurie Murphy, John Clemmons, Diana Davenport, Tami Moore, Ben Mann, Steve Maynard and Tom Lakamp.

Assistant City Manager Sackenheim, Parks & Recreation Director Brock and Parks & Recreation Superintendent Addison presented the Parks & Recreation Business Model. See attached slides.

Business Meeting Call to Order

Mayor Rhodus called the Regular Meeting to order at 07:03 PM.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Kraft led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilmembers present included:

Councilmember, 1st Ward Leslie Besl
Councilmember, 2nd Ward Dale Paullus
Councilmember, 3rd Ward Debbie Pennington
Councilmember, 4th Ward Adam Kraft
Councilmember, At-Large Tim Meyers
Councilmember, At-Large Matt Davidson
Councilmember, At-Large Gwen Brill

Agenda Modifications

None.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Besl, seconded by Councilmember Davidson, moved for an Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent litigation. Roll call vote. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Presentations

None.

Citizen Comments

None.

Council Reports

Councilmember Davidson announced the start of the fire hydrant flushing program. He also noted that the Memorial Day parade and speech by Mayor Rhodus were fantastic and the opening of the splash pad was great.

Councilmember Myers echoed Councilmember Davidson regarding Mayor Rhodus' Memorial Day speech. He also reported that the City's Finance Department received a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA for budget documentation January 2025, meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. He announced that the utility billing office has been moved to a new location in the front lobby to be more convenient for residents who make payments in person.

Councilmember Pennington reported that Public Works is finishing up a few projects from last year.

Councilmember Besl suggested that the City create a "tool library" for residents to use for home improvement. She announced the concert on Thursday evening at Village Green and the boaters club regatta on Saturday afternoon.

Mayor Rhodus reported that the Memorial Day parade is available on YouTube for anyone that didn't get to attend. He also mentioned that the splash pad opening was great.

Public Hearing(s)

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - May 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025 were approved as written and submitted.

Old Business

None.

New Business - Motion to Read All New Business by Title Only

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

1. Public Safety - Councilmember Dale Paullus

- a. Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Hexagon US Federal to purchase a Leica BLK360 G2 scanner and declaring an emergency.

The current 3D scanner is outdated and out of warranty. Updating the scanner will allow for the continued accurate and timely processing of crime scenes and serious injury crash investigations.

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Dale Paullus, seconded by Leslie Besl, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Dale Paullus, seconded by Adam Kraft, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- b. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 166-84, the Codified Ordinances of Fairfield, Ohio, Section 145.06, the City of Fairfield, Ohio relative to Non-Emergency Medical Services Transport.

Repeated non-emergent medical transport from a business renders an advanced life support medic unit unavailable for critical responses throughout the city and places a financial burden on the department. The fire department seeks to offset this cost by charging an additional fee to the business for non-emergent transport.

Councilmember Paullus presented the first reading of this ordinance.

2. Public Utilities - Councilmember Matt Davidson

- a. Resolution declaring the official intent and reasonable expectation of the City of Fairfield on behalf of the State of Ohio (the Borrower) to reimburse its Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (604) for the 2025 Winton Road Water Main Improvement CJ06AC with the proceeds of tax exempt debt of the State of Ohio and declaring an emergency.

The project loan agreement is for reimbursement of the 2025 Winton Road Water Main Improvement Project. This project will improve approximately 2,700 LF of public water main in this area by lining about 2,100 LF of pipe using a structural Cured In Place Pipe (CIPP). The CIPP lining will be installed within the existing 8" cast iron water main from John Gray Road to just north of the bridge near 6118 Winton Road. The remaining 600 LF of water main from 6118 Winton Road to the intersection of Winton and Mack would be abandoned in place and replaced with new 8" Class 53 ductile iron pipe encased in poly-wrap. This part of the project would be installed with conventional trench construction methods.

Councilmember Davidson presented the first reading of this resolution. Councilmember Matt Davidson, seconded by Gwen Brill, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Matt Davidson, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-25. APPROVED 7-0.

3. Finance & Budget - Councilmember Tim Meyers

- a. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 158-24 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.”

- Contractual Appropriations: \$49,832 total (Detail: \$49,832 3D Crime Scene Scanner (Police))

Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Matt Davidson, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Dale Paullus, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-25. APPROVED 7-0.

- b. Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 158-24 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, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.”
- Non-Contractual Appropriations: \$66,708 total

Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Debbie Pennington, moved to suspend second and third readings. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0. Councilmember Tim Meyers, seconded by Matt Davidson, moved to adopt. Motion carried Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-25. APPROVED 7-0.

