SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:15 pm

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, and Margo Puffenberger. Mayor James MacDonald presiding.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Legislation was considered at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JAMES MACDONALD TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

The Resolution was read by title only.
Mr. BARROW moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
Mr. BARROW moved the resolution be placed on its final passage and passed. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
The Resolution was passed by Emergency and is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 021-2025 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JAMES MACDONALD TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

The Resolution was read by title only.
Mr. KURT moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
Mr. KURT moved the resolution be placed on its final passage and passed. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
The Resolution was passed by Emergency and is effective immediately.

Discussion of nomination of candidates took place with the agreement that a nominations could be made by council members for candidates who submitted application for the open council seat with no second needed, followed by three rounds of voting tonight, should a majority not be reached. Adoption of the procedure was made with common consent by the Mayor, without motion. Roll call: 6 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried. Mr. Barrow nominated Daniel Thomas. Mr. Fiscus nominated Chelsea Ziss. Mr. Harris nominated Rosemarie Barciz. Mr. Kurt nominated Joe Pflager. Mr. Leinbach and Mrs. Puffenberger both stated that their nominations had already been selected. Motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Kurt. Seconded by Mr. Leinbach. Roll call: 6 voted yea; motion carried.

The first round of roll call voting for the nominated candidates resulted in the following outcome:
3 votes for Daniel Thomas (Barrow, Harris, Kurt)
3 votes for Chelsea Ziss (Fiscus, Leinbach, Puffenberger)

The second round of roll call voting for the remaining two candidates, Daniel Thomas and Chelsea Ziss, resulted in the following outcome:
3 votes for Daniel Thomas (Barrow, Harris, Kurt)
3 votes for Chelsea Ziss (Fiscus, Leinbach, Puffenberger)

Due to the impasse, Mr. Fiscus moved to enter executive session at 6:32pm for the purpose of considering the appointment of a public official. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. Roll call: 6 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Fiscus moved to exit executive session at 7:11pm. Mr. Leinbach seconded the motion. Roll call: 6 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

The third round of roll call voting for the remaining two candidates, Daniel Thomas and Chelsea Ziss, resulted in the following outcome:
3 votes for Daniel Thomas (Barrow, Harris, Kurt)
3 votes for Chelsea Ziss (Fiscus, Leinbach, Puffenberger)
Due to the continued impasse, the matter of appointment was continued to the August 18, 2025, regular meeting.

Mr. Barrow moved to enter executive session at 7:12 pm for personnel- appointment, employment and/or compensation of a public employee or official and pending litigation with action likely to be taken following the executive session.
Mr. Kurt seconded the motion.
Roll call: 6 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Mr. Barrow moved to exit executive session at 8:51 pm.
Mr. Kurt seconded the motion.
Roll call: 6 voted yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Legislation was considered at this time

ORDINANCE NO. 020-2025	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR AND LAW DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONSENT DECREE WITH THE OHIO EPA AND STATE OF OHIO AND AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING FUNDING FOR SEWER LATERAL REMEDIATION, REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR, SUMP PUMP CORRECTIONS OR INSTALLATION, AND CORRECTION OF CLEAN WATER CONNECTIONS TO THE MAUMEE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN MAUMEE PROPERTIES AS SET FORTH HEREIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The Ordinance was read by title only.
Mr. FISCUS moved to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
Mr. FISCUS moved the ordinance be placed on its final passage and passed. Roll call: Barrow, Fiscus, Harris, Kurt, Leinbach, Puffenberger (6) voting yea; nays, none.
The Ordinance was passed and is effective immediately.

Mr. Kurt moved to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. until the next regular meeting on August 18, 2025 at 6:15pm.
Mrs. Puffenberger seconded the motion.
Roll call: 6 voting yea, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned.