



**City Council
Legislative Session**

Agenda

**May 11, 2026
7:30 PM**

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
Committee Meeting Schedule
May 11, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
6:40 – 6:50 p.m.	W Burgess and N Sandusky Street ODOT grant. PID 125332 KNO North Sandusky Road Improvements	Streets & Public Buildings - Severns
6:50 – 7:00 p.m.	Resolution 2026-45 Purchasing Health Insurance for the City of Mount Vernon	Employee & Comm. Relations - Keener
7:00 – 7:10 p.m.	Ord. 2026-11 Amend Vehicle Storage Ordinances	Land Use & Development - Jacklin
7:10 – 7:15 p.m.	Ord. 2026-13 Rezoning 804 Coshocton Ave	Land Use & Development - Jacklin

MEETING WILL RECESS UNTIL 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

Invocation: Pastor David Phillips, Cooperdale Church of the Nazarene

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes City Council Legislative Session 4/27/2026

RECEIVE PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Utilities Committee Minutes 2026-4-13a
- Utilities Committee Minutes 2026-4-13b
- Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-04-27a
- Finance and Budget Committee Minutes 2026-04-27b
- Streets & Public Buildings Committee Minutes 2026-4-27

LIQUOR CONTROL LICENSE

Liquor Control License Transfer

From: RHF Group LLC
400 Vernonview Dr.
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

To: Puff Club LLC/Bullocks Smoke Shop
400 Vernonview Dr.
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Liquor Control License Transfer

From: Werner Family Ventures LLC
908 S Main Street
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

To: Sammy's Group LLC/Fast Lane
908 S Main Street
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

PROCLAMATION

PERSONS SPEAKING ON MATTERS OF CITY CONCERN

RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

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

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR FIRST READING

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-53

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-55

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AN OFFICE OF JOBS & COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KNO NORTH SANDUSKY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (PID 125332).

Streets & Public Buildings: Severns, Mahan

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-56

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR NATURAL GAS FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-57

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-58

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

Finance & Budget: Mahan, Severns

ORDINANCES FOR THIRD 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.

Land Use & Development: Jacklin, Keener

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

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND 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,

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

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE EXEMPT PROFESSIONAL
POSITIONS OF CITY INSPECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, AND
PUBLIC UTILITIES DIRECTOR.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE SECTION 919.11 OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING
BACKFLOW PROTECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Utilities: Ruckman, Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF
BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED UNIT
KNOWN AS POLICE SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS, POLICE OFFICERS
AND POLICE RECORDS CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF
BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FIRE
DEPARTMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED UNIT KNOWN AS
THE MOUNT VERNON FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS, I.A.F.F. LOCAL
3712; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Employee & Community Relations: Keener, Ruckman

REMARKS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

REMARKS FROM COUNCIL

ADJOURN AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 6, 2026

Mount Vernon City Council Committee Meeting Schedule May 11, 2026

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The above listed meeting will be held to discuss the above items; but will not be limited to those listed.
Mount Vernon News - WMVO - WNZR – City Hall Bulletin Board

**City Council Minutes
Legislative Session**



April 27, 2026

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mount Vernon City Council
 Committee Meeting Schedule
 April 27, 2026

Time	Topic Under Discussion	Committee
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

Present	Absent
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

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
SECONDER:	3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin
AYES:	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

ROLL CALL VOTE Motion to Adopt
RESULT: Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER: Fourth Ward LeNan Hager
SECONDER: 3rd Ward Taylor Jacklin

AYES: LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS: 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

ROLL CALL VOTE Motion to Postpone Indefinitely
RESULT: Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER: At-Large Mel Severns
SECONDER: First Ward James Mahan

AYES: LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS: 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE Motion to Adopt
RESULT: Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER: At-Large Dale Miller
SECONDER: Fourth Ward LeNan Hager

AYES: LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS: 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Postpone Indefinitely
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]

MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	First Ward James Mahan
SECONDER:	At-Large Mel Severns
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

ROLL CALL VOTE	Motion to Adopt
RESULT:	Adopted [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	At-Large Amber Keener
SECONDER:	Second Ward John Ruckman
AYES:	LeNan Hager, Amber Keener, James Mahan, Mel Severns, John Ruckman, Dale Miller, Taylor Jacklin
NAYS:	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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

Zac Sherman, Clerk of Council



2026-2027

Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026 – 6:36 p.m. to 6:41 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, City Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Scott Zimmerman, City Inspector
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-09 Amend 763 and 773 of the Codified Ordinances: Taxi Cabs
Law Director Broeren shared that the City created the Taxicab Board to deal with a troublesome Taxi Group in the City. The Board has not met since 2011. Rideshare platforms, such as Uber and Lyft, do not fall under the classification of “taxis.” This amendment places responsibility for Taxi Cabs under the Utilities Commission. Ruckman noted that he plans to suspend the rules and pass the Ordinance that evening because there is a group that has expressed interest in operating Taxi Cabs in the City.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ruckman, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
JR/zs



2026-2027

Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026 – 6:41 p.m. to 6:51 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
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Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Scott Zimmerman, City Inspector
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-06 Amend 755.04 of the Codified Ordinances: Curbside Recycling
Law Director Broeren shared that picking up recycling has been problematic. This ordinance clarifies that waste and recycling pick up must be on the same schedule. Zimmerman noted that haulers need to provide separate bins for recycling and trash. Salyers noted that this doesn't redefine 755, but clarifies it, moving some of the language to more accessible and obvious locations.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ruckman, Chair
Utilities Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
JR/zs



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026 – 6:27 p.m. to 6:32 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, City Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Resolution 2026-44 Approving Post-Issuance Compliance Policy

Mayor Starr presented regarding the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy. He noted that the policy protects tax-exempt status on City bonds, ensures compliance with federal tax & securities law, and supports responsible financial stewardship. The policy establishes formal compliance procedures, assigns oversight to city auditor (fiscal officer), requires annual financial disclosures (EMMA reporting), tracks and reports material financial events, ensures proper use of bond proceeds & investments, and strengthens recordkeeping & transparency. There are no new associated costs, and the policy will help reduce the City's financial and legal risk. He asked that it be given three readings and then passed with an emergency clause.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mahan, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
JM/zs



2026-2027

Finance & Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026 – 6:53 p.m. to 6:53 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
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Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Ordinance 2026-10 Amend Section 183.013 of the Codified Ordinances
Mr. Mahan opened it to the floor to voice any final questions regarding Ordinance 2026-10.
There were none.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mahan, Chair
Finance & Budget
Mount Vernon City Council
JM/zs



2026-2027

Streets & Public Buildings Committee Meeting Minutes April 27, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. to 6:37 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Matt Starr, Mayor
Tanner Salyers, Safety-Service Director
Rob Broeran, Law Director
David Stuller, Treasurer
Dan Brinkman, Auditor
Brian Ball, City Engineer
Aaron Reinhart, Public Utilities Director
Chad Christopher, Fire Chief
Cheryl Splain, Knox Pages
Zachary Sherman, Clerk

Resolution 2026-36 Property at 69 Sychar Road

Safety-Service Director Salyers noted that this legislation is referring to a building at 69 Sychar Road. The land needs to be cleared for the construction of the forthcoming Police Station. However, the structure, a double-wide, can be relocated and repurposed for other City needs rather than sold. Therefore, Mr. Salyers requested that Council postpone Resolution 2026-36 indefinitely, while the City explores other uses for the structure.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Severns, Chair
Streets & Public Buildings Committee
Mount Vernon City Council
MS/zs



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-44

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM

Finance & Budget

Mahan, Severns

Category: Resolution

Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, City Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-172

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

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “City”) has previously issued, or intends to issue in the future, bonds and other obligations for the purpose of financing and refinancing various capital improvements in the City (collectively, the “Obligations”); and

WHEREAS, some of the Obligations were issued, or will be issued as, tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance of the Obligations, it is advised that the City have a formal written policy outlining the policies and procedures necessary to promote compliance with federal income tax and securities laws, as well as the requirements set forth in the documents for each issue of Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City desires to formally approve a written policy outlining such policies and procedures;

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

SECTION 1: That Council hereby approves a written post-issuance compliance policy (the “Policy”) in connection with the issuance of the Obligations of the City. On behalf of the Council, the Fiscal Officer (the “Auditor”) is hereby authorized to execute the Policy, which Policy shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Auditor is also hereby authorized to execute any other documents necessary in connection with the Policy. The Auditor’s execution of such documents shall be conclusive evidence of the City’s approval of such documents.

SECTION 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of the Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO
POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE POLICY

Purpose:

The City of Mount Vernon, Ohio (the “Issuer”) uses bonds as one means of financing capital projects in support of its mission. This Post-Issuance Compliance Policy (the “Policy”) outlines the policies and procedures to promote compliance with federal income tax and securities laws, as well as the requirements set forth in the bond documents for each bond issue. The Policy is to strictly follow the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, the Ohio Constitution and state laws, and all applicable federal and state regulations. For purposes of this policy, the terms “bonds” or “bond issue” means any obligation of the Issuer incurred for the purpose of borrowing money, including, without limitation, bonds, notes and certificates of participation in capital leases.

I. Outside Counsel. The Fiscal Officer of the Issuer (the “Auditor”) may, upon obtaining any necessary approvals, engage an attorney or firm of attorneys of national reputation on the subject of the federal tax and securities law of public finance to serve as “Outside Counsel” for the purpose of assisting the Issuer in the pursuit of its duties under this Policy. Outside Counsel may be bond counsel for the Issuer. Any such engagement shall be evidenced by the execution of an engagement letter or other written agreement between Issuer and such Outside Counsel.

II. Securities Law Matters – Continuing Disclosure

A. Continuing Disclosure Working Group. The Auditor (the “Disclosure Officer”) shall have primary responsibility for preparing the annual financial information and operating data (an “Annual Filing”) to be filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) via its Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system pursuant to operative continuing disclosure undertakings (the “Continuing Disclosure Undertakings”) entered into by the Issuer pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Such Disclosure Officer, together with any Outside Counsel retained by the Issuer, shall constitute the “Continuing Disclosure Working Group.”

B. Annual Financial Information and Operating Data.

1. **Assembling Current Information.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall compile, maintain and update a list of all financial information and operating data required to be filed with the MSRB pursuant to each of the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, and shall establish a schedule for producing the data (and the Annual Filing document) that will afford sufficient time for final review by the Continuing Disclosure Working Group and approval in accordance with this Policy.

2. **Review for Process, Accuracy, and Completeness.** The members of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall review the Annual Filing

drafts to determine whether, based on information known or reported to them, (a) this Policy was followed, (b) the material facts in the Annual Filing appear to be consistent with those facts known to the members of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, (c) the Annual Filing contains all information required by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, and (d) the Annual Filing omits any material fact that is necessary to be included to prevent the Annual Filing from being misleading to investors. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall take such action as may be necessary, based on feedback from the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, to enable the Continuing Disclosure Working Group to conclude that this Policy was followed and that the Annual Filing is accurate and complete in all material respects.

3. **Final Approval.** The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall approve the final draft of the Annual Filing.
4. **Posting.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall file each Annual Filing with the MSRB through EMMA by the deadline established by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall exercise reasonable care to ensure that each Annual Filing is filed in the format and with the identifying information required by the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings, including applicable CUSIP numbers, in accordance with the rules and requirements of the EMMA system.
5. **Documentation of Procedures.** The Disclosure Officer shall compile and retain a file of the actions taken to prepare, check, and approve the Annual Filing, including the sources of the information included the comments and actions of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group.

C. **Event Notices**

1. **Identification of Reportable Events.** The Disclosure Officer shall maintain a list of events of which the Issuer is required to provide notice to the MSRB pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall (a) identify the officers and employees of the Issuer who are most likely to first obtain knowledge of the occurrence of such events and (b) request in writing that they notify the Disclosure Officer immediately after learning of any such event, regardless of materiality, and repeat such request in a quarterly reminder.
2. **Identification of Financial Obligations; Materiality**
 - a. The Disclosure Officer shall undertake to identify any financial obligations, as defined in the Rule, to which the Issuer is a party and under the terms of which a default, event of acceleration,

termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events could reflect financial difficulties on the part of the Issuer.