\$9,723 Water Division-Instrumentation Lime Silo Level Sensors (Public Utilities)

\$25,000 - Infrastructure Upgrade for Telecom Rooms (IT Division)

\$31,985 - Aquatic Center Improvements (Parks & Recreation)

Meeting Schedule

Monday, June 9 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Monday, July 14 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Monday, August 11 - Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 PM; Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

Clerk Wilson read the meeting schedule.

Executive Session of Council (if Needed)

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

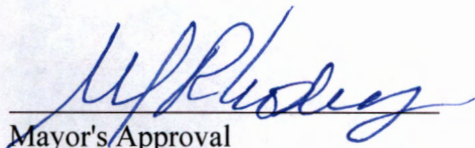
Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Rhodney", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor's Approval

Date Approved: 6/9/25



COUNCIL MANAGER BRIEFING: 5-27-25

PARKS AND RECREATION OPERATIONS

MISSION & VISION



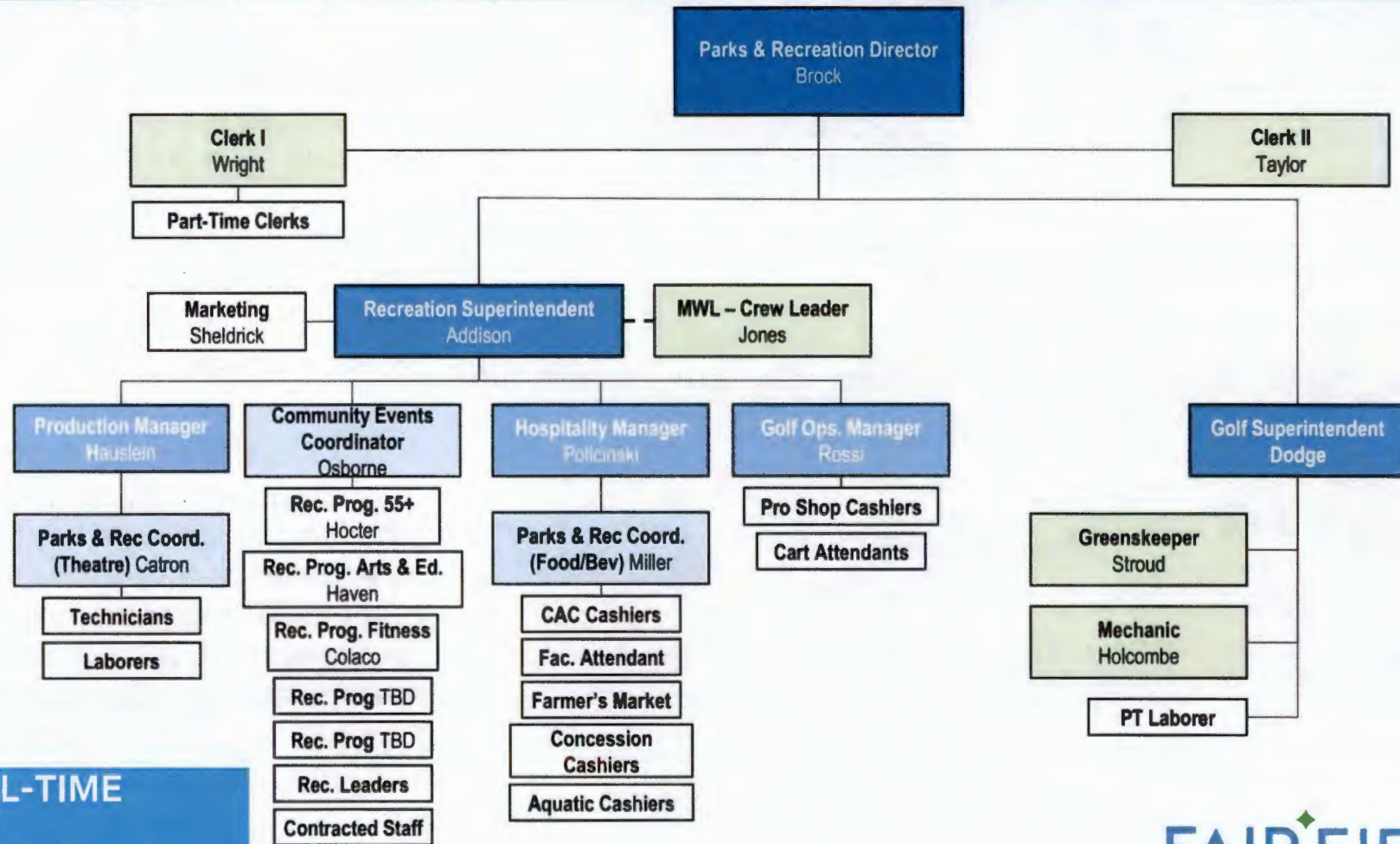
The mission of Fairfield Parks and Recreation is to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of the community, sustain the City's natural resources and environment, and provide broad based leisure activities, cultural opportunities, facilities and services for all ages.



