

**City Council Minutes  
Legislative Session**



**April 27, 2026**

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mount Vernon City Council  
 Committee Meeting Schedule  
 April 27, 2026

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic Under Discussion</b>	<b>Committee</b>
6:20 – 6:25 p.m.	Executive meeting to discuss the acquisition of property	Parks & Recreation - Hager
6:25 – 6:35 p.m.	Resolution 2026-44 Approving Post-Issuance Compliance Policy	Finance & Budget - Mahan
6:35 – 6:45 p.m.	Resolution 2026-36 Property at 69 Sychar Road	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	Resolution 2026-37 College Township Fire Contract	Police, Fire, & Civil Defense - Miller
6:55 – 7:00 p.m.	Ordinance 206-08 Services & Resource Coordinator Position	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
7:00 – 7:05 p.m.	Ord. 2026-10 Amend Section 183.013 of Codified Ordinances	Finance & Budget - Mahan
7:05 – 7:10 p.m.	Ord. 2026-11 Amend Vehicle Storage Ordinances	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
7:10 – 7:15 p.m.	Ord. 2026-12 Amend Chapter 1102 of the Codified Ordinances	Land Use & Development - Jacklin

Hager made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the acquisition of property. Keener seconded. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote. The executive session ended at 6:25 p.m. with a motion by Hager, a second by Keener, and a unanimous roll call vote.

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</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**

Pastor Bryan Wolf, Lifepoint church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All recited in unison.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Minutes City Council April 13, 2026

Keener made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2026, Council meeting. Hager seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

**RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Employee and Community Relations Committee Minutes March 23, 2026 a
- Employee and Community Relations Committee Minutes March 23, 2026 b
- Finance & Budget Committee Minutes April 13, 2026
- Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes April 13, 2026 a
- Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes April 13, 2026 b

Received without comment.

**LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE**

**PROCLAMATION**

**PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN**

Greg Quick spoke regarding 12 Dogwood Terrace. There is a business operating out of a residence at that location. Vehicles enter the premises at night, and are worked on in the garage there. Code Enforcement and Police have been by multiple times. Quick urged Council to upgrade Chapter 1309 of the Codified Ordinances so that Code Enforcement can respond.

Zach Green, Knox County Health Commissioner, gave a report to Council. Lyme cases are climbing, and are slightly higher than last year at this time. Norovirus is also currently on the rise. Synthetic Kratom is easily available, but is a synthetic opioid. It has led to overdoses across the state and is a particular threat to those in recovery from drug use or who are unaware of the negative side effects of the product. The Ohio Pharmacy Board is going to review matters related to Kratom on May 4. In addition, Green reported that his office received \$800,000 less in Medicare payments this February than last year.

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD 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

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>SECONDER:</b>	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin

**NAYS:** None

**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**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Adopt</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>SECONDER:</b>	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING**

**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**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Postpone Indefinitely</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. 2026-37**

**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**

Dale Miller made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-37 to its third and final reading. LeNan Hager seconded. Miller explained that the suspension allows the City to comply with College Township Trustees' meeting schedule for approving the contract. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Dale Miller made a motion to adopt. LeNan Hager 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>	At-Large Dale Miller
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENTS OF MICHAEL PERCY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS, DOUG BRENNEMAN TO THE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, AND JESSI BUSENBURG TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman**

Amber Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-42 to its third and final reading. John Ruckman seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman seconded. Mayor Starr spoke regarding the three candidates, noting their quality of service and desire to continue in their appointments. 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 Amber Keener
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-43**

**A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF JULIA SUGGS AND LYNDSEY KROWNAPPLE AS ALTERNATES TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman**

Amber Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-43 to its third and final reading. John Ruckman seconded. Keener noted that the reason for the suspension is that the Civil Service Commission has not been able to meet. Adding alternate members immediately will allow the Commission to fulfill its function. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman seconded. Mayor Starr noted that these two appointees are new volunteers with the city, and are excited to take on this role. 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 Amber Keener
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-44**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A WRITTEN POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT AND TAX-PREFERRED OBLIGATIONS BY THE CITY.**

**Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns**

Mahan gave Resolution 2026-44 its first reading, noting that it will need an emergency clause added.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-45  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE  
DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AND ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL FOR THE PROVISION OF 2026 -  
2027 MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Keener gave Resolution 2026-45 its first reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting on May 11.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-46  
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 2026-46 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan explained that bills are encumbered and need to be paid. 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. 2026-47  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-47 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan explained that this is to accept revenue that has been brought in. 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. 2026-48  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE  
CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY  
FROM THE MOUNT VERNON DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC.; AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