- b. The Disclosure Officer shall prepare a summary sheet with respect to the financial obligations, as defined in the Rule, to which the Issuer is a party in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** for the purpose of evaluating, together with the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, (i) whether the incurrence of any such financial obligation must be disclosed under the terms of any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, or (ii) whether the agreement or amendment to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such financial obligation affects the security holders of the Issuer's securities and must be disclosed under the terms of any Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.
 - c. The Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall establish procedures for assessing the materiality of any financial obligation (including the materiality of any agreement or amendment to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such financial obligation) as well as whether a default, an acceleration or termination event, modification of terms or similar events under a financial obligation reflects financial difficulties.
3. **Preparation of Event Notice.** The Disclosure Officer shall assess the materiality of any reportable event with the assistance of Outside Counsel (reportable under the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings) and, if notice of the event (each an "Event Notice") must be given (or if no materiality standard applies to that particular event), prepare or cause to be prepared an Event Notice giving notice of the event, and review the draft Event Notice with the Continuing Disclosure Working Group.
 4. **Review and Approval of Event Notice.** The Disclosure Officer shall not file an Event Notice until it is approved by the Continuing Disclosure Working Group unless the Event Notice (a) only gives notice of a rating change, bond call, or defeasance or (b) such approval has not been received by the applicable filing deadline under the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings.
 5. **Posting.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall file or cause to be filed each Event Notice with the MSRB through EMMA by the deadline established by the Rule and the Continuing Disclosure Undertakings or, if the facts cannot be correctly and fairly described by the deadline, then as soon as possible thereafter. The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall exercise reasonable care to file each Event Notice in the format and with the identifying information required by the Continuing Disclosure

Undertakings, including CUSIP numbers, in accordance with the rules and requirements of the MSRB's EMMA system.

6. **Documentation of Procedures.** The Disclosure Officer or the Continuing Disclosure Working Group shall compile and retain a file of the actions taken to report each event and prepare, check, and approve each Event Notice, including the approvals of the Continuing Disclosure Working Group, if obtained.

III. Federal Tax Law Compliance

- A. **Tax Compliance Working Group.** The Auditor (the "Tax Compliance Officer") shall have primary responsibility for complying with the requirement of federal tax law with respect to the bonds of the Issuer. Such Tax Compliance Officer, together with any Outside Counsel retained by the Issuer shall constitute the "Tax Compliance Working Group."
- B. **Procedures.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall implement the following procedures in preparing, checking, or issuing the documentation described herein.
 1. **Proper Use of Proceeds.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure that bond proceeds are allocated to expenditures in a manner that is consistent with the purpose for which each bond issue is undertaken, as set forth in any tax compliance certificate or agreement related to each bond issue. The Tax Compliance Officer shall undertake to make final allocations for federal income tax purposes of the bond proceeds within 18 months after a financed facility is placed in service but in no event later than 60 days following the fifth anniversary of the issuance of each bond issue.
 2. **Investment of Bond Proceeds and Rebate.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure that bond proceeds are invested in investments that are permissible under the terms of the Ohio Revised Code, the bond documents, and any applicable federal tax laws. The Tax Compliance Officer shall determine whether it is appropriate to undertake rebate calculations with respect to the investment of proceeds of the bonds shall ensure the timely completion of arbitrage rebate calculations and filings.
 3. **Administration of Direct Pay Bonds.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall ensure the proper administration of each issue of bonds qualifying for the payment by the federal government of a credit equal to a percentage of interest on such bonds or calculated on some other basis, including the timely completion and filing of any forms required by the Internal Revenue Service to maintain or establish the applicable status of the bonds for purposes of federal income taxation.
 4. **Use of Bond-Financed Facilities.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel before entering into any agreement or other arrangement for the sale, lease, or use of bond-financed property, including,

but not limited to, service, vendor, and management contracts, research agreements, licenses to use bond-financed property, or naming rights agreements. The Tax Compliance Officer or the designee of the Tax Compliance Officer shall review such agreements for compliance with federal tax laws and complete a Private Business Use Contract Review Worksheet (attached as **Exhibit B**) to document that such review has been completed.

5. **Post-Issuance Transactions.** The Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel for the Issuer before making any modifications or amendments to the bond documents for a bond issue, including, but not limited to, entering or modifying investment agreements; making any change in security for the bonds; engaging in post-issuance credit enhancement transactions (*e.g.*, bond insurance, letter of credit) or hedging transactions (*e.g.*, interest rate swap, cap); terminating or appointing successor trustees; releasing any liens; or reissuing the bonds.
6. **Remedial Action.** In the event that it is determined that any use of bond proceeds or bond-financed facilities is inconsistent with the character of the status for federal income tax purposes of the bonds, the Tax Compliance Officer shall consult with Outside Counsel for the purpose of determining the nature and extent of any remedial action necessary or proper for the Issuer to take with respect to such bonds or bond-financed facilities according to Treasury Regulations Section 1.141-12 or other remedial actions authorized by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue under 1.141.12(h).

C. Recordkeeping. Responsibility for Records Maintenance

1. The Tax Compliance Officer shall be responsible for maintaining records related to bonds of the Issuer.
2. The Tax Compliance Officer shall maintain a central list of records related to each issue of bonds of the Issuer. The list shall identify:
 - a. The name and date of the document related to the issue,
 - b. The person or office responsible for the document, and
 - c. The physical or electronic location of the document.

D. Bond Records to be Maintained

1. The following records shall be maintained for each outstanding bond issue for the term of the outstanding bond issue plus three years:
 - a. Basic records relating to the bond transaction, including the trust indenture, loan, lease, or other financing agreement, the relevant

IRS Form 8038 (including Forms 8038-G, 8038-GC, 8038-B, or 8038-TC, as applicable) with proof of filing, and bond counsel opinion shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer;

- b. Documentation evidencing the expenditure of bond proceeds, such as construction or contractor invoices and receipts for equipment and furnishings, as well as records of any special allocation made for tax purposes shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer;
- c. Documentation evidencing the lease or use of bond-financed property by public and private sources, including, but not limited to, service, vendor, and management contracts, research agreements, licenses to use bond-financed property, or naming rights agreements shall be maintained by the Issuer office executing such agreement for use of bond-financed property; and
- d. Documentation pertaining to investment of bond proceeds, including the yield calculations for each class of investments, actual investment income received from the investment of proceeds, and rebate calculations shall be maintained by the Tax Compliance Officer's Office.

- 2. The Tax Compliance Officer shall maintain the Issuer's audited financial statements for not less than seven years.

IV. Training Requirements, Policy Review and Miscellaneous Matters

A. Training. Within six months of the adoption of this Policy, and on an as-needed basis thereafter, the Auditor as the acting Tax Compliance Officer and Disclosure Officer, in addition with any respective designees, if any, shall undergo training regarding basic federal securities law and tax concepts relating to bonds and records required to be maintained under this Policy.

B. Annual Review. On an annual basis, or sooner if deemed necessary, the Continuing Disclosure Working Group and the Tax Compliance Working Group shall review this policy and assess the Issuer's compliance with this Policy and shall make changes to this Policy as appropriate to ensure compliance with any covenants in the bond documents or the requirements of federal tax and securities laws and any other applicable law.

C. Miscellaneous

- 1. **Internal Use Only.** This Policy is intended for the internal use of the Issuer only and is not intended to establish any duties in favor of or rights of any person other than the Issuer.
- 2. **Waiver of Procedures.** The officers and employees charged by this Policy with performing or refraining from any action may depart from this Policy

when they in good faith determine that such departure is in the best interests of the Issuer and consistent with the duties of the Issuer under applicable laws. If a Disclosure Officer or Tax Compliance Officer is charged by this Policy with taking or refraining from such action, any such departure shall require approval review of Outside Counsel.

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO
FINANCIAL OBLIGATION SUMMARY SHEET**

This form may be used to gather information necessary to evaluate whether a financial obligation is material and must be disclosed to via the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board’s EMMA system. The information requested should be inserted below. In some cases, it may be appropriate to attach a schedule or copy the applicable section from the relevant documents.

The term *financial obligation* means a:

(A) Debt obligation; (B) Derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) Guarantee of either of the foregoing.

Such term does not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with SEC Rule 15c2-12.

Generally speaking, any obligation that is essentially a vehicle to borrow money (*e.g.*, a lease-purchase agreement) should be considered a *financial obligation*.

1. Loan amount and date incurred	
2. Final maturity date of the loan	
3. Debt service schedule, if including principal amortization, interest rate(s), interest calculations (<i>attach separate sheet if necessary</i>)	
4. Legal security and/ source of payment	
5. Interest rate method of calculation, if variable	
6. Use of loan proceeds	
7. Covenants, events of defaults and remedies	
8. Amortization modification provisions, or information about payment acceleration or other non-standard payment considerations	
9. Any other information that an issuer believes to be important to lenders or investors in the obligations of the Issuer	

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO

PRIVATE BUSINESS USE CONTRACT REVIEW WORKSHEET

City Department: _____

Contracting Parties: _____

Type/Title of Agreement: _____

Agreement Not Subject to Private Use Limitation

- _____ Relates solely to construction of bond-financed facility
- _____ Relates to property that was not financed with proceeds of a bond issue
- _____ Does not relate to use or function of property
- _____ Includes incidental services only (janitorial, office equipment repair, or similar services)
- _____ Compensation consists solely of reimbursement of actual and direct expenses incurred by the service provider while providing services under the agreement

Agreement Satisfies Safe Harbors for Management/Service Contracts with Outside Service Providers (See definitions on page B-4)

If the arrangement with an outside service provider is not either an “Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement” or an “Other Permissible Arrangement” (both as described below), then Bond Counsel should be consulted.

Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement

_____ To be an Eligible Expense Reimbursement Arrangement, the compensation paid to the outside service provider must consist solely of reasonable overhead and the reimbursement of actual and direct expenses paid by the outside service provider to unrelated parties.

Other Permissible Arrangement

To be an Other Permissible Arrangement, all six of the following elements must be present:

1. Financial Requirements

- _____ Compensation payments to the service provider (including any reimbursement for actual and direct expenses paid by the service provider and related administrative overhead expenses) are reasonable compensation for services rendered during the term of the contract; and
- _____ The outside service provider does not share in the net profits of the managed facility; and
- _____ The outside service provider is not forced to share net losses from the operation of the managed facility.

2. Term of the Contract

- _____ The term of the contract is no longer than the lesser of (i) 30 years, or (ii) 80% of the weighted economic life of the managed property, which term is retested as of the date of any material modification of the contract.

3. Control of the Managed Property

- _____ The approval of the City is required for each of the following:
 - _____ the annual budget of the managed property;
 - _____ capital expenditures with respect to the managed property;
 - _____ any disposition of the managed property or any portion thereof;
 - _____ rates charged for use of managed property (or methodology for setting such rates); and
 - _____ the general nature and type of use of the managed property (for example, the type of services).

4. Risk of Loss

- _____ The City bears the risk of loss upon damage or destruction of the managed property.

5. Tax Position of Outside Service Provider

- _____ The outside service provider expressly agrees that it is not entitled to and will not take any tax position that is inconsistent with being an outside service provider to the City with respect to the managed property.

6. Rights of the City

_____ The outside service provider does not have any role or relationship with the City that might limit the ability of the City to exercise its rights under the contract.

Agreement Requires Further Review by Bond Counsel

_____ Ownership (including agreement that transfers title at end of the term)

_____ Lease, license, or any other agreement which creates exclusive or priority rights to use any portion of a bond-financed property or which creates an economic benefit for the third-party user

_____ Agreement with governmental entity or 501(c)(3) organization

_____ Research agreement

_____ Management or service contract falling outside safe harbors listed above (provide explanation)

Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

Definitions:*Net Profits:*

Net profits under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). IRS Rev. Proc. 97-13 expressly provides that compensation agreements based on the following are not considered to be compensation based on a share of net profits:

- (a) a percentage of gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues) of a facility or a percentage of expenses from a facility, but not both;
- (b) a Capitation Fee; or
- (c) a Per Unit Fee is generally not considered to be based on a share of net profits.
- (d) a productivity reward equal to a stated dollar amount based on increases or decreases in gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues), or reductions in total expenses (but not both increases in gross revenues (or adjusted gross revenues) and reductions in total expenses) in any annual period during the term of the contract

Periodic Fixed Fee:

A stated dollar amount for services rendered during a specific period of time. The stated dollar amount may automatically increase according to a specified, objective, external standard that is not linked to the output or efficiency of the facility (e.g., the Consumer Price Index). Capitation fees and per-unit fees are not periodic fixed fees.

