

**City Council Minutes  
Legislative Session**



**April 13, 2026**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mount Vernon City Council  
 Committee Meeting Schedule  
 April 13, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic Under Discussion</b>	<b>Committee</b>
6:00 – 6:10 p.m.	Executive Session to Consider the Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of a Public Employee	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
6:10 – 6:20 p.m.	Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
6:20 – 6:40 p.m.	Ord. 2026-10 Amendment to 183.013 of the Codified Ordinances Income Tax	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:40 – 6:50 p.m.	Ord. 2026-09 Amendment to 763 and 773 of the Codified Ordinances Taxi Cabs	Utilities - Ruckman
6:50 – 6:55 p.m.	Ord. 2026-06 Amendment to 755.04 of the Codified Ordinances Curb-Side Recycling	Utilities - Ruckman
6:55 – 7:05 p.m.	Resolution 2026-29 Blackjack Wetland Project	Parks & Recreation - Hager
7:05 – 7:15 p.m.	Resolution 2026-30 Veterans Walk of Honor Project	Parks & Recreation - Hager

**MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Present</b>
Council President Bruce Hawkins Fourth Ward LeNan Hager At-Large Amber Keener First Ward James Mahan At-Large Mel Severns Second Ward John Ruckman At-Large Dale Miller 3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin

**INVOCATION**

Invocation: Pastor Marvin Haught, pastor of the Brandon Baptist Church, and Fire Dept. Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited in unison.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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Hager made a motion to accept the March 23, 2026 City Council minutes. Keener seconded. Accepted by unanimous voice vote.

## **RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

## **RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance and Budget Committee Report/Minutes was added to the agenda.

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-03-23

## **LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE**

## **PROCLAMATION**

Mrs. Hager introduced and delivered the proclamation.

A proclamation designating the week of April 13-19, 2026 as International Dark-Sky Week in the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

## **PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN**

Andrea White spoke regarding Senior Tag. This multi-week event is occurring now and involves Mount Vernon high school seniors playing tag with water guns. White noted that this causes the potential for misunderstanding as students are staking out one another's homes and carrying objects shaped like firearms. She requested that police officers be made aware of the event, and given training and context when responding to any potential situation involving this game. Keener thanked the speaker. Keener noted that she is in communication with police regarding this because her son is a participant as well.

Joe Porter, Knox County Mobility Management Coordinator, gave an update to Council (see attached document).

Mobility Management Program April 13, 2026 Update

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING**

## **RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR THE BLACKJACK WETLAND PROJECT (PID 1510202).**

**Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin**

Hager gave Resolution 2026-29 its second reading.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VETERANS WALK OF HONOR PROJECT (PID 2541300); AND**

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

Hager gave Resolution 2026-30 its second reading.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR ROAD SALT FOR 2026; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-34 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan stated that the reasons for the suspension because the deadline to apply for Road Salt is May First. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Salyers noted plans to introduce beet brine next season as a long-term project to reduce costs and stay sustainable with road maintenance. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-35

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING A QUALIFIED FIRM OR FIRMS TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES, IDENTIFY AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE SELECTED FIRM OR FIRMS TO DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROPERTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-35 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Severns explained that there is a strict timeline from the Board of Property Maintenance Appeals to demolish the condemned buildings. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Salyers noted that this Resolution is for the three buildings behind 40 Public Square. The wind damage revealed how damaged and unsafe these buildings are. The City has removed the historical pieces of the Curtis Building, and intends to incorporate them in a future project that will honor the contribution of the Curtis family. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SELL THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 69 SYCHAR ROAD

(PARCEL # 66-09207.001) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-36 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Salyers asked Council to not suspend the rules. Ball clarified that the City may have changed their minds about selling the structure at 69 Sychar Rd. Motion to suspend the rules failed 0-6, with Ruckman abstaining. Severns gave Resolution 2026-36 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on April 27.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Suspend the Rules</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Failed [0 TO 6]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>AYES:</b>	None
<b>NAYS:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	John Ruckman

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-37

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH COLLEGE TOWNSHIP AND KENYON COLLEGE TO PROVIDE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES FOR COLLEGE TOWNSHIP; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Police, Fire, and Civil Defense: Miller, Hager

Miller gave Resolution 2026-37 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on April 27.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-38 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan noted that the reason for the suspension is that there are vehicles of little value taking up space in the impound lot. Selling them quickly lets business move forward. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-39

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE KNO-125040 SR-13 CORPO PROJECT; AND

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-39 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there is a pre-application due at the end of April. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there are State and Federal funds to help address this intersection. There is a high rate of accidents, which are trending upwards. This application also involves expansion for sidewalks. This is an approval to request funds. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-40

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAY BILLS PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.41 (D), THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-40 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan explained that this authorizes the Auditor to pay bills that have come due. It is a housekeeping measure. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. James Mahan made a motion to adopt. Mel Severns seconded. Brinkman noted the three items on the legislation. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan
<b>SECONDER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-41