LeNan Hager made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-48 to its third and final reading. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Hager explained that the acquisition was discussed in the executive session and that this is to clean up paperwork from a previous administration. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. LeNan Hager made a motion to adopt. Taylor Jacklin 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>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>SECONDER:</b>	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-49**  
**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE AMERICAN TRAILS “TRAILS CAPACITY PROGRAM;” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

LeNan Hager made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-49 to its third and final reading. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Hager explained that this is a grant with a May 15 deadline. The Mayor clarified that the grant is for maintenance, not something new. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. LeNan Hager made a motion to adopt. Taylor Jacklin 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>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>SECONDER:</b>	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-50**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO CREATE ADDITIONAL LINES PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.09(F).**

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-50 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Mahan explained that the resolution is for renaming a budget line to align with a new City position that has been hired. 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. 2026-51**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

James Mahan made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-51 to its third and final reading. Mel Severns seconded. Salyers explained that this is transferring money from an orphan fund into a budget line to pay for a position that has already started at the City. 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. 2026-52

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF PROPERTY AND MONEY FROM THE SCHNORMEIER GARDENS FOUNDATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Parks & Recreation: Hager, Jacklin

LeNan Hager made a motion to amend RESOLUTION 2026-52 and remove the emergency clause. Jacklin seconded. Amended by unanimous roll call vote. Hager made a motion to suspend the rules and take RESOLUTION 2026-52 to its third and final reading. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. LeNan Hager made a motion to adopt as amended. Taylor Jacklin seconded. Salyers noted that the original plan for the Veteran's Walk of Honor was to have a tree in the center of the structure. However, a statue has been generously donated to the City. That statue will now be at the center. Ball clarified that accepting the donation now, gives time to clarify the paperwork. 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>	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
<b>SECONDER:</b>	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
<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. 2026-08

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

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Postpone Indefinitely</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [7 TO 0]</b>

<b>MOVER:</b>	At-Large Amber Keener
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<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**

<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

**ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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 made a motion to remove the Emergency Clause from Ordinance 2026-11. Hager seconded. The emergency clause was removed by roll call vote of 6-1, with Severns voting no. Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-11 its second reading, and requested a 10-minute committee meeting.

**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.

**ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS #66-07885.000 AND #66-05577.000 FROM R-1 – SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO GB – GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

**Land Use & Development: Jacklin,**

Jacklin gave Ordinance 2026-13 its first reading, and requested a 5-minute committee meeting on May 11.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE FEBRUARY 2026**

**REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; TO PUBLISH THE ENACTMENT  
OF NEW MATTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

Amber Keener made a motion to suspend the rules and take to its third and final reading. John Ruckman seconded. Keener explained that this accepts laws that have already been passed by the State and City and need to be incorporated into the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon. Rules suspended by unanimous roll call vote. Amber Keener made a motion to adopt. John Ruckman 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>	At-Large Amber Keener
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Second Ward John Ruckman
<b>AYES:</b>	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
<b>NAYS:</b>	None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE VACATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED,  
PLATTED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, KNOX COUNTY,  
OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

Severns gave Ordinance 2026-15 its first reading.

**REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

Mayor Starr welcomed Madison Sarver, Community Development and Public Information Officer, to the City.

Safety Service Director Salyers noted that the Washington Forum was forthcoming. Yard Sale sign-ups are also available on the City's website.

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL**

Jacklin thanked Mr. Zimmerman and Marvin for their work and integrity in striking a balance in the difficult Code Enforcement role. Hager congratulated Knox CVB for a wonderful trail celebration event.

Keener requested a 10-minute committee meeting on May 26 to hear an update from Oliva Toth, Executive Director of the Knox County Convention & Visitors Bureau. She invited Sarver up to introduce herself.

Madison Sarver noted that this was her first day with the City. She has worked in the same role previously in New Albany. She is working through FEMA certification. She and her husband are glad to be in the City.

Mahan thanked Council for their support of the Fire/EMS contract.

Severns thanked Code Enforcement for their work on amending and enacting policy.

Ruckman encouraged voters to go vote on May 5th.

Hawkins gave a shout-out to Nova, the police dog.

**ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT**

Keener made a motion to adjourn. Severns seconded. Adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

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Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council