Capitation Fee:

A fixed periodic amount for each person for whom the service provider assumes the responsibility to provide all needed services for a specified period so long as the quantity and type of services actually provided to covered persons varies substantially. For example, a capitation fee includes a fixed dollar amount payable per month to a medical service provider for each member of a health maintenance organization plan for whom the provider agrees to provide all needed medical services for a specified period. A capitation fee may include a variable component of up to 20% of the total capitation fee designed to protect the service provider against risks such as catastrophic loss.

Per Unit Fee:

A fee based on a unit of services provided specified in the contract or otherwise specifically determined by an independent third party, such as the administrator of the Medicare program. For example, a stated dollar amount for each specified medical procedure performed, car parked, or passenger mile is a per-unit fee. Separate billing arrangements between physicians and hospitals generally are treated as per-unit fee arrangements.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-45

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations
Keener, Ruckman
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-173

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Knox County, Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director is authorized to accept the proposal and enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual for the provision of 2026-2027 healthcare insurance coverage, based on the proposal attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and for the further reason that to secure health insurance coverage for City employees before the current policy lapses on May 31, 2026, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



PROPRIETARY & CONFIDENTIAL

Proposal For:

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON - WorkSpring (19 Months)

Effective Date: 6/1/2026

End Date: 12/31/2027

County: Knox

State: Ohio

Quote ID: 0147561-05

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Benefit Highlights & Premium Rates	\$3400 HSA		\$1000 HRA		\$1000 HRA		\$1000 HRA	
Product / Network	SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus		SuperMed Plus	
HSA Option	Yes		No		No		No	
Includes Major Med. Rx?	Yes		No		No		No	
Medical Benefit Description			HRA - EE \$100 / ER \$900		HRA - EE \$500 / ER \$500		HRA - EE \$100 / ER \$900	
	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK
Deductible Type	Embedded		Embedded		Embedded		Embedded	
Single Deductible	\$3,400	\$6,800	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
Family Deductible	\$6,800	\$13,600	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
Employer Coinsurance % *	100%	50%	80%	50%	80%	50%	80%	50%
Single Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$0	\$6,800	\$6,150	\$19,450	\$6,150	\$19,450	\$4,000	\$19,450
Family Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$0	\$13,600	\$12,300	\$38,900	\$12,300	\$38,900	\$8,000	\$38,900
Single Maximum Out of Pocket	\$3,400	\$13,600	\$7,150	\$21,450	\$7,150	\$21,450	\$5,000	\$21,450
Family Maximum Out of Pocket	\$6,800	\$27,200	\$14,300	\$42,900	\$14,300	\$42,900	\$10,000	\$42,900
Office Visit	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible	\$20	50% After Deductible
Specialist Office Visit	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible	\$40	50% After Deductible
Urgent Care Office Visits	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible
Emergency Room Visits**	100% After Deductible		\$200 then coins.		\$200		\$200	
Inpatient Services	100% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible
Prescription Drug Card Benefit Highlights	Major Medical Drug		Freestanding Drug		Freestanding Drug		Freestanding Drug	
Single Deductible	\$3,400		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Family Deductible	\$6,800		N/A		N/A		N/A	
	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order	Retail	Mail Order
Generic Copay	N/A	N/A	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
Formulary Copay	N/A	N/A	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
Non-Formulary Copay	N/A	N/A	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$60.00
4th Tier Copay	N/A	N/A	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max
	OTHER		OTHER		OTHER		OTHER	

Rates Effective 6/1/2026 - 12/31/2027:	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates	Enrolled	Rates
Single	0	\$957.91	45	\$1,103.46	45	\$1,084.99	45	\$1,135.50
Employee + Spouse	0	\$2,009.06	23	\$2,317.75	23	\$2,278.89	23	\$2,385.14
Employee + Child	0	\$1,722.39	6	\$1,986.59	6	\$1,953.29	6	\$2,044.34
Employee + Children	1	\$1,722.39	6	\$1,986.59	6	\$1,953.29	6	\$2,044.34
Family	0	\$2,869.13	86	\$3,311.29	86	\$3,255.73	86	\$3,407.60
Monthly Premium		\$1,722		\$411,574		\$404,671		\$423,541

Group Official Plan/Rate Selections	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here	Initial Here



Benefit Highlights & Premium Rates		\$1000 HRA	
Product / Network		SuperMed Plus	
HSA Option		No	
Includes Major Med. Rx?		No	
Medical Benefit Description		HRA - EE \$500 / ER \$500	
	NETWORK	NON-NETWORK	
Deductible Type		Embedded	
Single Deductible	\$1,000	\$2,000	
Family Deductible	\$2,000	\$4,000	
Employer Coinsurance % *	80%	50%	
Single Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$4,000	\$19,450	
Family Out of Pocket (Excludes Deductible)	\$8,000	\$38,900	
Single Maximum Out of Pocket	\$5,000	\$21,450	
Family Maximum Out of Pocket	\$10,000	\$42,900	
Office Visit	\$20	50% After Deductible	
Specialist Office Visit	\$40	50% After Deductible	
Urgent Care Office Visits	\$75, Ded and coins.	50% After Deductible	
Emergency Room Visits**	\$200		
Inpatient Services	80% After Deductible	50% After Deductible	
Prescription Drug Card Benefit Highlights		Freestanding Drug	
	Retail	Mail Order	
Generic Copay	\$10.00	\$20.00	
Formulary Copay	\$40.00	\$30.00	
Non-Formulary Copay	\$70.00	\$60.00	
4th Tier Copay	25% to \$350 Max	25% to \$350 Max	
OTHER			

Rates Effective 6/1/2026 - 12/31/2027:	Enrolled	Rates
Single	45	\$1,110.66
Employee + Spouse	23	\$2,332.89
Employee + Child	6	\$1,999.57
Employee + Children	6	\$1,999.57
Family	86	\$3,332.93
Monthly Premium		\$414,263

Group Official Plan/Rate Selections	Initial Here _____
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Rate Acceptance

Group Official Initial: _____ *Please initial next to the benefits that have been selected by the group.*

Group Official Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

* Some non-network services will be covered at a coinsurance less than what is shown.
 ** Emergency room visits that do not qualify as an emergency may be covered at a lesser amount. Coverage for emergency visits and emergency services may vary.

In accordance with Ohio law, coverage for dependents beyond the federal limiting age of 26 may necessitate additional premium on insured plans. Employers must disclose any funding of deductibles or coinsurance provided to employees. If funding is not disclosed, Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust rates at any time during the contract period. This may result in higher than anticipated rate adjustments. Rates reflect the federally mandated fees. All fees are subject to state premium tax. Fees are subject to change. When a contract period spans more than one calendar year, the fees are averaged over the length of the period. Rates and premiums for periods beginning January 1, 2022 do not include potential or actual exposure due to section 4980I of the Internal Revenue Code -- Excise Tax on High Cost Employer-Sponsored Health Coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Any Excise tax determined to be payable on your plan(s) will be billed separately from health plan premium rates. The limiting age for dependent children is 26, except in the case of physical or intellectual disability. Effective January 1, 2016, Ohio law lowered the limiting age for dependent children from 28 to 26. However, as a large group customer you still have options available to you. You may continue covering dependent children to age 28, reduce the age to 26 for both new and existing dependent children or reduce the age to 26 for new dependent children only. Please note that children with a physical or intellectual disability are not impacted by the change in Ohio law. Please contact your Medical Mutual representative to discuss your options in detail.

**CITY OF MOUNT VERNON - WorkSpring (19 Months)
6/1/2026
Disclaimers & Contingencies**

- Proposal expires in 60 days or upon effective date.
- Rates assume Medical Mutual is the only carrier, with 75% of net eligible employees enrolled.
- Rates are subject to change if enrollment varies by more than 10% from 167 contracts quoted.
- Ancillary coverages will be packaged with Medical coverage and not sold separately.
- Disclosure of disabled participants is required.
- Misrepresentation may result in rescission of coverage.
- Rates include standard reporting and administration.
- Employers must disclose any funding of deductibles or coinsurance provided to employees. If funding is not disclosed, Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust rates at any time during the contract period. This may result in higher than anticipated rate adjustments.
- Covered employees will automatically have access to Medical Mutual's Essentials wellness program, which includes online health resources, health assessments, Weight Watchers discounts, 24/7 nurse line and tobacco cessation programs. If not already enrolled in a buy up program, additional wellness program options are available upon request for an additional fee.
- The rates in this proposal may include Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Fee (PCORI), Reinsurance Fee, Exchange Fee, and Market Share Fee when applicable which are federally mandated. Additionally, this policy, Medical Mutual, or you as a Plan Sponsor may become subject to taxes, fees or other charges imposed by State, Local, or Federal governments (collectively, "fees"). Medical Mutual reserves the right to adjust your premium or funding rate (or add the fees to the invoice) consistent with the effective date of the new fees imposed by the government. Adjustments may or may not be noted in a line item on monthly invoices. All fees are subject to change during the contract period.
- Change in enrollment of any one plan of more than 10% or the elimination of a plan may require rates to be adjusted.
- As required by the Affordable Care Act, employees must be notified at least 60 days before the effective date of a material modification if it impacts the contents of the SBC. Please be aware of this requirement when considering an off-renewal plan change or a change in carrier.
- Effective January 1, 2016, Ohio law lowered the limiting age for dependent children from 28 to 26. However, as a large group customer you still have options available to you. You may continue covering dependent children to age 28, reduce the age to 26 for both new and existing dependent children or reduce the age to 26 for new dependent children only. Please note that children with a physical or intellectual disability are not impacted by the change in Ohio law. Please contact your Medical Mutual representative to discuss your options in detail.

Rate Acceptance

Group Official Initial: _____ *Please initial next to the benefits that have been selected by the group.*

Group Official Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-53

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Finance & Budget
Mahan, Severns
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-187

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

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.01 and 721.15 authorize municipalities to dispose of personal property and vehicles no longer needed for municipal use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Mount Vernon, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: That the Council finds that the City of Mount Vernon Fire Department owns the following vehicle that is no longer needed for public use. Council also finds that the value of the vehicle is in excess of \$1,000.00.

2012 Chevrolet G4500 McCoy Miller Ambulance, VIN 1GB6G5CL8C1162017

SECTION 2: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon be authorized and directed to sell or dispose of the vehicle pursuant to any method authorized by Revised Code Section 721.15.

SECTION 3: This Resolution 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 of expediting the sale or trade of this item to return the proceeds to constructive use by the City, and said Resolution 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-55

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan
Category: Resolution
Prepared By:
Zac Sherman, City Clerk
Doc ID: 2026-202

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT AN OFFICE OF JOBS & COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF KNO NORTH SANDUSKY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS (PID 125332).

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Transportation has made available grant funds from the State’s Office of Jobs & Commerce to the City to complete KNO North Sandusky Road Improvements (PID 125332).

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

SECTION 1: That the Safety-Service Director for the City of Mount Vernon is authorized and directed to enter into agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to accept an Office of Jobs & Commerce Economic Development Program Grant for construction of KNO North Sandusky Road Improvements (PID 125332).

SECTION 2: This Resolution 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 allow the City to complete construction of KNO North Sandusky Road Improvements (PID 125332) within the contracted time, and said Resolution 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-56

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM

Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Resolution

Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, City Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-199

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR NATURAL GAS FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2011, the residents of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas supply rates to residential and small business consumers; and

WHEREAS, The Knox County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of City of Mount Vernon, Ohio in Knox County as the governmental aggregator; and

WHEREAS, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes the Knox County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of natural gas for the residents of City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Knox County Commissioners, 117 East High Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to OML Service Corporation, c/o Garry E. Hunter, CEO, 175 S. Third Street, Suite 510, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance will all legal requirements.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

RESOLUTION 2026-57

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM

Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Resolution

Prepared By:

Zac Sherman, City Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-200

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KNOX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR ELECTRIC POWER FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, OHIO.

