

CITY OF OBETZ  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2026**

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The regular meeting of March 9, 2026 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kirk 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; Joe McDaniels, Esq., Assistant Law Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and, Rod Davisson, Esq. City Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Council meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

*First Readings*

Mr. McDaniels read the title of Ordinance 14-26: An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 89-03 to Remove Certain Real Property from the Toy Road Tax Increment Financing Incentive District. No discussion.

Mr. McDaniels read the title of Ordinance 15-26: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 52-21 to Add Certain Parcels of Real Property to the Tax Increment Financing Exemption Established Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) Section 5709.40(B) and Establishing a Separate Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for Such Parcels. No discussion.

Mr. McDaniels read the title of Ordinance 16-26: An Ordinance Ratifying, Affirming, and Modifying the Boundaries of the Toy Road Community Reinvestment Area Established by Ordinance No. 43-08; Removing Certain City-Owned Property Therefrom; Classifying Certain Multi-Family Development as Commercial Property; and Conditioning the Grant and Continuation of Exemptions upon Participation in and Compliance with the Buckstone New Community Authority. No discussion.

*Second Readings*

No second readings.

*Third Readings*

No third readings.

### *Emergencies*

Mr. McDaniels read the title to Ordinance 12 – 26: An Ordinance to Extend the Moratorium on the Issuance and Processing of Permits Allowing Retail Dispensaries, Cultivators, or Processors of Adult Use Marijuana Within the City of Obetz, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Hollins discussed the Ordinance. He stated the laws are still changing. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 12 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 12 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McDaniels read the title of Ordinance 13 – 26: An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to Transfer Land to the Big Walnut Area Community Improvement Corporation, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated this is land along Williams Road that is proposed for development. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 13 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 13 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McDaniels read the title of Ordinance 17 – 26: An Ordinance to Approve Changes to the 2026 Appropriations for the Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the proposed appropriations. He stated the appropriates are for salaries and benefits. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 17 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 17 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk discussed the recent Polar Plunge held at Fortress Obetz. The City had a team that participated. She then stated spring sports sign-ups are still underway. The City is offering a ballet program this spring and all spots are filled. They are going to add additional times. She also reviewed upcoming events at the community center.

Mayor Kirk then stated a Meijer store is coming to Obetz. It will be located in Buckstone. This store will improve the lives of residents. Meijer is more than a store, it is a regional statement of

things coming. The store will offer convenience to residents and businesses while providing jobs and economic activity. This is a sign of what is possible when we work together as a team.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Varney stated there was a Council Committee of the Whole prior to this meeting to discuss the splashpad. He summarized the meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer told people to stay off their phones and pay attention. He then stated he will retrieve the stats from the speed trailer.

*Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Hollins congratulated Mayor Kirk and City Council on the Meijer deal. Meijer is very careful when selecting sites, so this is a huge compliment to the City. It will be a catalyst for future development. He then discussed the three ordinances that had first readings.

*Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator* – Mr. Davisson stated he was excited about Meijer. He then thanked Council for the equity adjustments. Next, he discussed the mowing bids that were received. No bidder completed the bid package correctly; therefore all bids will be rejected as “non-responsive”. Prices ranged from \$100,000 to \$800,000. He stated realistically the City was looking at \$500,000 which is too much for the amount of work; therefore, the City is going to be mowing everything this year. The work will get spread out among staff. The City needs to purchase eleven new mowers and trade-in seven older mowers. The staff is motivated and will save the City one million dollars as compared to last year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kramer announced Hamilton High School's production of Frozen as well as the start of the spring pickleball league.

### **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Hamilton Township Trustee Belinda Anderson asked when she could speak about the TIF ordinances. Mr. Davisson stated the public hearing will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Davisson stated the land in Hamilton Township will be parkland.

### **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. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Varney – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:54 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:45 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 7:46 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council