

**CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



**REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2025**

The regular meeting of June 9, 2025 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and, Michael Corbitt, PE, Deputy City Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

*First Readings*

No first readings.

*Second Readings*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 32 – 25: An Ordinance To Rezone And Approve A Preliminary Development Plan And Text Parcel Numbers 152-001760, 186-000006, 186-000007, 152-001736, And 152-001020, And, To Approve A Major Modification Of The Preliminary Development Plan And Text For Parcels 186-000244, 152-001754 And 186-000245 And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis stated the public hearing will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Third Readings*

No third readings.

*Emergencies*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 34 – 25: An Ordinance Declaring The Necessity For And Authorizing The Transfer Of Funds By The City Of Obetz From The Electric Fund To The General Fund, Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code 5705.16 And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt and Mr. Hollins discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Hollins stated this is non-income tax revenue. The process to transfer the funds is controlled by the County tax commissioner; the City does not need to go to court. Mr. Kramer asked if the money was limited to certain projects. Mr. Hollins replied that the money can be used for any City purpose. Mr. Corbitt stated the money has not been appropriated. It will need to be appropriated after it is transferred. Mr. Kramer inquired about the timeline. Mr. Hollins stated it takes approximately 30 days from the time the request is made.

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 34 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 34 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 35 – 25: An Ordinance To Establish The 2025 Toy Road TIF Capital Improvements Fund (2405), The 2025 Toy Road TIF Restricted Project Fund (2406), The 2025 The Toy Road TIF Debt Service Fund (3204), The Toy Road TIF Debt Service Reserve Fund (3902), And The 2025 Toy Road TIF Debt Liquidity Reserve Fund (3903) And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated the City created the Toy Road TIF in 2003. Now there are funds coming into the TIF that can be used toward infrastructure improvements in the area. Mr. Hollins stated this is a bookkeeping ordinance for the Finance Department to track the monies coming into the TIF. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 35 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 35 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 36 – 25: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2025 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated the City is paying off the original developers that were part of the Toy Road TIF agreement. This is consistent with the closing documents for the financing. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 36 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 36 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated the ZucchiniFest concerts have been announced. The City tried to book non-country bands but had no success this year. Next year the City will try again. She stated summer camps are starting; the splashpad is open; and, there is a lot of development. She then stated that Bridlewood Village Apartments have been declared a nuisance.

Mr. Flaherty stated the Obetz Road underpass is closed. Mr. Corbitt stated he is trying to get the clearance of the Groveport Road railroad overpass higher.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS**

Chief Confer stated there is a new scam going around. People are calling saying they are with the Sheriff's office and looking for bond payments to get someone out of jail.

Mike Corbitt stated the County held a public meeting soliciting comments on the Alum Creek Drive widening project. The City will be submitting comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Kerri Doddroe and Kaitlin Duncan addressed Council. They discussed the Obetz Black Card. Ms. Doddroe discussed the program and why it is important. She stated it connects the community and puts residents first. The existing Black Card is not scannable. She and Ms. Duncan have been looking at platforms to make the Card scannable and they found an option. They reviewed the option with Council and showed them how implementation would work. Mayor Kirk stated she liked that the Card would be scannable and trackable. Ms. Duncan stated this would be a fast rollout. Ms. Doddroe stated all the old data can be used. She and Council discussed implementation of the new Card. Council directed Ms. Doddroe and Ms. Duncan to proceed.

Ms. Doddroe then discussed splashpad issues. She stated daycares are coming to the splashpad. Mayor Kirk stated the residents cannot get onto the splashpad on certain days because it is overrun by the daycares. Ms. Doddroe asked Council if they wanted to continue to allow daycares. Mr. Kimbler stated it was a public park – how would the City exclude daycares from using it. Mr. Hollins stated the City should talk to the daycares directly. He then stated the park rules would need modification and suggested additional discussion on this topic.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

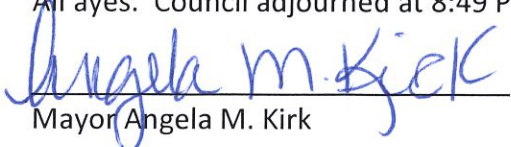
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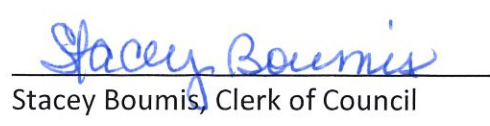
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(3) and (8) to discuss pending litigation and economic development. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 7:15 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:49 PM with all six members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:49 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council