

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Huber Heights City Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 04-22-2024 FORM NO. 1078

## In-Council Chambers

Held 6131 Taylorsville Road August 25, 2025

**1. Call The Meeting To Order - Mayor Jeff Gore**

The Huber Heights City Council met in a Regular Session on Aug 25, 2025. Mayor Jeff Gore called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**2. Invocation - Pastor Leon Collins Of The Eastview Church Of God At 5289 Burkhardt Road, Dayton, Ohio**

**3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

Present: Kathleen Baker, Scott Davidson, Brian Looney, Don Webb, Jeff Gore, Anita Kitchen, Nancy Byrge, Fred Aikens

Absent: Mark Campbell

Staff Present: City Manager John Russell; Clerk of Council Anthony Rodgers; Assistant City Manager Aaron Sorrell; Law Director Christopher Conard

Mayor Jeff Gore said Mr. Campbell sent notice that he would be unable to attend this City Council Meeting. He asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Campbell's absence.

Mr. Webb made a motion to excuse the absence of Mr. Campbell; Mrs. Byrge seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, and Mr. Webb voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

**5. Approval Of Minutes**

A. City Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2025

The minutes for the August 11, 2025 City Council Meeting were approved by the Huber Heights City Council as submitted.

**6. Special Presentations/Announcements**

There were no special presentations or announcements.

**7. Citizens Comments - Agenda Items**

There were no comments on agenda items from citizens.

**8. City Manager Report**

City Manager John Russell said for the week of August 25-29, 2025, fire hydrants will be flushed in the area from Shull Road to I-70 from north to south and from Old Troy Pike to Brandt Road from west to east. He said the City's new Economic Development Grants Program will award a total of \$125,000 to Huber Heights businesses and nonprofit organizations in 2025. He said the application period for the economic development grants will close on October 17, 2025. He said on August 29, 2025, stop signs at the intersection of Taylorsville Road and Rustic Woods Drive will be put in place, making that intersection a four-way stop instead of the current two-way stop. He said the City will evaluate the new traffic pattern at the Taylorsville Road and Rustic Woods Drive intersection carefully and it will make adjustments as needed. He said the Huber Heights Community Garage Sale will take place from September 11-14, 2025 with a registration deadline of 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2025. He said registration for the Huber Heights Community Garage Sale can be made on the City's social media pages or by calling the City

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Hall main number. He said a list of homes in the community which are participating in the Huber Heights Community Garage Sale will be available on the City's website and at City Hall.

Mr. Davidson asked if a crosswalk would be added to the Taylorsville Road and Rustic Woods Drive intersection.

Mr. Russell said a crosswalk will be unveiled simultaneously with the new stop signs.

### 9. Pending Business

- A. An Ordinance Authorizing A One-Time Transfer Of Monies From The General Fund To Document An Advance Previously Made To The Issue 2 Fund, And Declaring An Emergency.  
(second reading)

Mr. Russell reminded Council that Finance Director Jim Bell presented this item at the August 4, 2025 Council Work Session. He said the transfer of funds, totaling \$2,093.90 from the General Fund, is to cover a shortfall of monies from the Issue 2 Grant for the Fishburg Road Widening Project.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mr. Davidson seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, and Ms. Baker voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

### 10. New Business

#### CITY COUNCIL

##### Anthony C. Rodgers, Clerk Of Council

- A. A Motion To Appoint James Weidman To The Military And Veterans Commission To A Term Ending On December 31, 2028.

Mr. Rodgers said this item relates to the appointment of Mr. James Wiedman to the Military and Veterans Commission. He said the interview panel recommended Mr. James Weidman's appointment to the Military and Veterans Commission, and the necessary background check on Mr. Weidman had been completed by Human Resources.

Mrs. Kitchen made a motion to adopt; Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, and Mrs. Byrge voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### John Russell, City Manager

- B. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement To Provide Insurance Coverage For General Liability, Property, Boiler And Machinery, Inland Marine, Automobile, Crime, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability, Cyber Liability, And Other Necessary Insurance Coverage For The City Of Huber Heights, Ohio, Waiving The Competitive Bidding Requirements, And Covering The Costs Of Services Previously Incurred By The City.  
(first reading)

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Mr. Russell said Human Resources Manager Katie Knisley presented this item to Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session. He said the City has selected Selective Insurance as the City's primary liability insurance carrier.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mr. Aikens made a motion to adopt; Mr. Looney seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, and Mayor Gore voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

