

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Huber Heights City Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-229-3661 FORM NO. 10-19

## In Council Chambers

Held 6131 Taylorsville Road October 27, 20 25

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

The Huber Heights City Council met in a Regular Session on October 27, 2025. Mayor Jeff Gore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation - Pastor Randy Griffith Of The Free Methodist Church At 6875 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, Ohio**

**3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

**4. Roll Call**

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

Staff Clerk Of Council Anthony Rodgers; Law Director Christopher Conard;  
Present: City Manager John Russell; Fire Chief Keith Knisley

**5. Approval Of Minutes**

A. City Council Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2025

The minutes for the October 13, 2025 City Council Meeting were approved by the Huber Heights City Council as submitted.

**6. Special Presentations/Announcements**

A. Presentation Of Newly Hired Firefighters Within The Fire Division - Fire Chief Keith Knisley And Mayor Jeff Gore.

Fire Chief Keith Knisley thanked Council for its support of the Fire Division. He said, with the new firefighters presented at this meeting, the Fire Division is now fully staffed with forty-eight personnel. He thanked Assistant Fire Chief Ken Stiefel for his efforts in hiring the new Fire Division personnel, and he thanked Assistant Fire Chief Mike Muhl for leading the training efforts for the new hires. He introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Harley Wells, Firefighter/Paramedic Luke Sorenson, Firefighter/Paramedic Conner Whalen, Firefighter/Paramedic James Hadley, Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Scherer, Firefighter/Paramedic Lainie Fair, Firefighter/EMT Recruit Andrew Ray, Firefighter/EMT Abbie Dodge, Firefighter/EMT Ben Bentz, Firefighter/EMT Sheldon Rapp, Firefighter/EMT Mateo Miranda, Firefighter/EMT Sam Southerland, Firefighter/EMT Andrew Dhume, Firefighter/EMT Mitchell Thonnerieux, Firefighter Brayden Webb, Firefighter Jazarion Keys, and Firefighter Jacob Anderson. He invited family members to pin service badges on the newly appointed Fire Division personnel.

Mayor Jeff Gore thanked the new Fire Division personnel for providing service to Huber Heights, and he thanked the families of the newly appointed Fire Division personnel for sharing them with the City. He thanked City Manager John Russell and Fire Chief Keith Knisley for creating new programs in an effort to recruit and prepare young people for service with the Police Division and the Fire Division. He said Council is a strong supporter of both the Police Division and the Fire Division, and it is proud to offer the best public safety service possible to the residents of Huber Heights.

Fire Chief Keith Knisley said the demand for public safety service personnel has far outweighed the supply in recent years and the recruitment of qualified Fire Division and Police Division candidates is extremely difficult. He said the new programs created by City Staff and supported by Council which allowed the Police Division and the Fire Division to recruit students from local high schools and train

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these students to become firefighters, paramedics, and EMT's were extremely helpful in filing vacancies in the City's public safety positions.

Council thanked the new Fire Division personnel for putting themselves in harms way for the safety of others and applauded the success of the new Cadet Program in the Fire Division.

Mr. Campbell said he remembered when the firefighters of Huber Heights were all volunteers, and he is proud to have such professionalism and character within the Fire Division in 2025.

### 7. **Citizens Comments - Agenda Items**

There were no comments on agenda items from citizens.

### 8. **City Manager Report**

City Manager John Russell said Trick or Treat in Huber Heights would be held on October 31, 2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He said the Huber Heights Holiday Craft Fair will take place at the Huber Heights Senior Center on November 1, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said the City of Huber Heights will be commemorating Veterans Day on November 11, 2025 with a ceremony at Thomas Cloud Park beginning at 4:00 p.m. He said, with the current government shut down, the military fly over that had been planned for the Huber Heights Veterans Day event has been cancelled. He said City Hall will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2025.

Mr. Aikens asked residents to drive safely on Halloween and to be watchful for any children who may be in the road.