WHEREAS, On November 8, 2011, the residents of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio voted in favor of electric aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced electrical generation rates to residential and small business consumers; and

WHEREAS, The Knox County Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of City of Mount Vernon, Ohio in Knox County as the governmental aggregator; and

WHEREAS, having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of electrical aggregation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby authorizes the Knox County Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchasing and aggregation of electric power for the residents of City of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Knox County Commissioners, 117 East High Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to OML Service Corporation, c/o Garry E. Hunter, CEO, 175 S. Third Street, Suite 510, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance will all legal requirements.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting: 4/13/2026 7:30 PM
Dept: Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Zoning
Prepared By: Rob Broeren
Initiator: Scott Zimmerman

SCHEDULED

Ordinance 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.~~

WHEREAS, the City Council of Mount Vernon finds it necessary to regulate the storage of large equipment to maintain the aesthetic character and safety of residential neighborhoods.

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

Section 1. That the title of Chapter 1309 of the Codified Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows (deletion is in ~~striketrough~~):

~~Motor~~ Vehicle Storage

Section 2. That Section 1309.02 of the Codified Ordinances be replaced with the following:

1309.02 STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS

(a) Definitions

- (1) Recreational Vehicle (RV): Includes recreational homes, campers, and travel trailers designed for temporary living quarters.
- (2) Boat: Any vessel or watercraft, including its transport trailer.
- (3) Utility Trailer: A non-recreationalized vehicle designed to be pulled by another, used for transporting goods, equipment, or materials.
- (4) Enclosed Utility Trailer: A utility trailer characterized by a permanent roof and side walls that fully enclose the cargo area.
- (5) Total Trailers: The cumulative count of all boat trailers, RV trailers, and utility trailers on a single property.
- (6) Improved Surface- a surface constructed of concrete, pavers, asphalt, gravel, or other substance as approved by city zoning ordinances.

(b) Storage Location and Limits

- (1) Driveway Storage: Boats, campers (RVs), and Enclosed Utility Trailers may be stored on an improved surface, provided they meet the specific requirements in subsection (c) and the size restrictions in subsection (d).

- (2) General Utility Trailer Restrictions: Except as provided in subsection (3) below, utility trailers are strictly prohibited from being stored in any front yard or driveway. They must be stored:
 - (A) Within a completely enclosed garage; or
 - (B) In the rear yard, provided they are screened from public view.
 - (3) Exception for Enclosed Utility Trailers: An enclosed utility trailer may be stored in a driveway if it meets the following criteria:
 - (A) The trailer box length is under fourteen (14) feet. Any enclosed utility trailer fourteen (14) feet or longer shall be subject to the same restrictions as general utility trailers defined in subsection (2);
 - (B) It is stored in well maintained condition with no visible rust, damage, or structural wear; and
 - (C) It displays no business logos, commercial advertisements, or professional signage.
 - (4) Temporary Utility Trailer Storage: Standard (non-enclosed) utility trailers may be parked in a driveway for up to 72 hours for purposes of use, loading, or maintenance. Moving or repositioning the trailer does not reset this time limit. A minimum of 48 hours must pass between storage events.
 - (5) Storage on a Public Way: No person shall park or leave standing any trailer on a public street for more than 72 hours. After 72 hours, the trailer must be moved at least 500 feet off the public way for at least 24 hours before returning.
 - (6) Numerical Limit:
 - (A) No more than two (2) total trailers may be stored on any residential lot at one time, regardless of type or location.
 - (B) No more than one (1) such unit shall be permitted to be stored in a driveway at any time.
 - (C) Of the two permitted trailers, only one (1) may be a utility trailer.
- (c) Maintenance and Aesthetic Restrictions
- (1) Maintenance Requirements:
 - (A) All stored vehicles and trailers must be in good repair, operable, and bear a current, valid license plate and registration.
 - (B) Enclosed Utility Trailers stored in driveways must be kept in a well-maintained aesthetic condition as determined by the City Inspector or Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer.
 - (C) Vehicles must not be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes while stored.
 - (D) No fixed connections to water, gas, or sanitary sewer are permitted.
 - (2) Visual Standards:
 - (A) Stored items must be kept clean. Accumulation of debris under or around the vehicle is prohibited.
 - (B) Enclosed Utility Trailers stored in driveways must be free of all business logos, commercial branding, or promotional decals.

(d) Driveway Placement and Fit

- (1) Encroachment Prohibited: No unit parked in a driveway shall extend into or over any public right-of-way, including sidewalks or streets.
- (2) Dimensional Fit: The unit must appropriately fit within the designated improved surface driveway. It shall not be parked on grass or unimproved surfaces.
- (3) Safety Clearances: Units must be parked in a manner that does not obstruct the view of traffic for vehicles exiting the driveway or traveling on adjacent roadways.

(e) Removal

- (1) Notice to Remove. Whenever there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the provisions of this section exists, the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police, or their designees, shall give, or cause to be given, written notice to the registered owner of any vehicle that is in violation of this section, or to the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which such vehicle is located, or to both the registered owner and the owner or person in lawful possession of such private property, by certified mail with return receipt or by personal service, that such vehicle violates the provisions of this section and that within five days, the vehicle is to be removed to a place of lawful storage or to be housed in a building where it will not be visible from the street.
- (2) Removal by City. In addition to any other penalty prescribed in Chapter 1399, if the registered owner of any vehicle which is in violation of this section, or the owner or person in lawful possession or control of the private property upon which the same is located, fails, neglects or refuses to remove or house such vehicle in accordance with the notice given pursuant to the provisions of subsection (e)(1), the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police may remove and dispose of such vehicle as provided in Chapter 359.
- (3) Right of Entry. The City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police, any contracting agent of the City, any employee of such contracting agent, and any authorized officer, employee or agent of the City, are expressly authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this section. No person shall interfere, hinder or refuse to allow them to enter upon private property for such purpose and to remove any vehicle pursuant to this section. Any person to whom notice was given pursuant to subsection (e)(1) hereof shall have the right to remove or house such vehicle at his own expense at any time prior to the arrival of the City Inspector, Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer and/or the Chief of Police or their designees for the purpose of removal.

Section 3. That Section 1399.03 of the Codified Ordinances be amended to read as follows (additions are in **bold**, deletions are in ~~striketrough~~):

1399.03 ~~MOTOR~~ VEHICLE STORAGE VIOLATIONS.

- (a) Whoever violates Section 1309.01 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

(b) Whoever violates Section 1309.02 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense. Any subsequent violation within a 12-month period shall constitute a fourth degree misdemeanor. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

(c) In any instance where the City incurs any expenses or fines, including but not limited to legal costs and fees, because of any person or entity's violation or failure to comply with any provisions and requirements in chapter 1309, the expenses incurred, plus an administrative fee which shall be no more than the expenses incurred shall be recovered from the person or entity.

(d) Any amounts owed to the City of Mount Vernon pursuant to any provision or requirements of chapter 1309, whether for work completed by the City or for assessed penalties or expenses, may be certified by the City Inspector or his designee as a lien against the property with the Knox County Auditor for collection in the same manner as property taxes and assessments.

~~**Section 4.**— This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety by properly regulating storage of vehicles within the City, and said Resolution 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.~~

Bruce E. Hawkins, President of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

*Amended on 4/27/2026 to remove emergency clause.



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-12

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Land Use & Development
Jacklin, Keener
Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-155

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

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

SECTION 1. That Section 1102.03 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be amended as follows (deletion is in ~~striketrough~~):

In addition to any other authority granted to the City Council by ordinance or State law, the City Council shall have the following powers and duties, as it relates to this code:

- (a) Initiate, hear, review, and make decisions related to amendments to the text of this code or the zoning map;
- (b) Hear, review, and make decisions related to Planned Developments in accordance with Chapter 1107: Planned Development Districts;
- (c) Review and accept, where appropriate, any proposed dedication of streets, utilities, and other public improvements required by this code;
- (d) ~~Establish fees for development review procedures, certificates, and permits outlined in this code;~~
- ~~(e) Perform any other duties related to the administration and enforcement of this code as authorized by this code and the ORC.~~

SECTION 2. That Section 1102.06 of the City Codified Ordinances shall be created as follows:

1102.06 Control Board

In addition to any other authority granted to the Control Board by ordinance or State law, the Control Board shall have the powers and duties to establish fees for development review procedures, certificates, and permits as it relates to this code.

SECTION 3: Any provision in legislation previously adopted which is in conflict with this Ordinance is repealed.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public, peace, health and safety, and to establish a process to appropriately assess fees for development within the City, 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.

PASSED: _____, 2026
Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026
Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Land Use & Development
Jacklin,

Scheduled

Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

ORDINANCE 2026-13

Doc ID: 2026-161

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.

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mount Vernon has received an application for rezoning certain property within the City of Mount Vernon, specifically Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, also known as 804 Coshocton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Planning Commission for the City of Mount Vernon met on April 9, 2026 and voted 5-0 to approve the zoning change for Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, from R-1 – Single Family Residential District, to GB – General Business District.

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Mount Vernon hereby amends the zoning classification of Parcels #66-07885.000 and #66-05577.000, also known as 804 Coshocton Avenue. The zoning will be indicated:

<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>PROPOSED ZONING</u>
#66-07885.000, #66-05577.000,	GB – General Business District

SECTION 2: That the zoning classification be recorded in Title XI of the Planning and Zoning Codes of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mount Vernon.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Development Services Manager

40 Public Square

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Phone 740-393-2033 | dsm@mtvernonoh.gov

To: City Clerk

April 10, 2026

Municipal Planning Commission

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Case Number: 2026-MPC-10

Request for Zoning Amendment on parcels 66-07885.000 and 66-05577.000 from R-1 to GB

An application from O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC and OWN, Inc. on behalf of Genevieve Growdon to amend the zoning district of parcels 66-07885.000 and 66-05577.000 from R-1 to GB was submitted for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed zoning amendment. Following testimony:

Tanner Salyers made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Zoning Amendment from R-1 to GB. Greg Yashynk seconded the motion.

The vote resulted in a 5-0 vote in support of the Zoning Amendment from R-1 to GB. (Yes: Starr, Salyers, Hawkins, Ellsworth, Yashnyk)

Per §1103.03 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Application for Zoning Amendment and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn

Development Services Manager



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Application for Zoning Amendment

<i>Applicant's Information</i>			
Owner's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address			
Agent's Name, Address, Phone, and Email Address			
<i>Site Information</i>			
Site Address	Legal Description		
Parcel Number	Deed Volume and Page Number		
<i>Use of Property</i>			
Present Use 510 - SINGLE FAMILY DWLG OWNER OCCUP	Present Zoning District		
Proposed Use	Proposed Zoning District		
<i>Documents to be Submitted</i>			
<p>The following documents must also be submitted with this application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A statement of the reason(s) for the proposed amendment. 2. A vicinity map at a scale approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer showing property lines, thoroughfares, existing and proposed zoning, and such other items as the Zoning Enforcement Officer may require. 3. A statement on the ways in which the proposed amendment relates to the comprehensive plan. 4. The \$200.00 filing fee as established by ordinance. 			
<p>I hereby certify that the information submitted on this application and on any sketches, drawings or other documents submitted with this application is true and exact.</p>			
Date:		By:	
<i>Filing Information</i>			
Filing Date	Fee deposit \$200.00	Date Paid	Receipt Number

This form revised 06-03-2024

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATEMENT
APPLICATION FOR ZONING AMENDMENT

PARCEL NUMBER: 66-07885.000 & 66-05577.000

OWNER: O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC

ZONED: R-1

PROPOSED ZONING: GB

ADDRESS: 804 COSHOCTON AVE

O'Reilly Auto Parts will provide numerous benefits to the community by supplying automotive parts and accessories that support the transportation needs of residents and local businesses, while also creating permanent employment opportunities and contributing to the City's income and property tax base. Retail establishments of this type provide stable jobs and support ongoing economic activity within the community.

The subject property located at 804 Coshocton Avenue, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, is situated within an established commercial corridor characterized by existing business and retail uses. The surrounding area reflects a pattern of development consistent with the General Business (GB) district and is adequately served by major streets and supporting infrastructure appropriate for commercial activity. Rezoning the parcel from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to GB (General Business) will allow the property to be developed in a manner consistent with the existing commercial character of the corridor and in accordance with the City of Mount Vernon Zoning Ordinances.