- C. A Resolution Authorizing The Pick-Up Of Voluntary Contributions For The Purchase Of Service Credit By Employees Of The Fire Division Of The City Of Huber Heights, Ohio.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mrs. Knisley presented this item to Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session. He said this legislation would allow City Staff within the Police Division and the Fire Division who had previously served in the military to buy back military service time and apply that time towards service time in the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund tax-free. He said this legislation is specifically for employees in the Fire Division.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Ms. Baker seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, and Mr. Aikens voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

- D. A Resolution Authorizing The Pick-Up Of Voluntary Contributions For The Purchase Of Service Credit By Employees Of The Police Division Of The City Of Huber Heights, Ohio.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mrs. Knisley presented this item to Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session. He said this legislation would allow City Staff within the Police Division and the Fire Division who had previously served in the military to buy back military service time and apply that time towards service time in the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund tax-free. He said this legislation is specifically for employees in the Police Division.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to adopt; Ms. Baker seconded the motion.

Mrs. Byrge asked why this item had not been brought before Council previously.

Mr. Russell said the only reason this item had not been brought before Council is because no member of City Staff had ever applied for the service credit buy back.

On a call of the vote, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, and Mr. Looney voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

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- E. An Ordinance Approving Individual Assessments Amounts And Directing The Director Of Finance Or His/Her Designee To Certify The Amounts To The Applicable County Auditor For Collection, And Declaring An Emergency. (first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mr. Bell presented this item to Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session and this item is related to the City's assessments, such as property maintenance, sidewalk repair, and unpaid water bills, to be presented to the Montgomery County Auditor for collection purposes.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to waive the second reading and to adopt this item.

Mr. Davidson made a motion to waive the second reading; Mr. Looney seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, and Mrs. Kitchen voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Ms. Baker seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, and Mr. Webb voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

- F. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution Of A Master Lease-Purchase Agreement And Related Payment Schedule For The Purpose Of Acquiring An Emergency Medical Vehicle For Use By The City, And Declaring An Emergency. (first reading)

Mr. Russell said Mr. Bell presented this item to Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session and this item relates to the purchase and delivery of a new medic for the Fire Division.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to waive the second reading and to adopt this item.

Mr. Webb made a motion to waive the second reading; Mr. Aikens seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Davidson voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

Mr. Looney made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Kitchen seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, and Ms. Baker voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

- G. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For Grant Funding Through The Land And Water Conservation Fund Program Administered Through The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources. (first reading)

Mr. Russell said Parks Manager Sarah Forsythe presented this item before Council at the August 19, 2025 Council Work Session and that this item relates to the acquisition of grant funding for a new playground at Thomas Cloud Park.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mr. Webb made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Byrge seconded the motion.

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Mr. Webb thanked the City Staff for its work in searching out and acquiring grant funds for the betterment of the City.

On a call of the vote, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, and Mrs. Byrge voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

- H. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For Funding Through The Urban Forestry Grant Program Administered Through The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said this item relates to the acquisition of grant money to protect the City's trees from damaging invasive species of insects and to replace infected or susceptible trees.

Mayor Gore said the Council Work Session recommendation was to adopt this item.

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Kitchen seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mrs. Byrge, and Mayor Gore voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 8-0.

### 11. Citizens Comments – General

Clerk of Council Anthony Rodgers invited Mr. Jeff Morford of Bethel Township to the podium.

Mayor Jeff Gore informed Mr. Morford that he would only be given ninety seconds to speak today due to having made repetitive speeches in the past.

Mr. Morford said his public speaking time is being cut short because the Council does not like what he has to say and Council does not want voters to hear the truth of its actions. He said the lawmakers of Ohio along with developers are taking away the rights of people to choose what happens in their communities. He said annexation can be handled cooperatively, but that the residents of Bethel Township have had annexation forced upon them by the City of Huber Heights and its City Council.

### 12. City Official Reports And Comments

Mrs. Kitchen said she attended the Huber Heights Bites In The Heights event on August 23, 2025, and it was a very well attended and well run event.

Mrs. Byrge, Ms. Baker, and Mr. Aikens also praised the Bites In The Heights event.

Mr. Looney said on August 23, 2025, he and Mr. Davidson attended the grand opening of Sweet Home Bakery located at 7204 Taylorsville Road in Huber Heights. He said the owners, as well as the food, were outstanding. He invited the community to visit the business and he wished the owners good luck.

Mrs. Byrge said Sweet Home Bakery does not use sugar in its products, but instead uses honey, which some people may enjoy.

### 13. Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

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**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Jeff Gore adjourned the Regular Session City Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Anthony C. Rodge 09-09-2025  
Clerk of Council Date

Jeff Gore 9/9/25  
Mayor Date