

MINUTES OF THE MEETING MAY 19, 2025**ROLL CALL:** Ten Members Present**MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS:** Member Crystal Smith and Member Kimbrough Absent**INVOCATION:** John Mariol, Ward 7 Council Member**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Bates Aylward**AGENDA CORRECTIONS & CHANGES:** Suspended Rule 22A to add 1st Rdg O#19 and O#20; 2nd Rdg O#21 through O#26, O#19 and O#20 Adopted on 1st Rdg)**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None**OLD BUSINESS:** None**INFORMAL RESOLUTIONS:** None**PUBLIC SPEAKS:** Kimberly Bell asked Council to support the School District at board meetings. Stephanie Ferrell, Chamone Russell and Justin Nicely all spoke about past issues with CPS. Larinda Johnson and Cassandra White spoke about what they observed at last weeks council meeting. Bella Fornash spoke about the death of her brother, Zachary Fornash. Skylark Bruce gave her opinion about how Council needs to take more responsibility. Mark Broulis asked the city to add more speed tables.**COMMUNICATIONS:** All Communications were received as read.**NOTE:** All Communications, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the council office with the agenda items file dated May 19, 2025.**ORDINANCES AND FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING:****NOTE:** President Bates Alyward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #12 through #20 for their First Reading, by title, as required by state law. All First Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety, in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated May 19, 2025. (O#19 and O#20 Adopted on 1st Rdg)***(COUNCIL RECESSED AT 7:45 PM FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS O#19 AND O#20; RECONVENED AT 7:51 PM)***

19. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 97/2025** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 55/2025; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY (\$80,000 SUPP APPROP FR UNAPPROP BAL OF FUND 2331 AIR POLLUTION TO FUND 2333101001 AIR POLLUTION - OTHER DIRECT COSTS) (TEMP AIR MONITORING TECH).

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20. **ADOPTED AS ORDINANCE NO. 98/2025** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DIRECTOR OD PUBLIC SERVICE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE 2025 YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WITH SIMPLY YOUTH, LLC AND TO ACCEPT FUNDING DONATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM; AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY

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ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING:**NOTE:** President Bates Aylward called upon Clerk Wood to read Ordinances #21 through #26 for their Second Reading, by title, as required by state law. All 2nd Readings, listed by agenda title, are on file in their entirety,

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in the Council Office with the agenda items file dated April 28, 2025. (O#18 through O#20 Adopted on 2nd Rdg)

ORDINANCES & FORMAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD AND FINAL READING

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

Annexation Committee

Finance Committee

Personnel Committee

Public Safety and Thoroughfares Committee

Public Property Capital Improvement Committee

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Sherer let everyone know about the Memorial Day Parade this upcoming Monday starting at 10 am, on McKinley Ave. He also announced the Shiloh Baptist Church 100-year anniversary this Sunday. He spoke about Habitat for Humanity's Summer Kick-off at the Southeast playground on May 30th starting at 5 pm and a 5k walk in the Southeast starting at 8 am. There will also be a worship gathering on Sunday, June 1st at 11 am. Member Chris Smith let everyone know that the Spray Park will be opening on Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Member Cooks gave a shout-out to Ms. Ferrell and Ms. Russell and asked them to attend county meetings for their concerns. Member Giavasis asked if there was a possibility in contacting Plain Township about an Annexation we're bringing into the City. He apologized if his taking notes during the meeting comes off as disrespectful, but says he writes down the public speakers concerns and offered to show them to anyone who would like to see them. Member Cooks asked Council to collaborate with other Councils in the area to help the School Districts. President Bates Aylward informed Member Cooks that she and Member Mariol have plans on reaching out to Councils in our County. Member Mariol said how important it is for our Representatives in the area to come out and support the School District as well. Member Morris agreed and suggested that Council invite our Representatives to attend some of the School Board meetings. Mayor Sherer let Council know that he will reach out to Representatives in the area sometime this week.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:08 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

JILL M. WOOD
CLERK OF COUNCIL

KRISTEN BATES AYLWARD
PRESIDENT

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