Adjoining Properties:

- West: Thomas D Brown - 802 Coshocton Ave PPN: 66-03059.000 - a single family home zoned R-1 owned by Thomas D Brown
- East: O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC - PO Box 9167 Springfield, MO 65801 PPN: 66-05247.000; zoned GB
- North: Knox Community Hospital - medical offices - 1220 Yauger Road, PPN: 66-09867.000; zoned O/I

- South: David & Betty Sue Willits - 105 Marita Dr Mount Vernon, OH 43050 PPN:66-04343.000
000 - a single family home zoned R-1 owned by David & Betty Sue Willits
Margaret Woldford – 107 Marita Dr Mount Vernon, OH 43050 PPN: 66-00054.000
a single family home zoned R-1 owned by Margaret Woldford

By reutilizing a developed parcel, O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC is ensuring responsible growth in the City of Mount Vernon upon a parcel that is already sandwiched between two O/I parcels.

O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC.
233 S. Patterson Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802
Office: 417-862-2674
E: oreillyauto@weareown.com

Date: 03/05/2026

City of Mount Vernon, OH
Attn: Lacie Blankenhorn
Development Services Manager
40 Public Square, Suite 206
Mount Vernon, OH 43050-3241
T: 740-393-2033
E: dsm@mtvernonoh.gov

RE: Proposed Rezoning of 804 Coshocton Ave, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 from R-1 to GB
Parcels 66-07885.000 & 66-05577.000
Current Owner/Seller Authorization for Rezoning Application & Representation

To Whom it May Concern,

I, Genevieve Growdon, the legal owner of the property located at 804 Coshocton Ave, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 (Parcels 66-07885.000 & 66-05577.000), hereby authorize O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC, the prospective buyer and future owner of the above-referenced property, and O'WN, Inc employees as the Engineer of Record for O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC, to act as our authorized agent in all matters related to the proposed City of Mount Vernon, OH rezoning, specifically for the purpose of submitting the application & representing our interests at all meeting and public hearings. Please accept this notarized letter as formal authorization to proceed accordingly.

Current Property Owner and Seller:

Name: Genevieve Growdon
Address:
Email:
Telephone:

Under Contract Buyer & Future Property Owner:

O'Reilly Auto Enterprises, LLC
233 S. Patterson Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802

Genevieve Growdon 3-5-26
Current Property Owner Signature] Date

STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
COUNTY OF Summit)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of March, 2026.

Notary Public Elisabeth Parga

My Commission Expires Nov. 12, 2030



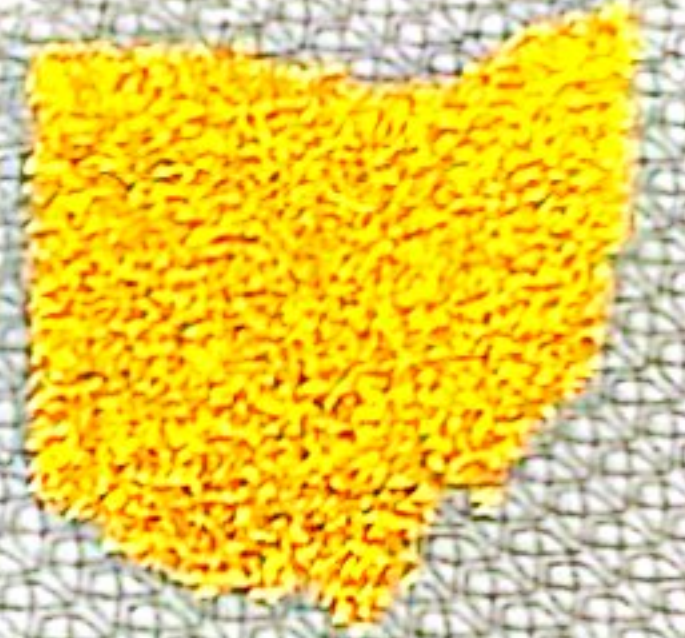
ELISABETH PARGA
Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Comm. Expires
November 12, 2030

Ohio
USA

Mike DeWine, Governor
DRIVER LICENSE

Charles L. Norman, Registrar

NOT FOR
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GENEVIEVE I

8 1237 BRANDON AVE
AKRON, OH 44305

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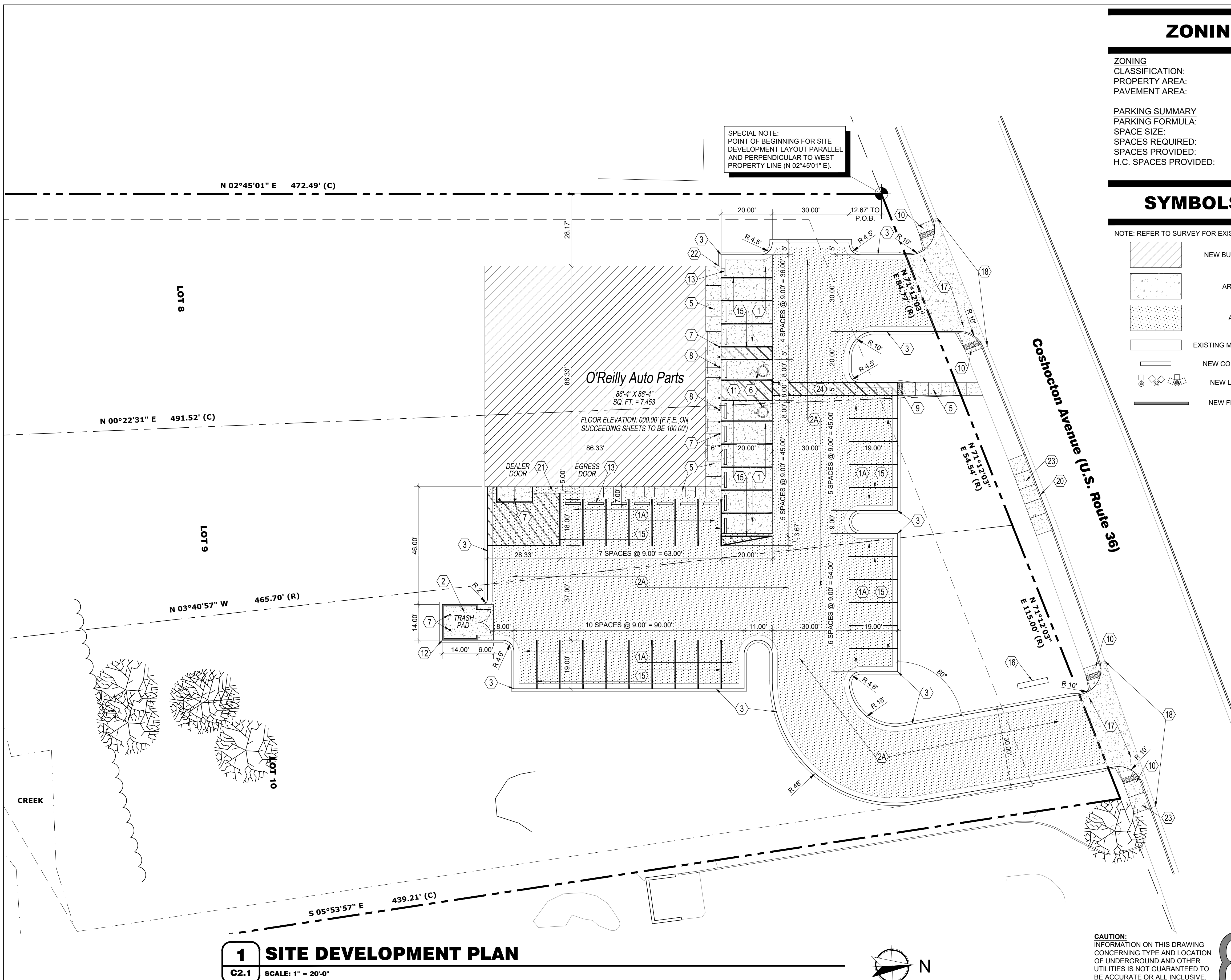


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SPECIAL NOTE:
POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SITE
DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT PARALLEL
AND PERPENDICULAR TO WEST
PROPERTY LINE (N 02°45'01" E).

ZONING CODE	
ZONING CLASSIFICATION:	XX (XXX)
PROPERTY AREA:	(REFER TO SURVEY)
PAVEMENT AREA:	20,234 SQ. FT.
PARKING SUMMARY	
PARKING FORMULA:	1 SP. PER XX SQ. FT. GFA
SPACE SIZE:	9' x 20'
SPACES REQUIRED:	15 (7,453/500 = 14.9)
SPACES PROVIDED:	39
H.C. SPACES PROVIDED:	2

SYMBOLS LEGEND	
[Symbol]	NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
[Symbol]	AREA OF CONCRETE
[Symbol]	AREA OF PAVING
[Symbol]	EXISTING MONUMENT SIGN LOCATION
[Symbol]	NEW CONCRETE PAVING BLOCK
[Symbol]	NEW LIGHT POLE LOCATION
[Symbol]	NEW FENCE CONSTRUCTION

NOTE: REFER TO SURVEY FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS SYMBOLS LEGEND.

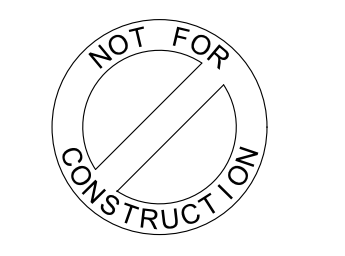
GENERAL NOTES	
(A)	REFER TO PROJECT MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS. ALL ON SITE CONCRETE TO BE 4,000 PSI.
(B)	SITE DIMENSIONS TO FACE OF CONCRETE FOUNDATION, SIDEWALK, CURB GUTTER LINE, PROPERTY LINE, OR CENTER LINE OF STRIPING UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
(C)	COORDINATE WORK WITH OTHER SITE RELATED DEVELOPMENT DRAWINGS.
(D)	REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR BUILDING DIMENSIONS AND LAYOUT OF SIDEWALKS ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
(E)	PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATIONS OF LIGHT POLES, LANDSCAPING, AND UTILITIES DO NOT CONFLICT WITH SITE SIGN LOCATION SHOWN. IF CONFLICT IS DISCOVERED, CONTRACTOR TO NOTIFY OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO PROCEEDING WITH THE WORK.