Mr. Russell said Police Division and Fire Division Staff would be out in the streets to help keep things safe on Halloween.

Mrs. Byrge said the Halloween Haunt event on October 25 and 26, 2025 was very well attended.

Mrs. Kitchen asked Mr. Russell, in light of online comments, to assure the residents of Huber Heights that there will be enough Police Division personnel available to keep the City secure on October 31, 2025, with both the Wayne High School football game and the Halloween festivities occurring on that date.

Mr. Russell said there should be no issues with public safety on October 31, 2025.

### 9. **Pending Business**

There were no pending agenda items.

### 10. **New Business**

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

#### **Anthony C. Rodgers, Clerk of Council**

- A. A Motion To Approve The 2026 Council Work Session And City Council Meeting Schedules.

Mr. Rodgers said this motion is to approve the 2026 Council Work Session and City Council Meeting schedules. He said adjustments to the meeting dates were made for special events or circumstances.

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

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve this item; Mrs. Byrge seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Davidson voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### John Russell, City Manager

- B. A Resolution Amending And/Or Establishing The City Of Huber Heights Organizational Chart And Authorizing The New Personnel Staffing Levels As Detailed Below.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said this item was an update of the current City Table Of Organization and that the City was changing what was previously a part-time position in the Fire Division held by Ms. Regina Susong into a full-time position.

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

Mr. Webb made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Kitchen seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mr. Campbell, 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 9-0.

- C. A Resolution Of Intention To Appropriate Certain Land Located On Chambersburg Road For Public Road Purposes.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said City Engineer Russ Bergman presented this item regarding the appropriation of land located on Chambersburg Road at the October 21, 2025 Council Work Session. He said this item will allow the City to enter into negotiations with landowners to acquire the necessary property along Chambersburg Road to expedite the Chambersburg Road Widening Project.

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

Mrs. Byrge made a motion to adopt; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. On a call of the vote, Mrs. Byrge, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, and Mr. Campbell voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

- D. A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Purchase Telephone Equipment And Service From Pro OnCall Solutions, Inc.  
(first reading)

Mr. Russell said IT Director Dave Warren presented this item regarding the City's new telephone system and service with Pro OnCall Solutions, Inc. at the October 21, 2025 Council Work Session. He said updating the phone system for City Staff was necessary as the current system was beyond its service life and was having issues. He said the new cloud-based telephone system would be capable of servicing the growing needs of City Staff, and on a monthly basis it would cost half of what the City is paying for its current telephone system.

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

Ms. Baker made a motion to adopt; Mrs. Byrge seconded the motion.

Mrs. Byrge asked when the new telephone system would be installed.

Mr. Russell said the system is expected to be in place by October 31, 2025. He said any interruption in the City's telephone system would be announced on the City's website.

On a call of the vote, Mayor Gore, Mr. Aikens, Mr. Looney, Mrs. Kitchen, Mr. Webb, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Baker, Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. Byrge voted yea; none voted nay. The motion passes 9-0.

## 11. Citizens Comments – General

Mr. Jeff Morford of Bethel Township said the City Council is wrong for cutting his five minutes to speak down to ninety seconds. 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. He said Council acted out of greed and without any compassion towards its neighbors in Bethel Township who strongly opposed annexation.

Mayor Jeff Gore informed Mr. Morford that his time had expired.

Mr. Morford said he did not believe he had received ninety seconds.

Mayor Jeff Gore reminded Mr. Morford that he had been informed at the October 13, 2025 City Council Meeting that his time to speak would be cut down to sixty seconds if he did not have new information in his comments.

## 12. City Official Reports And Comments

There were no reports or comments from Council.

## 13. Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

## 14. Adjournment

Mayor Jeff Gore adjourned the Regular Session City Council Meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Anthony C. Ruder 11-10-2025  
Clerk of Council Date

Jeff Gore 11/10/25  
Mayor Date