

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The regular meeting of September 8, 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 – absent. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and Michael Corbitt, PE., Deputy City Administrator.

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Gibbs. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second Readings

No second readings.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 43 – 25: An Ordinance To Amend Section 905.12 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Obetz To Prohibit Placing Trash And Junk In The Public Right-Of-Way, To Require Owners And Occupants To Keep The Right-Of-Way Adjacent To Their Property Free Of Trash And Junk, And To Establish A Procedure By Which The City May Remove Or Cause Removal Of Trash, Junk, Or Other Items Obstructing The Right-Of-Way. Mr. Corbitt and Ms. Boumis discussed the Ordinance. Mr. Corbitt stated this works the same way as the grass ordinance. Residents are given notice that trash in the right of way needs to be removed. If it is not removed, the City can remove it and assess the property. Ms. Boumis stated the County Auditor requires an ordinance in order to assess property taxes.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 46 – 25: An Ordinance To Amend The Creekside Tax Increment Financing District And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance.

He stated that the Creekside TIF was established in 2002. When the TIF was created, it contained a list of infrastructure projects that the TIF could fund. This Ordinance expands that list and the area. The Rohr Road waterline to the Metro Parks will now be included. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 46 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 46 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 48 – 25: An Ordinance To Authorize And Direct The City Administrator To Enter Into A Pre-Annexation Agreement With The Columbus And Franklin County Metropolitan Park District Concerning Approximately One Hundred Sixty-Three (163 +/-) Acres Of Land Generally Known As Bank Run Metro Park, And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated the relates to the provision of water to the site. The Metro Parks is keeping their current sewer lift station. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 48 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 48 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Ricahrdson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 49 – 25: An Ordinance To Formally Find And Declare That A New Interchange At Lockbourne Road And Interstate 270 Will Directly And Substantially Benefit The Real Property Within The Toy Road TIF Incentive District And The City As A Whole, To Authorize The City Engineer To Contract For Professional Engineering And Consulting Services Relating To The Study Of The Interchange, To Authorize Payment For Those Services From The Toy Road TIF Capital Improvements Fund, And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt discussed the Ordinance. He stated US 23 and Alum Creek Drive will be truck routes; this route will be designed to discourage trucks. The study will be paid for by the Toy Road TIF. The cost of the study is approximately \$470,000 and is the first step in getting the interchange. He then stated the Anduril announcement made Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) interested in the interchange. Mr. Varney asked about property acquisition. Mr. Corbitt stated multiple construction options and designs will be studied. The estimated cost of the new interchange is approximately \$30 to \$50 million dollars. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 49 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 49 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Ricahrdson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 50 – 25: An Ordinance To Accept The Amounts And Rates

As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Corbitt stated this is the same ordinance required every year to collect the City's 1.7 mils of inside milage. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 50 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 50 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Ricahrdsen; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 51 – 25: An Ordinance Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Development Agreement With Maverick Trace LLC For The Development Of 50 +/- Acres Of Real Property And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk stated the developer received an extension on the purchase contract for the parcels along the creek, so no action is needed tonight. Mr. Hollins stated this can be first reading only. No vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk read a proclamation from Representative Meredith Lawson-Rowe. She then stated the ZucchiniFest was a huge event, and it went smoothly; there were approximately 22,000 people at the concert on Sunday. She stated staff worked very hard to execute the event and she thanked them for their hard work.

She then stated there will be a Cops and Coffee at the Community Center on Tuesday. On September 11 she is going to a memorial at Motts Military Museum and then to the Intermediate School. She further stated the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation hosted a 9/11 memorial stair climb at the Fortress last Saturday.

Mayor Kirk stated Trick or Treat is Thursday, October 30th from 6 – 8 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report. A Hamilton LSD student in the audience stated he heard complaints about the Obetz black card. Mayor Kirk stated the black card is a card for Obetz residents. The black card gets perks for people living here. She then stated during the summer Council made the decision to limit splashpad access due to overcrowding. The black card is not meant to keep people out or be mean. It is meant to show gratitude to Obetz residents. Mr. Flaherty stated the card is a benefit for people living here. Mr. Kramer stated the City is working on a program that gives perks to people working in Obetz.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS

Chief Michael Confer – Chief Confer stated there is a ton of stuff in lost and found. He then stated 16 more speeding tickets have been issued in school zones – slow down. Police statistics have been emailed to Council.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins congratulated the City on the success of ZucchiniFest.

Stacey Boumis, AICP – Ms. Boumis thanked the elected officials for their support during ZucchiniFest. She then stated the Planning and Zoning Commission meets on Wednesday.

Michael Corbitt, PE – Mr. Corbitt stated Groveport Road will be paved soon. The CSX bridge is closing for 90 days. Eventually the railroad overpass downtown will be closing. The City will soon be starting a Safe Routes to School Plan. The Plan is meant to improve safety and prioritize projects for grants.

Mr. Greg McDowell, a resident in attendance, asked about the old DeVuono’s building. Mayor Kirk stated the building still needs work. Currently the City is marketing the building.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

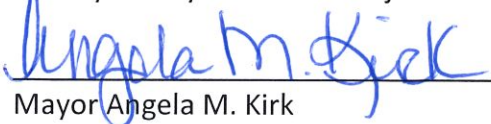
A Hamilton LSD student in attendance asked how the ZucchiniFest makes money. Mayor Kirk stated the Festival does not make money. She stated the City receives sponsorships and money from vendor fees and beer sales. The City also receives a portion of the ride sales. Mr. Kramer stated governments don’t make money; they provide services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 7:11 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:19 PM with all five members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Varney. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:20 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council