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS RELATED TO BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION FOR THE MOUNT VERNON JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT AND THE SOUTH SANDUSKY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (KNO-13D); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Mel Severns made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-41 to its third and final reading. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that the reason for the suspension is because Council had already approved Engineering to apply for a grant. However, this Resolution must be enacted quickly to allow that process to proceed. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Mel Severns made a motion to adopt. James Mahan seconded. Ball noted that there is coal and oil waste beneath the S Sandusky Street buildings that must be removed before a road can be built. The condemned buildings North of the Square may also be included in this application. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	At-Large Mel Severns
<b>SECONDER:</b>	First Ward James Mahan

<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**ORDINANCES FOR THIRD READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to amend Ordinance 2026-06 as present in writing (attached to these minutes. Changes highlighted in yellow). Dale Miller seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. John Ruckman made a motion to adopt as amended. Dale Miller seconded. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt as Amended</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	At-Large Dale Miller
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE SERVICES AND RESOURCE COORDINATOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Ordinance 2026-08 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTERS 763 AND 773 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING TAXI CABS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

John Ruckman made a motion to suspend the rules and take Ordinance 2026-09 to its third and final reading. Dale Miller seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. John Ruckman made a motion to adopt. Dale Miller seconded. Ruckman noted that this places the defunct Taxi Cab board's responsibilities under the Utilities Commission. This is timely, since a Taxi company has expressed interest in operating in the City. Adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	At-Large Dale Miller
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 183.013 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

Mahan gave Ordinance 2026-10 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING VEHICLE  
STORAGE WITHIN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-11 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1102 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-12 its second reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on April 27.

**REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Starr welcomed all attendees to the new Mount Vernon Municipal Center. He noted that Public Buildings and Land have worked hard to make the building functional, particularly John Alberts. He also thanked Legend Signs, Custom Wired, and others for their work on the MVMC. He noted that some work at the MVMC will pause so that attention and resources can be directed to the Court House. He welcomed Zachary McGee's class. And noted that the State of the City address for employees of the City will be Friday morning, 4/17 at the Fire House.

Safety Service Director Salyers thanked John Alberts and his team for their work on the MVMC. He thanked Representative Hiner for attending Council. And noted that there is a City-Wide Yard Sale coming May 2-3, with a City clean-up the following week.

Auditor Brinkman thanked all who worked on the MVMC, particularly Alberts. And he hoped all had a Happy Easter.

Treasurer Stuller noted that it is tax week. The Tax Office can take Credit Card, Checks, and more.

Law Director Broeren noted that there are two people with active peddler's permits in the City of Mount Vernon. Anyone going door-to-door to solicit must have their permit clearly displayed. Otherwise, citizens are encouraged to contact the non-emergency police line to report non-permitted peddlers.

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL**

Severns thanked John Alberts and the crew for their work on the MVMC. He asked how many independent yard sales residents are allowed to have per year. The answer is three.

Mahan noted that there are often competing imperatives in City work. There is the proclamation for Dark Sky Week juxtaposed against the safety good lighting provides. There is in-fill lots balanced with preserving wetlands. And respecting history balanced with maintaining the safety of present citizens. This balance is important. He encouraged all to research the Castle Doctrine. He thanked all who worked on the MVMC move, including Sherman.

Keener noted that there were historical films and a speech by the Mayor at the Memorial Building last week. This was a special event.

She encouraged all to learn more about America 250 and visit [knoxohio.org](http://knoxohio.org) for more info. She reiterated the need for awareness and mindfulness during Senior Tag. And encouraged parents to talk to their children.

Hager thanked all the people who worked on the MVMC. She thanked Engineering for all their hard and continuous work.

Jacklin noted that it is important to offer plain language explanations of why Council suspends the rules and acts in the manner that they do. He stated that lowering the difficulty of entry into the political sphere is important, and that he tries to operate as though each viewer on Youtube--or class from Kenyon--is entering the conversation for the very first time.

### **ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT**

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Hager seconded. Adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:45 p.m.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

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Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



## 2026-2027

### **Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026 – 6:45 p.m. to 7:17 p.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mel Severns, President Pro Tem  
James Mahan, First Ward  
John Ruckman, Second Ward  
Taylor Jacklin, Third Ward  
LeNan Hager, Fourth Ward  
Amber Keener, At-Large  
Dale Miller, At-Large

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

Bruce Hawkins, President

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Matt Starr, Mayor  
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director  
Rob Broeran, Law Director  
David Stuller, Treasurer  
Dan Brinkman, Auditor  
Aaron Rinehart, Public Utilities Director  
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk  
Andrew Bossart, Bradley Payne

**Ordinance 2026-04 Bond Anticipation Notes**

Auditor Brinkman reported that over the next five years the city will have about \$2 million in annual bond obligations fall off. The borrowing capacity of the city is high, but broken into multiple categories.

