



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON APRIL 13, 2026**

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Council President Pro-Tem Derek Varney called the Council Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2026.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – absent; 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; Kerri Doddroe, Parks and Recreation Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director; Mike Confer, Police Chief, and, Rod Davisson, Esq. City Administrator.

**DISCUSSION**

Mr. Varney thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The discussion topic is Obetz Athletic Club (OAC) rates and policies. Ms. Doddroe reviewed current OAC rates. These rates have never increased since the OAC opened in 2010. In 2025, the OAC lost \$206,000. There is no charge to use the golf simulators. Use is included in the monthly membership. Currently membership is a true month to month. Ms. Doddroe proposed a rate increase of \$10 per tier. She stated even with this increase, the OAC will still have a financial loss. Mr. Gibbs stated the price point is perfect and he couldn't believe rates have not been increased. Mr. Kimbler stated the senior resident rate should remain the same. Council discussed this and concurred. Mr. Varney asked what the membership included. Ms. Doddroe stated this is gym access only.

Ms. Doddroe discussed personal training. Personal training is offered by Ben Swauger. This is a separate fee. Training sessions are sold in groups of 13 and are extremely low. The cost does not cover Ben's hourly rate. Ms. Doddroe proposed increasing the fee to \$30 per session. Mr. Kimbler stated personal training needs promoted. He stated \$30 per session is still a good deal. Mr. Gibbs concurred.

Ms. Doddroe discussed the golf simulators. She stated the simulators are a very expensive amenity. She proposed a resident usage fee of \$50 per two hour block and a non-resident usage fee of \$100 per two hour block. Up to four people can use the simulator during the block. All individuals using the simulator must also have a gym membership or purchase a day pass. Mayor Kirk stated two hours should be the minimum two hour booking. Mr. Richardson stated this is still cheaper than anywhere else. Ms. Doddroe stated she looked at the rates at other locations. Mr. Davisson stated the golf league takes prime time usage and the price to participate in the league will need increased.

Ms. Doddroe discussed OAC policies. She stated members want an automatic billing option. This will make less desk work for staff. She stated she can make it easy to cancel the membership.

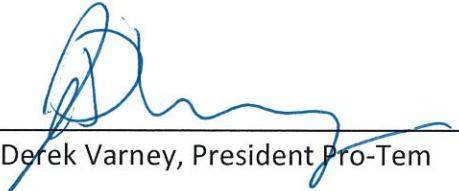
Council agreed to offer automatic billing. Ms. Doddroe stated residents will be on a twelve month cycle then have to reprove residency.

Mr. Kimbler discussed the minimum admittance age. He stated the OAC is not a recreation center and thirteen is too young without a parent. He further stated a lot of kids are disruptive and not using the equipment correctly. The OAC is not a babysitting service. He would like the minimum age limit increased. Mr. Gibbs stated it is hard to get into the Hamilton LSD gyms and he did not want to make it difficult for student athletes to use the OAC. Council discussed age limits, staff, and gym management. Ben Swauger stated not all of the teenagers using the OAC are disruptive. Adults also act stupid. Mayor Kirk stated anyone seeing disruptive behavior at the gym should reach out to Kerri or Ben immediately. Mr. Davisson stated pricing is the purview of Council but age limits on access get iffy since those are policies.

Mr. Davisson stated the purpose of the Committee of the Whole meetings is to translate the discussion to action. Based on the discussion, staff will prepare an ordinance with the updated rates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Varney called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. The Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

  
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Derek Varney, President Pro-Tem

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council