KEY NOTES	
(1)	CONCRETE PAVING (STANDARD DUTY) AT PARKING AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 1/C2.2.
(1A)	ASPHALT PAVING (STANDARD DUTY) AT PARKING AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 1A/C2.2.
(2)	CONCRETE PAVING (HEAVY DUTY) AT REFUSE AREA, REFER TO DETAIL 1/C2.2.
(2A)	ASPHALT PAVING (HEAVY DUTY) AT DRIVE AREAS, REFER TO DETAIL 2A/C2.2.
(3)	CONCRETE CURB, REFER TO DETAIL 3/C2.2.
(4)	NOT USED.
(5)	CONCRETE SIDEWALK, REFER TO DETAIL 5/C2.2 AND STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR LAYOUT ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
(6)	ACCESSIBLE PARKING SYMBOL PAVEMENT STRIPING, REFER TO DETAIL 6/C2.2.
(7)	STEEL BOLLARD, REFER TO DETAIL 7/C2.2. PROVIDE (2) AT REFUSE CONTAINER AREA, (2) AT SECTIONAL OVERHEAD FREIGHT DOOR, AND (8) AT FRONT ENTRY. REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWINGS FOR LAYOUT OF BOLLARDS ADJACENT TO BUILDING PERIMETER.
(8)	ACCESSIBLE PARKING SIGN, REFER TO DETAIL 8/C2.2.
(9)	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACE, REFER TO DETAIL 9/C2.2.
(10)	ACCESSIBLE CONCRETE CURB RAMP TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 10/C2.2.
(11)	ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACE WITH ACCESSIBLE AISLE (ADA COMPLIANT) TO SLOPE 2% MAXIMUM IN ALL DIRECTIONS. PROVIDE PAVEMENT MARKINGS TO MATCH STRIPING COLOR UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNING ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS.
(12)	REFUSE ENCLOSURE, REFER TO 1/C2.3.
(13)	CONCRETE BUMPER BLOCK (8" W X 5" H X 6'-0" LONG) ANCHORED TO PAVING WITH (2)1'-6" LONG #4 REBAR.
(14)	PARKING LOT LIGHTING, REFER TO UTILITY SITE PLAN FOR TYPE AND CONSTRUCTION.
(15)	4" WIDE PAVEMENT STRIPING AS SHOWN USING HIGHWAY MARKING PAINT - YELLOW (2 COATS).
(16)	SITE SIGN, REFER TO SHEET SG1.1 FOR TYPE, CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION. SIGN OWNER FURNISHED AND INSTALLED (REFER TO SCOPE OF WORK SCHEDULE). REFER TO UTILITY SITE PLAN FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
(17)	CONCRETE DRIVE APRON TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 2/C2.2.
(18)	LIMITS OF NEW PAVING. MATCH EXISTING PAVEMENT TRANSITION ELEVATIONS. AT TRANSITIONS OF NEW CONCRETE TO EXISTING CONCRETE PAVEMENT, EPOXY DOWEL 6" MINIMUM INTO EXISTING WITH #4 X 1'-6" SMOOTH DOWELS MATCHING NEW PAVEMENT REINFORCEMENT SPACING. PROVIDE SEALANT AT JOINTS.
(19)	ROLL DOWN CURB END TRANSITION SLOPING 1:2.
(20)	CONCRETE CURB IN RIGHT-OF-WAY TO MATCH EXISTING PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS.
(21)	CONCRETE PAVING APRON TO BE PROVIDED WHERE ASPHALT PAVEMENT USED, REFER TO DETAIL 4/C2.2.
(22)	BULLNOSE CURB, REFER TO DETAIL 2/C2.2.
(23)	CONCRETE SIDEWALK IN RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE INSTALLED PER CITY AND / OR STATE DESIGN STANDARDS. IF NO STANDARDS PROVIDE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION PER DETAIL 5/C2.2.
(24)	5' WIDE MINIMUM DESIGNATED ACCESSIBLE ROUTE. SLOPE 5% MAXIMUM IN DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WITH 2% MAXIMUM CROSS SLOPE. PROVIDE PAVEMENT STRIPING AS INDICATED.

1 SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
C2.1 SCALE: 1" = 20'-0"

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SPECIAL NOTE:
PRIOR TO CONTRACT CLOSEOUT, CONTRACTOR SHALL SECURE THE SERVICES OF A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR TO PROVIDE SITE SURVEY OF COMPLETED PROJECT CONDITIONS AND SUBMIT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OWNER. REFER TO PROJECT MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.



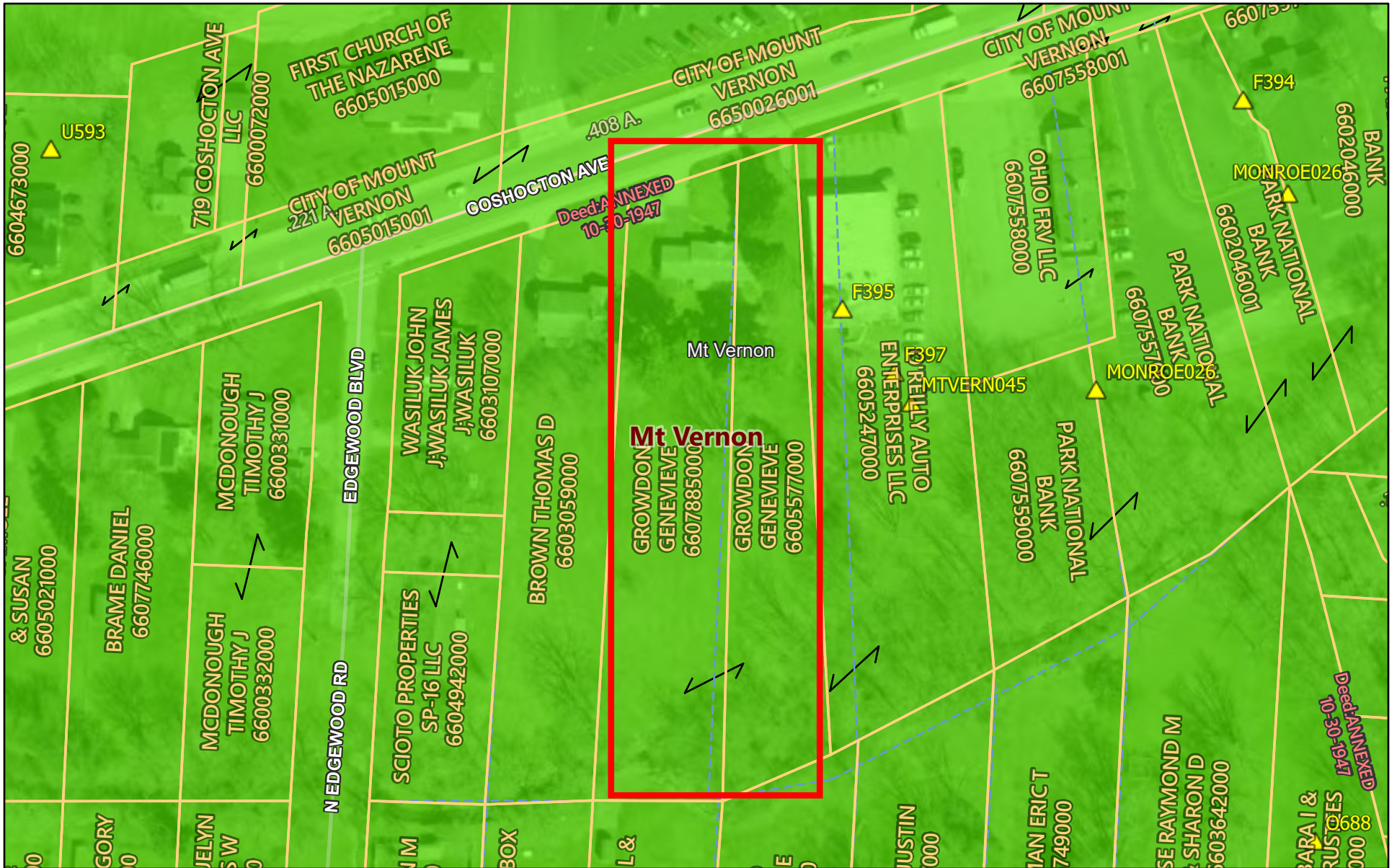
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ARCHITECT
1736 East Sunshine, Suite 417
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PROJECT:
NEW O'REILLY AUTO PARTS STORE
COSHOCOCTON AVE
MT. VERNON, OH
SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN






O'Reilly AUTO PARTS
CORPORATE OFFICES
233 SOUTH PATTERSON
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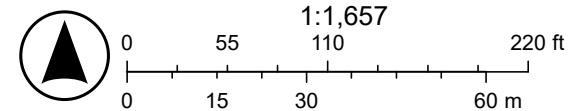
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City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-15

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Streets & Public Buildings
Severns, Mahan

Category: Ordinance
Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-163

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

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Planning Commission, after reviewing the matter, has recommended to accept the petition to vacate an undeveloped, platted alley, between parcels #66-04770.000 and #66-04771.000.

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

SECTION 1: That the petition to vacate a portion of an undeveloped, platted alley, further explained in Exhibit A, be and herewith is accepted.

SECTION 2: 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 of promoting timely development within the City, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City of Mount Vernon, Ohio

Development Services Manager

40 Public Square

Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Phone 740-393-2033 | dsm@mtvernonoh.gov

To: City Clerk

April 10, 2026

Municipal Planning Commission

Meeting Date: April 9, 2026

Case Number: 2026-MPC-11

**Request to Vacate a platted undeveloped alley between parcels 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000
East of Whiteheirs ST**

A petition to vacate a platted undeveloped alley between parcels 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000 located east of Whiteheirs ST was submitted on behalf of Julius Joe Schwarcz and Sherry Anne Schwarcz by Jeremy R. Abrams of Kidwell, Cunningham, & Abrams, Ltd. for review by the Municipal Planning Commission for a recommendation to City Council.

A public hearing was held and testimony ensued about the proposed zoning amendment. Following testimony:

Anne Ellsworth made a motion to recommend to Council to approve the Petition to Vacate. Todd Hawkins seconded the motion.

**The vote resulted in a 5-0 vote in support of the Petition to Vacate.
(Yes: Starr, Salyers, Hawkins, Ellsworth, Yashnyk)**

Per §1103 Council shall consider the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Petition to Vacate and determine the final approval or denial.

Warm Regards,

Lacie Blankenhorn

Lacie Blankenhorn
Development Services Manager

PETITION TO VACATE ALLEY
R.C. § 711.39

To: Mount Vernon City Council

The undersigned petitioners hereby petition to vacate the alley between Parcel Number 66-04770.000 and Parcel Number 66-04771.000, and respectfully represent unto the Mount Vernon City Council as follows:

1. That the petitioners, Julius Joe Schwarcz and Sherry Anne Schwarcz, are the owners in fee simple title to Parcel Numbers 66-04770.000 and 66-04771.000.
2. The territory described herein is located in the County of Knox in the State of Ohio, and the City of Mount Vernon.
3. There exists on said Parcels and said Alley an Easement to the City of Mount Vernon, which Easement was recorded in Volume 246, Page 97 of the Knox County, Ohio, Deed Records.
4. The undersigned, being a duly authorized representative of the petitioners, hereby petitions to Vacate the Alley described in the attached Survey:

Parcel One:

Situate in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Knox and State of Ohio:
And being all of Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 in White's Heir Sub-Division.
Parcel Numbers: 66-04770.000

Parcel Two:

Situate in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Knox and State of Ohio:

And being all of Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29 in White's Heir Sub-Division.

Parcel Numbers: 66-04771.000

Jeremy R. Abrams, Attorney at Law, Kidwell, Cunningham, & Abrams, Ltd., 112 North Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050, hereby represents the petitioners.

Please take notice that, simultaneously with the filing of this petition, our agent, Jeremy R. Abrams, Attorney at Law, is also filing a list of all adjoining property owners.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned property owners hereby affix their signature on the date so indicated.

Petitioners:

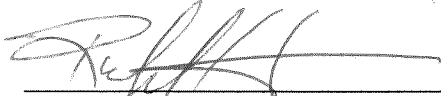
 3/23/2026
Julius Joe Schwarcz Date Signed

 3/23/26
Sherry Anne Schwarcz Date Signed

LIST OF ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS

Richard Hansen, Sr. – 126 N. Center Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 PN 66-04526.000


Approved by:



Richard Hansen, Sr.

