



**REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2026**

The regular meeting of April 27, 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; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk, and, Rod Davisson, Esq. City Administrator.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Davisson presented the City's 2025 Annual Report along with Kerri Doddroe and Chief Mike Confer. Obetz continues to attract new businesses and investment. Dunkin' Donuts, Grumpy's Coffee Garage, and Subway all opened in 2025. Construction continued on Orchard 38.

Ms. Doddroe stated the Parks and Recreation Department continued enhancing community services and facilities. Phase 1 of Junction Park was completed; recreational amenities were expanded; and, the black card program launched. The City continued to remain a regional destination for entertainment, sports and community celebrations with 40 out of the 52 weeks of the year booked at Fortress Obetz.

Chief Confer stated there were 35,599 calls for service in 2025. Also, policy recertification was done, ensuring the standards of the Obetz Police Department aligned with statewide best practices. The Flock Safety camera network was expanded and Sergeant Rob Rigby was promoted to Deputy Chief.

Ms. Doddroe discussed Obetz programs and services serving residents. Approximately 1852 senior meals were served; 135 senior transportation trips were provided; and 173 food pantry visits serviced. Popular events included the Cincinnati Reds game, senior day camp at Junction Park, and the annual senior Christmas Party. Ms. Doddroe discussed youth sports. The program continued to grow. There were 894 participants across the various programs in 2025. A new soccer program was launched with more than 200 participants.

Mr. Davisson stated Obetz continues to expand its digital communication channels. In 2025 the City's channels had a combined 44,053 followers with more than 60,000 reactions. There were 1842 social media posts. The City maintains 22 social media accounts, 3 websites, and email newsletters.

## **ORDINANCES**

### *First Readings*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 28 – 26: An Ordinance To Rezone All Of Or A Portion Of Tax Parcels 152-002313, 152-002314, 152-001744, 152-001841, 152-001847, 152-001848, 152-002315, 152-002316 From Planned Unit Development To Planned Residential District And To Rezone All Of Or A Portion Of Tax Parcels 152-001749 And 152-001753 From Exceptional Use To Planned Residential District. Mayor Kirk stated the public hearing is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>.

### *Second Readings*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 21 – 26: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Five Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$5,080,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax, Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series; Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located In The City Of Obetz; Reimbursing The City For Any Moneys Advanced For Such Purposes; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; Providing For Costs Of Issuance Associated With The Issuance Of The Notes; Refunding Notes Previously Issued For Such Purpose; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 22 – 26: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed Three Million Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,075,000) Of Special Obligation Nontax Revenue Taxable Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Land And Interests In Land And Any Existing Buildings And Facilities Upon Such Land For The Purpose Of Redevelopment, Constructing A New Building Or Buildings Or Other Facilities For Commercial Use, And All Necessary Improvements And Appurtenances Related Thereto; Reimbursing The City For Any Moneys Advanced For Such Purposes, If Necessary; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; Providing For Costs Of Issuance Associated With The Issuance Of The Notes; Refunding Notes Previously Issued For Such Purposes; And Declaring An Emergency.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 23 – 26: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) Of General Obligation Limited Tax, Tax-Exempt Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Bonds, In One Or More Series, For The Purpose Of Acquiring And Constructing Public Utility Improvements Including But Not Limited To Any Necessary Road, Sidewalk, Landscaping And Related Improvements And Appurtenances Thereto; Acquiring Land And Interests In Land Located, In The City Of Obetz, Necessary For Such Improvements; Reimbursing The City For Any Moneys Advanced For Such Purposes; Authorizing A Purchase Agreement, If Necessary; Refunding Notes Previously Issued For Such Purposes; And Declaring An Emergency.

Mr. Davisson stated these ordinances refinance existing debt. The notes can be turned into

bonds when the projects are complete.

### *Third Readings*

No third readings.

### *Emergencies*

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 26 – 26: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2026 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated the additional appropriation is for repairs to the police station's restrooms. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 26 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 26 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 27 – 26: An Ordinance Amending The Membership Fee Schedule For The Obetz Athletic Club, Establishing Fees For Member Use Of Golf Simulators And For Personal Training Sessions, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Varney stated he would like this information to be posted at the Athletic Club prior to taking action on the ordinance. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 27 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – no; Mr. Kimbler – no; Mr. Flaherty – no; Mr. Gibbs – no; Mr. Varney – no; Mr. Kramer – no. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 29 – 26: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Electric Easement To American Electric Power, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Hollins stated AEP is making improvements to serve the Google facility on Rathmell Road. They agreed to work with the City to underground the lines when the City constructs the Lockbourne Road/Rathmell Road roundabout. Mr. Davisson discussed the timing of the City's roadway improvements. Construction will begin on the Lockbourne Road/Rathmell Road roundabout in Spring 2027. The roundabout at Astoria Drive/Rathmell Road will be next. Mr. Flaherty stated trucks will tear up the roads. Truck routes are needed. Mr. Davisson stated the City is applying for grants for construction funds. Mayor Kirk stated there is a lot of legislative support. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 29 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 29 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 30 – 26: An Ordinance Creating The Temporary Position Of Finance Director Emeritus, Designating The Current Finance Director To Serve In That Limited Advisory Capacity, Designating The Assistant Finance Director As Acting Finance Director,

Defining Duties And Limitations, Authorizing Salary Continuation, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated the ordinance strips Mr. Cramblit of any decision making responsibilities but keeps him engaged so the City can take advantage of his knowledge and experience while the City searches for his replacement. Mayor Kirk stated this protects the City and Mr. Cramblit. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 30 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 30 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kirk stated the City hosted bring your kids to work day last week. Ms. Doddroe did a great job. The mother/son picnic is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The splashpad opens May 30<sup>th</sup>. It is free for black card holders and \$5 for all others. Spring cleanup is May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The City is now recognized by Bee City USA as a bee city.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Varney stated he wants something displayed at the Obetz Athletic Club that shows the proposed rate increase.

### **ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT**

*Mike Confer, Police Chief* – Chief Confer thanked Council for approving funds for the restroom repair. There were no issues identified during a recent BCI audit.

*Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director* – Mr. Hollins stated an executive session is needed.

*Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director/Clerk* – No report.

*Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator* – Mr. Davisson stated staff is extremely busy.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kimbler stated there is confusing about City codes related to RV's, boats, and campers. Officers are ticketing some vehicles and not others. He stated he would like to discuss this issue. Mr. Davisson asked what prevented people from parking in their driveways for loading. Mr. Kimbler stated some driveways are too short for the large RV's. Mr. Varney stated this can be discussed during a Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Flaherty stated officers need to be on the same page. Mr. Davisson stated officer discretion cannot be legislated. Chief Confer stated there are two separate ordinances that need discussed. Mr. Hollins stated prosecutorial discretion must be maintained.

**REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Greg McDowell stated there is only one snow emergency parking sign on Bridlewood Boulevard. Mayor Kirk, Mr. Davisson, and Council discussed snow emergency parking signs.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(3) to discuss pending litigation and ORC 121.22(g)(8) to discuss economic development. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – stepped out of the meeting and was not present for the vote; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 7:48 PM. Council returned from executive session at 9:33 PM with all six members present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Council adjourned at 9:34 PM.

  
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Mayor Angela M. Kirk

  
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Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council