



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ON MAY 11, 2026

Council President Pro-Tem Derek Varney called the Council Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2026.

ROLL CALL

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; 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 on-street parking. Ms. Boumis reviewed recent parking legislation. Ordinance 10 – 22, passed February 14, 2022, modified Section 305.55 related to the parking of trailers on public streets. An unattached trailer cannot park on a public street at any time and can't park an attached trailer on a public street unless actively loading/unloading or is related to construction or a service to or on a property. The trailer is only permitted during the hours the service is being performed. No person can park a trailer overnight on a public street or in a public parking area. The Safety Director can create rules to allow for overnight on-street parking of a moving trailer if it doesn't have an impact on public safety. Semi-trucks and trailers cannot park at the city parking lot across from the hardware store

Ordinance 05 – 25, passed January 13, 2025, amended Section 351.13 related to winter weather emergency parking. There is no on-street parking when the city declares a local winter weather emergency, and no person or company can put snow onto a city street.

Ordinance 11 – 25, passed February 24, 2025, prohibits overnight parking on City property (10:00 PM to 6:00 AM). The law applies to any motorized or non-motorized means of transportation.

Ordinance 20 – 25, passed April 14, 2025, amended Section 351.03 related to parking near mailboxes. Vehicles can't park within 10' of a mailbox – 5' feet before and 5' after.

Ordinance 53 – 25, passed September 22, 2025, amended Section 305.056 related to parking or storage of construction equipment on a public street. Construction equipment cannot be parked or stored on a residential street. The law does not apply if construction is actively occurring.

Ordinance 57 – 25, passed October 14, 2025, prohibits parking box trucks and certain commercial vehicles on residential streets. Vehicles cannot exceed a GVWR of 10,000 pounds. The law does not apply if parking in driveway. Occupants can get a residential work vehicle permit (RWVP) for certain vehicles if the vehicle doesn't fit in the driveway; convenience or not wanting to park in driveway does not trigger ability to get the RWVP.

Ordinance 70 – 25, passed February 2, 2026, amends Section 351.03 related to parking on the apron. Vehicles cannot park within 3' of an apron on either a public or private driveway.

The Zoning Code prohibits parking and storage in any zoning district of vehicles without current license plates. Furthermore, you can't park or store disabled vehicles or junked vehicles more than 30 days unless vehicle is stored in an enclosed garage or accessory building. One boat and boat trailer or one utility trailer with current license plate and one RV can be stored in the rear or side yard

Chief Confer then reviewed pictures of different types of vehicles and vehicle weights. He also discussed Codified Ordinances Chapter 351, the chapter with numerous other parking regulations. Next, Chief Confer stated from March 1st through May 11th, there were 131 parking citations. He showed pictures of some vehicles that were issued citations. He then stated Section 305.055 is somewhat ambiguous and needs better defined.

Mr. Varney stated there was a lot of public in attendance and he wants to get their feedback. Frank Varian, a resident in Fairchild Estates, addressed Council. He stated he has a 5'x8' non-commercial trailer that is usually in the garage. He was out helping someone in the evening and did not get the trailer put back into the garage at the end of the night; he left it on the street. He received a parking ticket. He was not blocking anyone's driveway or mailbox. The trailer was attached to his vehicle. Mr. Davisson stated when the City is making laws, they need to fine tune them from time to time. He will talk to Mayor Kirk to see what can be done regarding the ticket. Also, he stated perhaps Council should consider if smaller trailers could or should be stored on public streets temporarily.

Jonathon Masteller addressed Council. He was recently cited for parking an RV on the street. The RV will not fit in his driveway. He stated Section 351.15 of the Code related to RV parking is not clear. He would like Council to consider adopting something similar to Canal Winchester than allows RV parking on a public street for up to 72 hours for loading and unloading. Mr. Flaherty stated 72 hours seems excessive.

David Matchack addressed Council. He stated he lives across the street from Jonathon Masteller. He then stated he has received numerous parking tickets in the past related to RV parking on a public street but they have all been thrown out due to ambiguity of Section 351.15. He then stated the public should be allowed to park an RV on the street for up to 72 hours for loading/unloading. Council asked about cords across the public sidewalk. He stated he covers the cords with rugs.

Mr. Davisson stated these sound like easy fixes. David Humphries asked if there is officer discretion to issue tickets. Mr. Davisson stated there is always officer discretion but there has also been a lot of public outrage related to parking. Dan Raver stated there are reasons for these polices. There are not sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on every street in the City and allowing RV's, trailers, and other large vehicles to park on streets in his neighborhood or other neighborhoods with narrow streets would cause a big problem. Lewis Carver, a resident on Princeton Lane, stated there is a fire hydrant in his tree lawn. He then stated RV's and campers don't cause issues on Princeton Lane.

Valerie Fritz stated she lives behind Sheetz. She then stated there is a neighbor that drives around and tattles on people. She stated her neighbor on Lindsay Road got cited for having a gravel driveway. The neighbor driving around has also reported trailers.

Mr. Varney thanked everyone for coming.

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 5:48 PM.

Derek Varney, President Pro-Tem

Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council