SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday, November 26, 2025 at 8am

The Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio met on the above date in Council Chambers with the following members present: Gabriel Barrow, Jon Fiscus, Josh Harris, Ted Kurt, Philip Leinbach, Margo Puffenberger, and Chelsea Ziss. Council President Barrow presiding.

Roll Call: Gabriel Barrow, Jon Fiscus, Josh Harris, Ted Kurt, Philip Leinbach, Margo Puffenberger, and Chelsea Ziss.

Council members discussed concerns regarding Mayor MacDonald's retirement and the transition of the incoming Council. Mr. Harris moved to table the topics listed on the agenda for the new Council to decide. Mr. Kurt seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 voted yea, 4 voted nay; so the motion failed.

Discussion continued regarding whether issues should go to Personnel committee and past practices of similar issues as well as the second special meeting scheduled for 4pm on this day. Mrs. Ziss moved to add the 4pm agenda items to the current meeting, Mrs. Puffenberger seconded the motion. Roll call: 7 voted yea, so the motion carried.

Mr. Harris moved to place the 4pm agenda items to the beginning of this agenda. Mrs. Puffenberger seconded the motion. Roll call: 7 voted yea, so the motion carried.

Mr. Leinbach moved to enter executive session at 8:13 am for the appointment of a public official.
Mr. Harris seconded the motion.
Roll call: 7 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Kurt moved to exit executive session at 8:21 am.
Mrs. Ziss seconded the motion.
Roll call: 7 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Harris moved to establish that a person elected as Council President may step down before their term has expired and that upon such, City Council shall immediately select a new Council President and the outgoing Council President shall retain their seat on Council. This motion is necessary to clarify provisions of the Maumee Charter Article 13 Section 3.
Mr. Fiscus seconded the motion.
Roll call: 7 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Barrow announced that he is stepping down as Council President and stated that next order of business is the nomination of the new Council President. Mr. Harris nominated Mrs. Ziss. Mrs. Puffenberger nominated Mr. Fiscus. Mr. Harris moved to close the nominations, Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. Roll call: 7 voted yea, so the motion carried.

Roll call voting for the nominated candidates resulted in the following outcome:
4 votes for Chelsea Ziss (Barrow, Harris, Leinbach, Ziss).
3 votes for Jon Fiscus (Fiscus, Kurt, Puffenberger).
Mrs. Ziss was elected Council President and took her seat.

Mr. Harris then moved to table the remaining agenda items until the December 1, regular council meeting. Mrs. Puffenberger seconded the motion. Roll call: 7 voted yea, so the motion carried.

Mr. Harris was excused at 8:31am from the meeting.

Mr. Leinbach moved to adjourn at 8:32 am until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2025 at 6:15 pm.
Mr. Fiscus seconded the motion.
Roll call: 6 voting yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.