The vision of Fairfield Parks and Recreation is to build a better future for all through parks and recreation. Create a system of parks and facilities, along with excellent programs and services to enhance the high quality of life that attracts and retains residents, business, and visitors to our community.



SERVICE DELIVERY CHART



- 14 FULL-TIME STAFF
- 75 PART-TIME & SEASONAL STAFF

FAIRFIELD

PARKS AND RECREATION



PARKS

- 1 Creekside Park
5225 Barker Dr
- 2 Fairfield Youth Football Fields
4875 Groh Ln
- 3 Fairfield Youth Playfields
4820 River Rd
- 4 Founders Park
788 Hicks Blvd
- 5 Furfield Dog Park
6811 River Rd
- 6 Gilbert Farms Park
6181 Ross Rd
- 7 Good Neighbors Park
950 Walter Ave
- 8 Grange Park
268 Joe Nuxhall Way
- 9 Great Miami River Trail
- 10 Hamilton/Fairfield Skate Park
95 Joe Nuxhall Way
- 11 Hatton Park/The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields
4890 Groh Ln
- 12 Huffman Park
2100 John Gray Rd
- 13 Joyce Park (City of Hamilton)
95 Joe Nuxhall Way
- 14 Lions Park
4862 Dennison Dr
- 15 Muskopf Preserve
S. Muskopf Rd
- 16 Oakwood Park
2 Jupiter Ct
- 17 Point Pleasant Park
2001 Resor Rd
- 18 Public Safety Tribute
585 Wilson Rd
- 19 Thomas O. Marsh Park
6440 River Rd
- 20 Veterans Memorial Park
701 Wessel
- 21 Village Green Park & Amphitheater
301 Wessel Dr
- 22 Village Valley Park
3253 Village Dr
- 23 Waterworks Park
5133 Groh Ln
- 24 William Harbin Park
1200 Hunter Rd
- 25 Winton Hills Park
8251 Shearwater Dr
- 26 Woodcreek Park
2200 Woodcreek Dr

FACILITIES

- 27 Elisha Morgan Mansion
6181 Ross Rd
- 28 Fairfield Aquatic Center
2805 Augusta Blvd
- 29 Fairfield Community Arts Center
411 Wessel Dr
- 30 North Trace Golf Course
2605 Augusta Blvd
- 31 South Trace Golf Course / Phalen Banquet Center
2200 John Gray Rd

HISTORIC CEMETERIES

- 32 Miami Chapel Cemetery
6210 River Road
- 33 Symmes Burial Ground
Niles Road/Hicks Blvd



SCAN FOR A
DIGITAL MAP

PARKS & RECREATION BY THE NUMBERS



- 28 Public, accessible, outdoor spaces (547.8 acres)
 - 24 Parks
 - 2 Regional Parks
 - 2 Preserves
 - 2 Cemeteries
- 719.3 Acres of Parks & Facilities
- 4 Undeveloped Preserves
- 2 Golf Courses (27 holes)
- Aquatic Center
- Fishing and Boating Lake (60 acres)
- Historic Mansion
- Community Arts Center
- Amphitheater
- Dog Park
- Skate Park
- Miracle League Field
- 15 Playgrounds
- 17 miles of trails



PARTNERSHIPS & VOLUNTEERS



2024

- 484 Volunteers
- 1,911 Volunteer Hours
 - Parks & Recreation Board
 - Environmental Commission
 - Cultural Arts Advisory Commission
 - Park Ambassadors
 - Couriers
 - Ushers
 - RASKALS
 - 55+
 - Pre-school



DEPARTMENT IMPACT



PARK	ANNUAL VISITS
Waterworks*	206,600
Harbin	170,700
Village Green	113,000
Grange*	111,900
Furfield Dog Park	51,100
Fairfield Youth Football Fields*	45,300
Point Pleasant	40,400
Marsh Park Fishing Lake	39,900

* PARTNER SPORT PARKS

2024 NATIONAL BENCHMARKING	Fairfield	National Average
Acres of park per 1,000 population	12.3	10.6
Residents per park	1,587	2,386
Revenue to operating expense (cost recovery)	47.1%	25.2%



850,000+ Park Visits in 2024



47,877 Golf Rounds



27,642 Visitors to 30+ **FREE** Community Events



25,469 Aquatic Center Visits



21,242 Class & Program Visits



15,591 Senior Program Engagements



15,045 Theater Tickets



7,856 CAC Event Rental Guests

REVENUE BREAKDOWN

■ General \$662,038 (25.7%) ■ Enterprise \$1,909,587 (74.2%)