Willow Branch Properties LLC – 208 Whiteheirs Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 PN 66-03048.000

Approved by:

By: 
Bryan McCreary

Member of Willow Branch Properties LLC

TRACY & MILLS, SURVEYORS

DAVID R. MILLS, PS
SURVEYOR #7157

5 Harrison Avenue - P.O. Box 642
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050
Tel.: 740-397-8324
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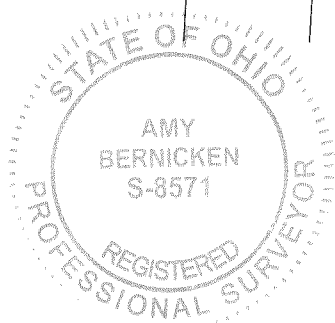
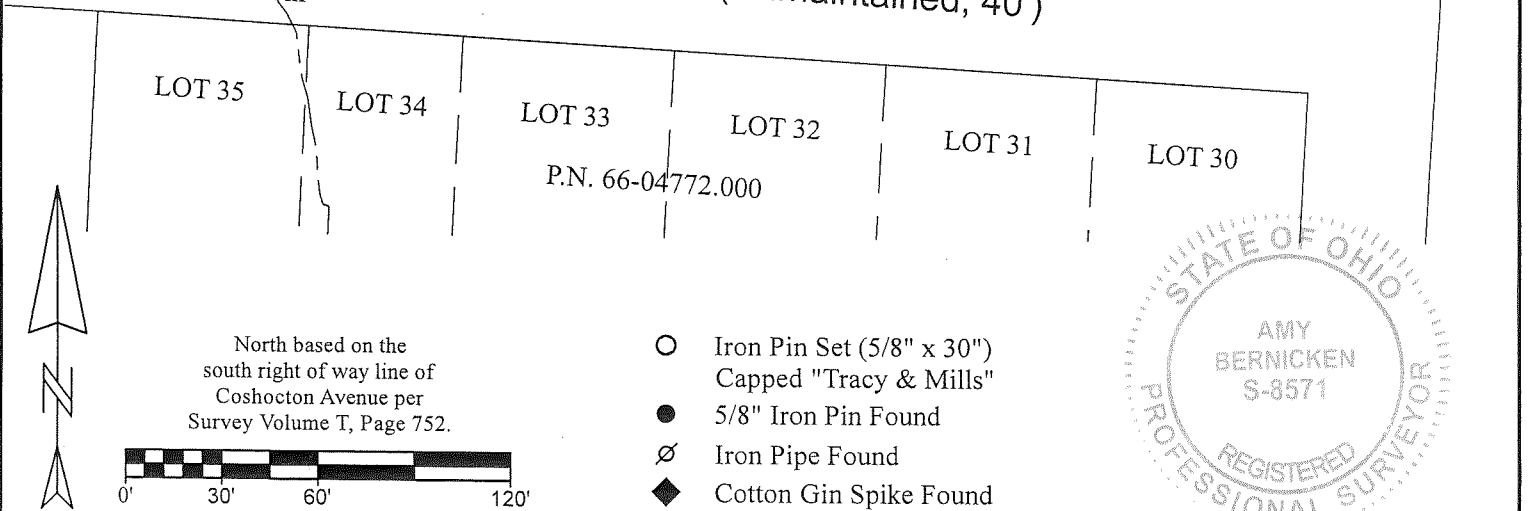
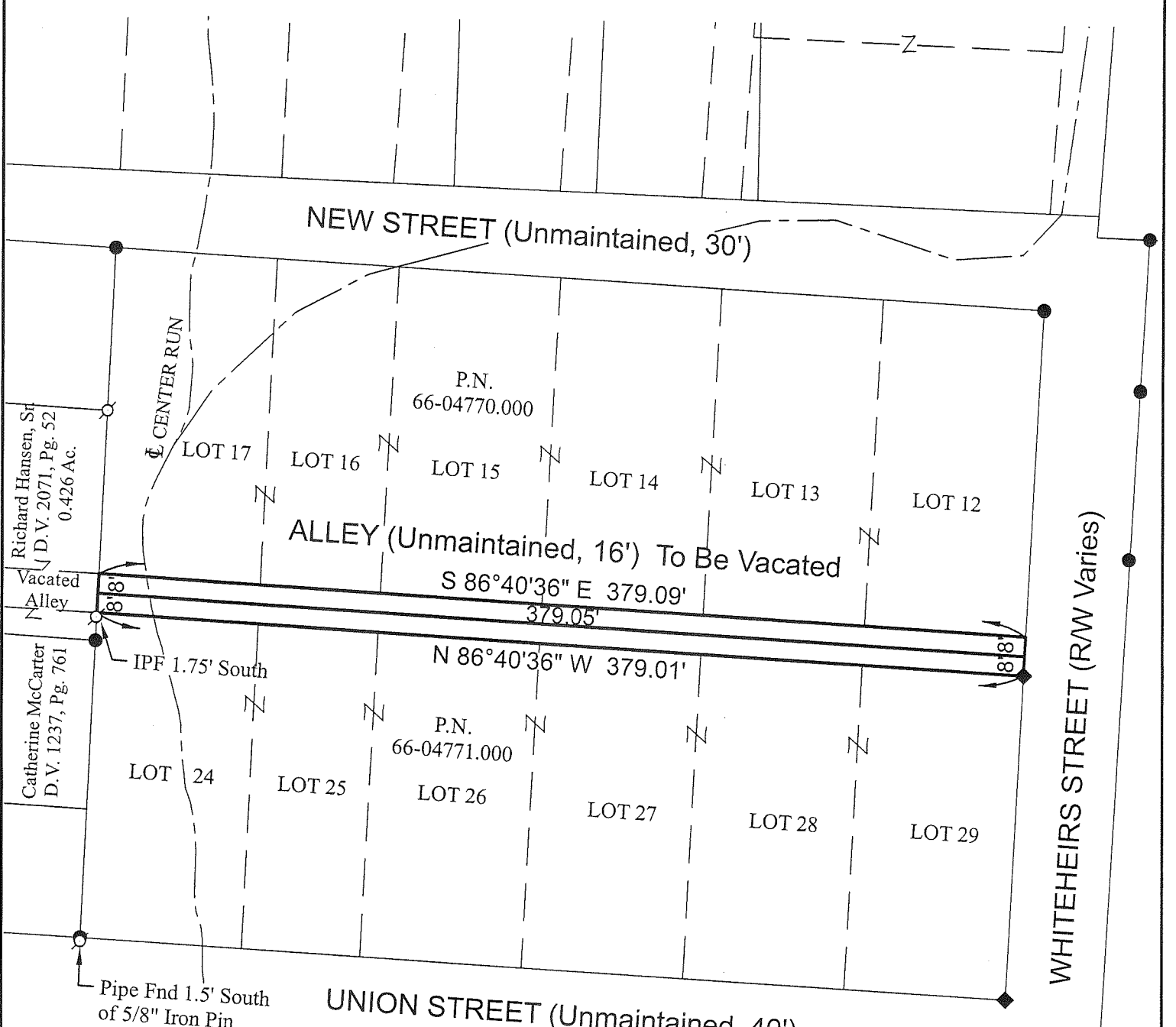
AMY BERNICKEN, PS
SURVEYOR #8571

THOMAS M. TRACY, PS
1941-2002

SURVEY FOR: **Julius & Sherry Schwarcz. Deed Volume 1974, Page 217.**
LOCATION: **All of Lots 12-17 & 24-29 in Whites' Heirs Subdivision, City of Mount Vernon, U.S.M.L., Knox County, Ohio**

Date: March 17, 2026
Scale: 1" = 60'

PARCEL # 66-04770.000
66-04771.000



CERTIFICATION: We hereby certify that the foregoing survey was prepared from actual field measurements, in accordance with Chapter 4733-37, Ohio Administrative Code.

David R. Mills, Surveyor No. 7157
Amy Bernicken, Surveyor No. 8571





City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM
Employee & Community
Relations

Scheduled

Keener, Ruckman
Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

ORDINANCE 2026-16

Doc ID: 2026-195

**AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING THE EXEMPT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS OF
CITY INSPECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES
DIRECTOR.**

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

SECTION 1: That the following established exempt professional positions are hereby authorized within the salary range and upon the appropriation times listed below:

	Pay Grade	Min	Mid	Max
City Inspector	10	\$40.78	\$48.94	\$57.09 (per hour)
Human Resources Director	10	\$40.78	\$48.94	\$57.09 (per hour)
Public Utilities Director	10	\$40.78	\$48.94	\$57.09 (per hour)

The salary authorized by this Ordinance shall be payable bi-weekly.

SECTION 2: The salary range listed is the base salary range for the positions. The positions are eligible for annual longevity increments:

For the first five (5) years, \$600.00.

Annual Longevity Increments after five (5) years:

Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
\$650.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$850.00

The effective date of eligibility for an annual longevity increment shall be the anniversary date of employment with the City in a non-bargaining unit position.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance does not alter any other benefits or terms and conditions of employment for the listed positions.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Scheduled

ORDINANCE 2026-17

Meeting 5/11/2026 7:30 PM

Utilities

Ruckman, Miller

Category: Ordinance

Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk

Doc ID: 2026-201

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE SECTION 919.11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON REGARDING BACKFLOW PROTECTION;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

Section 1. That Section 919.11 of the Codified Ordinances be repealed and replaced
to read as follows:

919.11 BACKFLOW PROTECTION.

(a) The Utilities Commission shall adopt rules concerning installation of backflow
protection devices to protect the public water system. The rules shall include, but are not
limited to, the following: when consumers must install an approved backflow protection
device, the requirement to secure a permit from the City Inspector for the installation of
approved backflow protection device, a list of approved backflow protection devices and
recommended fines for violations of these provisions. Once adopted, an impacted consumer
must install an approved device immediately, at his own expense, at a location and in a
manner approved by the City Inspector and shall have inspections and tests made of such
approved devices as required. All inspections and tests shall be done at the consumer's
expense by a backflow technician certified, at the time of the inspection or test, by the Ohio
Department of Commerce.

(b) No person, firm or corporation shall establish or permit to be established or permit to
be maintained any connection whereby a private, auxiliary or emergency water supply other
than the regular public water supply of the City of Mount Vernon may enter the supply or
distributing system of said municipality, unless such private, auxiliary or emergency water
supply and the method of connection and use of such supply shall have been approved by
the Utilities Commission and by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Commission to cause or conduct surveys and investigations to
be made of industrial and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or
potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall
be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated as often as the Commission shall
deem necessary.

(d) The Commission, the City Inspector and his designees and employees of the City's Public Utilities Division shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the City of Mount Vernon for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand, the owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish any information, which may be requested regarding the piping system or systems of water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided in this section.

(e) The City of Mount Vernon is hereby authorized and directed to discontinue, after reasonable notice to the occupant thereof, the water service to any property wherein any connection in violation of the provisions of this section is known to exist, and to take such other precautionary measures as he may deem necessary to eliminate any danger of contamination of the public water supply distribution mains. Water service to such property shall not be restored until such conditions have been eliminated or corrected in compliance with the provisions of this section.

(f) Permits for the installation and use of backflow protection devices are to be issued for a maximum period of one year. Applications for permit renewal shall be submitted no less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of the permit.

(g) A fee shall be assessed for each of the following: (1) to each permit issued for the installation and use of a backflow protection device, which shall be paid prior to the issuance of the permit, and (2) for each day that a property operates without a backflow prevention device. In the case of a defective backflow prevention device, the customer has 30 days to repair the device before incurring penalties. These fees shall be set by the Control Board. Failure to pay fees may result in termination of water and wastewater services.

Section 2. 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 clarify necessary inspections and align with best practices, 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



City Council
City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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ORDINANCE 2026-18

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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City

Clerk

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF BARGAINING
UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT
WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED UNIT KNOWN AS POLICE
SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS, POLICE OFFICERS AND POLICE RECORDS
CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

SECTION 1: That this Ordinance amends the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Mount Vernon Police Union, Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., and the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio covering the term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, to include the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Enrollment Management Services consultation services and payment in lieu of benefit options (Attached as Exhibit A) as if fully rewritten.

SECTION 2: 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 allow the bargaining unit members to access these services at the adoption of the new medical insurance contract, this 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the City of Mount Vernon (Employer/City) and the FOP, Ohio Labor Council (Union) for the purpose of amending/modifying/adding to Article 31 Healthcare Benefits in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between them covering the term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, SERB case numbers 2024-MED-03-0284 (Patrol Officers), 2024-MED-03-0282 Sergeants/Lieutenants and 2024-MED-03-0283 IT/Records Administrator.

Whereas the City is making changes to the healthcare benefits for City employees; and

Whereas the City is establishing a Benefit Credit Program for employees who are eligible for City health benefits but waive the healthcare benefits; and

Whereas, the City wants to provide the same Program to the employees covered by the CBA referenced above;

The Parties Agree as follows:

1. This MOU shall be incorporated into the CBA referenced above and shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of the Agreement and until a successor agreement has been negotiated between the parties.
2. Should the City decide to terminate the provisions of the Benefit Credit Program, the Union shall be given a sixty (60) day advance written notice.
3. Should the Program be terminated, members who are enrolled in it shall have thirty (30) days from the date of termination to re-enroll in the City's healthcare.
4. All articles and sections, including Article 31 of the CBA not specifically modified by this MOU as stated below, shall continue in full force and effect through the current CBA term and until superseded by a successor agreement.
5. Should the parties determine and agree to modify any aspects of the HRA in Section 31.2 and/or create an HSA program they agree to enter into an additional MOU to memorialize the modification.

The Parties Agree that Article 31 shall be amended as follows:

Section 31.1 Healthcare Benefits

A. The Employer shall offer group medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug insurance coverage. It is agreed and understood that the schedule of benefits for employees shall be as set forth in the health plan offered by the City, including all conditions and payments specified or

required by individual carriers/providers of the health insurance plan. The Schedule of Benefits is found in the Certificate of Coverage provided by the carrier.