Andy Bossart of Bradley Payne explained the difference between three debt capacities: Direct Debt Limit, Indirect Debt Limit, and Income Tax Revenue Bonds. Indirect debt limit is shared with the county; the City has about \$11 ½ million left for the year. The City cannot levy more than 10 mills of debt without a vote of the people. Income tax revenue bonds have a high ceiling, the City's is between \$83-90 million, which is two times the coverage rate.

Mahan made sure to reiterate that the City is not levying any sort of extra tax on the City, despite the term "tax" being used in some of these statements.

The Mayor noted that the City has been intentionally lean on the operational budget this year, anticipating taking on extra debt.

The Auditor and Treasurer noted that they are comfortable with the current route the City is pursuing, while being mindful of existing debt obligations and limits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Mahan, Chair  
Finance & Budget  
Mount Vernon City Council  
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Knox County  
**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT**

April 8, 2026

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Update

- At the April meeting we gave the first run of the meeting being a hybrid in person/teams. It went well. There were a few glitches, but we are getting them ironed out.
- The Active Transportation Coalition members were invited to the meeting, and we are working to determine if they will become a subcommittee of the TAC.
- The meeting was at Centerburg Town Hall. There was a brief welcome from Mayor Myers and the Village Administrator. We are moving the meeting to a different community each quarter.
- The ATC members gave their updates, and the Trail Towns Initiative update was given by Rick Dzik.
- Celebrate Trails Day is April 25 at the CVB
- The Kokosing Gap Trail is being repaved soon.
- Mount Vernon Update
- Fredericktown Update – Multi phased streetscape and ADA sidewalk projects.
- KCT did six thousand trips in March and is doing a six-month pilot route south of the river in Mt. Vernon
- Safe Streets for all application process was discussed.
- Ron Roberts gave a brief update on Project Sidewalk and has been doing some online routing in Centerburg. The program is being used in Centerburg and Mount Vernon and a sizable chunk of Liberty Township. There has been a small amount of participation in Danville. Little or none in any of the other communities.
- Since we started the program, there have been 11,572 logins. This number will include administrative logins.
- Good discussion on sidewalk maintenance issues including missing, damaged, blocked, etc.
- Get Healthy Knox County will be doing a walk audit around the Arch Park area.
- We are still working to find funding for the out-of-county Transportation Cost Assistance Program that we created. Since United Way did not fund our grant request, we are looking to service clubs in the county to help.
- There was discussion of what the Medicaid NET program is and qualifiers for the program.
- Mobility Management ODOT reporting requirements have been updated to submit information on needs that were not able to be met as well as those that are.

Joe Porter

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Knox County  
**MOBILITY MANAGEMENT**

- Mobility Management will be asking for all transportation providers in the county to submit basic logistical information including the number of vehicles, hours of operation, etc. This information is needed for the transportation plan rewrite that is now underway.
- I will also be asking the providers to send me information on the number of requests that they were able to fulfill, trips denied, in county trips, out of county trips and why trips were denied. This is information needed to be able to get a better picture of all the human transportation gaps/barriers that we are facing.
- I met with COAD/RSVP and representatives from the county Chaplains group about the chaplains considering taking on a Retired Senior Volunteer program.
- I have reached out to Catholic Social Services and asked for an estimate of the cost to put two wheelchair capable vehicles in Knox County 3 days a week to help to close a gap that we have in available wheelchair capable transportation.
- Mobility Management is still working to get a project going with state legislators to review and find solutions on a state level for the gaps in affordable public transportation.
- Ohio invests \$.41 per capita annually in public transportation ranking is 29<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
- Ohio invests 3.5% of state funding in Public Transit
- The next TAC meeting will be July 8 at 2PM at Danville Village Hall.

J. Porter  
April 13, 2026

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City Council  
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Meeting: 3/9/2026 7:30 PM  
Dept: Utilities  
Ruckman, Miller  
Category: Utilities  
Prepared By: Rob Broeren  
Initiator: Rob Broeren

SCHEDULED

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Ordinance 2026-06

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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 755.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING CURB-SIDE RECYCLING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio that:

Section 1. That Section 755.04 (c) of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions in **bold**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

c. Recycling Requirement: All haulers permitted to operate within the City are required to offer recycling services to all customers, except as exempted in this chapter, **in the same frequency that the hauler picks up solid waste (i.e. if the hauler picks up solid waste weekly, the hauler must also pick up recycling weekly).**

Section 2. Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

~~Section 2.~~ Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and for the further reason to remove ambiguity regarding the frequency of recycling pick-up, and said Ordinance shall, therefore, become effective upon its date of passage and approval by the Mayor, provided that it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected to the Council of the City of Mount Vernon; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Matthew T. Starr, Mayor