FINANCIAL SUMMARY



REVENUE	2024 Revenue	% Revenue
GENERAL FUND		
Marsh	\$ 32,673	1.3%
Shelter Rentals	\$ 20,420	0.8%
CAC Theater	\$ 216,148	8.4%
CAC Rentals	\$ 75,488	2.9%
CAC Programs & Classes	\$ 196,591	7.6%
Other CAC	\$ 27,711	1.1%
Concessions (CAC & CE)	\$ 86,671	3.4%
Community Events	\$ 6,336	0.2%
Sub Total	\$ 662,038	25.7%
ENTERPRISE		
Golf	\$ 1,672,099	65.0%
Aquatic Center	\$ 237,488	9.2%
Sub Total	\$ 1,909,587	74.3%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 2,571,625	100.0%

EXPENSES	2025 Operating Budget	% Expenses
GENERAL FUND		
Marsh	\$ 138,250	2.8%
CAC*	\$ 1,320,560	26.8%
Parks & Rec. Admin	\$ 1,313,435	26.6%
Sub Total	\$ 2,772,245	56.2%
ENTERPRISE		
Golf	\$ 935,480	19.0%
Golf Maintenance	\$ 899,365	18.2%
Aquatic Center	\$ 327,750	6.6%
Sub Total	\$ 2,162,595	43.8%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 4,934,840	100.0%

*(Theater, Programs, Classes)

RECENT INITIATIVES



- ◆ CART PATH REPAVING AT BOTH COURSES
- ◆ BUNKER RENOVATIONS AT SOUTH TRACE
- ◆ GPS SYSTEM INSTALLED ON ALL CARTS
- ◆ NEW CART CORAL AT NORTH TRACE

RECENT INITIATIVES



HARBIN PLAYGROUND &
SPLASHPAD



MARSH LAKE MASTER PLAN

RECENT INITIATIVES



WINTON HILLS & GOOD NEIGHBORS
PAVING



GILBERT FARMS PARK RENTAL SHELTER



BASKETBALL COURT AT LIONS PARK



WATERWORKS PLAYING COURT UPDATE

COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



GROOVIN' ON THE GREEN

SELECT THURSDAYS | VILLAGE GREEN PARK
 6PM - FOOD TRUCKS & ACTIVITIES
 7PM - CONCERT
 MUSIC, FOOD, AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

 MAY 29 FORTUNATE SONS CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL TRIBUTE	 JUNE 5 FRONTIERS JOURNEY TRIBUTE
 JUNE 12 TOM THE TORPEDOES MUSIC OF TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS	 JUNE 19 KEVIN MCCOY BAND SOUTHERN ROCK MEETS COUNTRY
 JUNE 26 RAISE YOUR GLASS PINK TRIBUTE	 JULY 10 FACE 2 FACE TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN & JILLY JAIL
 JULY 17 FLEETWOOD GOLD MARK S. FLEETWOOD EXPERIENCE	 JULY 24 TRIPPIN' BILLIES DAVE MATTHEWS BAND TRIBUTE
 AUG 7 THE REMAINS HITS FROM THE 60S THROUGH TODAY	 SEPT 4 COME TOGETHER A ROCKTOP BEATLES TRIBUTE

FREE! FRIDAYS By the Lake

ACOUSTIC MUSIC | FOOD TRUCK | BEER
 MARSH PARK | 6440 RIVER RD | 6 - 8PM

 JORDON FRANK JUNE 20	 KEATON ECKHOFF JULY 18	 HEATHER ROUSH AUG 15
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FAIRFIELD
 PARKS AND RECREATION

FREE! MOVIES IN THE PARK

Village Green Park | 301 Wessel Dr.
 6:30 pm: Pre-show fun with food trucks & the Fairfield Fire Department.
 7:00 pm: Movie starts

 Friday, May 23	 Friday, Aug 22	 Friday, Oct 24
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FAIRFIELD
 PARKS AND RECREATION

COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



MEMORIAL
DAY PARADE



BLUESFEST



PARADE OF
LIGHTS



AUTOFEST



HALLOWEEN ON
THE GREEN



TOUCH A
TRUCK



RED, WHITE
& KABOOM



FARMER'S
MARKET

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

FRONT END SERVICE ENHANCEMENTS:



WEBSITE UPDATE



NEW RECREATION MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

MARSH LAKE



INCREASED CAPACITY

EXPANDED PROGRAMMING:



SWIM LESSONS



ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS



DAY CAMP



OPTIMIZE THEATER UTILIZATION



PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP





QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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