

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 27, 2026

The regular meeting of July 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 – absent; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present: Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator, Rob Rigby, Deputy Police Chief; and, Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk.

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

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 46 – 26: An Ordinance To Rezone Parcel 152-000851 From Suburban Office And Institution To Planned Commercial District. Mr. Flaherty stated he would like to get this remanded back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The applicant would like to get a positive recommendation from the Commission and they have updated their submission. He further stated he was not able to attend the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mr. Hollins stated Council will need a motion to table the matter and remand the case back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Kirk called for the motion. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes. Motion carried.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 42 – 26: An Ordinance Accepting The Donation And Conveyance Of Approximately 0.151 Acres Of Real Property From Rockford Homes, Inc. For Public Road Right-Of-Way Purposes. Mr. Davisson showed a map with the location of the property and stated the County asked the City to annex the property. Mr. Hollins stated this parcel will also need to be annexed following conveyance. This process fixes a historical accident.

Third Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 41 – 26: An Ordinance To Approve A Preliminary

Development Plan For Tax Parcel 186-002022. Mayor Kirk stated this is for the Moo Moo Car Wash. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 41 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Gibbs - yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

No emergencies.

Tabled

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 35 – 26: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 373 Of The Obetz Codified Ordinances To Supplement Existing Regulations Governing Electric Bicycles And To Protect The Public Health, Safety, And Welfare. Mayor Kirk stated e-bikes will be discussed at the next Council Committee meeting on August 10th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Big Green Egg event was Saturday. It was a great event that raises money for the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer. They raised over \$100,000 at that event. She then discussed upcoming senior events.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Rob Rigby, Deputy Police Chief – Deputy Chief Rigby shared some stats. Over the last two weeks there have been over 1500 calls for service and 4,000 miles driven. He then recognized Officer Damon Caruso who has been selected internally by the Chief and me to get the star award from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The star award recognizes officers who are teamwork oriented, hold themselves accountable, show respect to others in the department, and are selflessness. He then stated Officer Seay completed motorcycle school so now he is out on the street. He also wanted to make everybody aware that there is an active shooter training this Wednesday at the Hamilton Township High School in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and Hamilton Township Fire. Ms. Duncan will post something on-line.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated the Mayor's golf outing was fantastic and raised a lot of money. Mayor Kirk stated she is waiting on the final numbers.

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

E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson stated last week was the first meeting of the Charter Review Commission. The members were excited and engaged. He then outlined the process for getting something to Council and ultimately on the ballot for a public vote. He then stated he and Mr. McDaniels spoke at the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association. Mr. McDaniels did a nice job public speaking and he was proud to see how he represented the City.

Income taxes continue to be strong. So far this year refunds have been low; however, last year in November and December the City had almost a million dollars of refunds.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Gary McKinley addressed Council. He stated there is overgrown vegetation along Lockbourne Road near the overpass that makes it hard to see. Mr. Davisson stated he will look into the issue. A portion of the road is not within Obetz' border.

Greg McDowell addressed Council. He asked if Obetz owned the land behind Rusty's Towing. Mayor Kirk stated yes. He stated it would be a good place to dump dirt; the pond could be filled in. Mr. Davisson stated the pond will be part of the golf course.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:23 PM. Council returned from executive session at 7:31 pm with all five members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Richardson. All ayes. Council adjourned at 7:32 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council