B. The City shall offer a “Benefits Credit Program” (also referred to as The Program) for employees through Enrollment Management Services (EMS). Participation in The Program is one hundred percent (100%) voluntary on the part of members. A member who wishes to participate in The Program must proactively enroll in it by notifying the City’s Human Resource Office and shall not be auto enrolled. The responsibility to enroll shall rest entirely on the member to follow the steps outlined by EMS to become enrolled in “The Program”. It is agreed and understood that the various benefits included in “The Program” are and will be as set forth in a separate document. Said document shall be provided to all members covered by this CBA during the open enrollment period each year. The City shall be responsible for communicating, educating and making members covered by this CBA aware of The Program and how to enroll.

The Benefit Credit resulting from the cash-in-lieu of benefits shall be referred to, considered to be and shall appear as additional taxable compensation.

C. The Union has the right to provide input into the selection of the insurance carrier. The City makes the final selection on the insurance carrier.

D. It is further agreed and understood that during the term of this Agreement, individual carriers/providers may, through no fault of the City, Union, or employees cease coverage. The Union will be provided notice no less than sixty (60) days prior to implementation of proposed changes or revisions to the insurance coverage. The City shall meet with the Union and its representatives to discuss the proposed changes and revisions and to receive any recommendations or alternatives the Union may request.

E. If the premium increase for the subsequent year is more than ten percent (10%), the Union may request negotiations over the changes proposed by the City, any said negotiations will be in accordance with Article 46 of this agreement.

F. It is further agreed and understood that the Employer may modify the terms of the insurance coverage and may reduce coverage levels if such reductions are made to maintain or reduce costs.

G. Additionally, it is agreed and understood that during the term of this Agreement, specific carriers/providers under the plan may unilaterally institute or modify payments or conditions which modifications will be required for subscription to the plan provided by that carrier/provider.

Section 31.2 Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

The City will provide an HRA for bargaining unit members in the amount of nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) for single coverage and eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800.00) for family coverage. Members with single coverage must pay the first one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the single-plan deductible, after which the City pays the remainder under the HRA. Members with

family coverage must pay the first two hundred dollars (\$200.00) of the family-plan deductible, after which the City pays the remainder under the HRA.

Section 31.3 Premium Contribution

The monthly premiums for major medical insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, and the prescription drug plan shall be split between the City and bargaining unit members as follows: the City shall pay 85% of the cost of monthly premiums and the member shall pay 15%. These percentages are subject to adjustment under the provision of the Wellness Program in Article 31.4.

Section 31.4 Wellness Program

Employees who select the group medical healthcare plan through the City shall be permitted to participate in the wellness program provided by the City and set forth in this Section 31.4. The Union and the City agree that wellness programs are regulated by federal and/or state law and that the wellness program provided by the current carrier may be subject to changes imposed by federal and/or state law during the life of this agreement. In the event federal or state law governing wellness programs is amended, and as a result any provisions in Section 31.4 are inconsistent with the amended law, then the inconsistent provisions in Section 31.4 will change to comply with the amended law.

(A) General Description of the Wellness Program.

The wellness program will consist of an annual health screening provided by the City's current healthcare provider. The health assessment will provide each participant with information such as blood pressure results, LDL cholesterol levels and hemoglobin A1c. The assessment will also allow for participation in a tobacco cessation program.

A completed annual health assessment by the employee's primary care physician may be used in lieu of the on-site assessors as long as the current program's benchmark factors are obtained (example: blood pressure, LDL cholesterol levels, hemoglobin A1C and tobacco).

Other details on the wellness program may be obtained from the City upon request to the Human Resources Department.

(B) Wellness Program Participation Incentive

Employees who actively participate (compliant) in the annual wellness program will receive a premium reduction of not less than \$50 per month regardless of which benefit tier is selected. Employees who decide not to participate (non-compliant), will not receive the monthly premium reduction incentive rate.

Section 31.5 Plan Documents

The City will provide each employee covered by the City's healthcare plan with a complete informational benefit guide along with additional material that includes in-network and out-of-network coverage information for all selected plans. (medical, prescription, dental and vision)

Section 31.6 Life Insurance and Additional Supplemental Options. The City shall also provide each member covered by the City's healthcare plan with complete information about "The Program" referenced above and administered by EMS.

- A. All benefits eligible employees will be provided with an employer paid \$50,000 term life insurance policy that will remain in effect throughout the duration of the employee's employment with the City. The City agrees that employees may purchase additional coverage through supplemental options that are provided in the Human Resources Office.
- B. Supplemental Options – Additional supplemental insurance such as short-term disability, long-term disability, etc. may be offered throughout the duration of the contract. These supplemental options may be selected by the employee at their own expense. Optional payroll deductions may be offered.

Section 31.6 Opting out of Health Insurance

Members covered by this CBA may opt-out of the City of Mount Vernon's insurance plan that is described in Section 31.1. To be eligible to opt-out, a member must provide such proof as required by the City that shows participation in a mutually agreed upon outside medical insurance plan available to them or through their spouse's employer, a public pension system, including federal and/or military, or another public or private healthcare insurance provider. Such proof shall be provided upon request by the City. For purposes of defining when opt out payment(s) will be made, the term "insurance year" shall be for twelve (12) months following the first day for which the City provides coverage, whether it is a twelve (12) month calendar year or any other twelve (12) month period. Opt-out payments shall only be made on a prospective basis. There shall be no retroactive payment to those opting out.

Members who opt out shall receive a monetary payment in the amount below:

\$6000.00 for those who otherwise qualify for single coverage

\$12,000.00 for those who otherwise qualify for other than single coverage

Said amounts shall be paid to the qualifying member in equal bi-annual amounts in January and in July .

If a member begins employment during the insurance year and elects to opt out of the medical insurance program, the member shall only be paid for the remaining bi-annual amount in the insurance year. There shall be no pro-rated payment for opting out during the then-current bi-annual payment period.

If a member leaves employment after electing to opt out of the City’s insurance, the member shall be responsible to repay the City a pro-rated amount of the bi-annual payment amount that was most recently paid to the employee prior to leaving employment.

Date: 5/4/26

For the FOP, Ohio Labor Council:

For the City of Mount Vernon:

Andrea H. Johan, Senior Staff
Representative

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor



James Coffey, Patrol Unit Representative

Tanner S. Salyers, Safety-Service Director



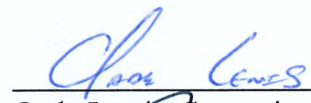
Tyler Berger, Patrol Unit Representative

Elizabeth Turner, Human Resources
Director



Justin Trowbridge, Patrol Unit Representative

Robert K. Morgan, Chief of Police



Qade Lewis, Supervisor Unit Representative



Justin Willis, Supervisor Unit Representative



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City of Mount Vernon
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ORDINANCE 2026-19

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Prepared By: Zac Sherman, City
Clerk
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF BARGAINING UNIT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED UNIT KNOWN AS THE MOUNT VERNON FIREFIGHTERS AND PARAMEDICS, I.A.F.F. LOCAL 3712; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1: That this Ordinance amends the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Mount Vernon Firefighters and Paramedics, I.A.F.F. Local 3712, and the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio covering the term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, to include the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Enrollment Management Services consultation services and payment in lieu of benefit options (Attached as Exhibit A) as if fully rewritten.

SECTION 2: 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 allow the bargaining unit members to access these services at the adoption of the new medical insurance contract, this 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.

Bruce E. Hawkins, Presidents of Council

PASSED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Zachary Sherman, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Matthew T. Starr, Mayor

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the City of Mount Vernon (Employer/City) and the IAFF, Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters (Union) for the purpose of amending/modifying/adding to Article 31 Healthcare Benefits in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between them covering the term July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027, SERB case numbers 2024-MED-07-0712.

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Whereas, the City wants to provide the same Program to the employees covered by the CBA referenced above;

The Parties Agree as follows:

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3. Should the Program be terminated, members who are enrolled in it shall have thirty (30) days from the date of termination to re-enroll in the City's healthcare.
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The Parties Agree that Article 31 shall be amended as follows:

Section 31.1 Healthcare Benefits

The Employer shall offer group medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug insurance coverage. It is agreed and understood that the schedule of benefits for employees shall be as set forth in the health plan offered by the City, including all conditions and payments specified or required by individual carriers/providers of the health insurance plan. The Schedule of Benefits is found in the Certificate of Coverage provided by the carrier.

The City shall offer a "Benefits Credit Program" (also referred to as The Program) for employees through Enrollment Management Services (EMS). Participation in The Program is one hundred

percent (100%) voluntary on the part of members. A member who wishes to participate in The Program must proactively enroll in it by notifying the City's Human Resource Office and shall not be auto enrolled. The responsibility to enroll shall rest entirely on the member to follow the steps outlined by EMS to become enrolled in The Program". It is agreed and understood that the various benefits included in The Program are and will be as set forth in a separate document. Said document shall be provided to all members covered by this CBA during the open enrollment period each year. The City shall be responsible for communicating, educating and making members covered by this CBA aware of The Program and how to enroll.

The Union has the right to provide input into the selection of the insurance carrier. The City makes the final selection on the insurance carrier.

It is further agreed and understood that during the term of this Agreement, individual carriers/providers may, through no fault of the City, Union, or employees cease coverage. Additionally, it is agreed and understood that during the term of this Agreement, specific carriers/providers under the plan may unilaterally institute or modify payments or conditions which modifications will be required for subscription to the plan provided by that carrier/provider.

It is further agreed and understood that during the term of this Agreement, individual carriers/providers may, through no fault of the City, Union, or employees, cease coverage.

The Union will be provided notice at least 30 days prior to implementation of proposed changes or revisions to the insurance coverage. The City agrees to meet with the Union and its representatives to discuss the proposed changes and revisions and to receive any recommendations or alternatives the Union may present.

31.2 Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

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31.3 Premium Contributions

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Union and the City agree that wellness programs are regulated by federal and/or state law and that the wellness program provided by the current carrier may be subject to changes imposed by federal and/or state law during the life of this agreement. In the event federal or state law governing wellness programs is amended, and as a result any provisions in Section 31.4 are inconsistent with the amended law, then the inconsistent provisions in Section 31.4 will change to comply with the amended law.

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A completed annual health assessment by the employee's primary care physician may be used in lieu of the on-site assessors as long as the current program's benchmark factors are obtained. (example: blood pressure, LDL cholesterol levels, hemoglobin A1C and tobacco) Other details on the wellness program may be obtained from the City upon request to the Human Resources Department.

(B) Wellness Program Participation Incentive Employees who actively participate (compliant) in the annual wellness program will receive a premium reduction of not less than \$50 per month regardless of which benefit tier is selected. Employees who decide not to participate (noncompliant), by their choice, will not receive the monthly premium reduction incentive rate.

31.5 Copy of Plan Documents

The City will provide the Union President with a copy of the plan documents for the major medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug plan ~~and~~ coverages.

31.6 Single Family Coverage

Only one family medical plan shall be provided to employees whose spouses also work for the City.

31.7 Life Insurance and Supplemental Options

All benefits eligible employees will be provided with an employer paid \$50,000 term life insurance policy that will remain in effect throughout the duration of the employee's employment with the City. The City agrees that employees may purchase additional coverage through secondary options that are provided in the Human Resources Office.

Supplemental Options – Additional supplemental insurance such as short-term disability, long term disability, etc. may be offered throughout the duration of the contract. These supplemental options may be selected by the employee at their own expense. Optional payroll deductions may be offered.

31.8 Liability

All employees shall be covered by liability insurance in amounts determined by the City. The City shall pay the liability insurance premiums.

31.9 Insurance Carrier

The Union has the right to provide input into the selection of the insurance carrier. The City makes the final selection of the insurance carrier.

Section 31.10 Opting out of Health Insurance

Members covered by this CBA may opt-out of the City of Mount Vernon’s insurance plan that is described in Section 31.1. To be eligible to opt-out, a member must provide such proof as required by the City that shows participation in a mutually agreed upon outside medical insurance plan available to them or through their spouse’s employer, a public pension system, including federal and/or military, or another public or private healthcare insurance provider. Such proof shall be provided upon request by the City. For purposes of defining when opt out payment(s) will be made, the term “insurance year” shall be for twelve (12) months following the first day for which the City provides coverage, whether it is a twelve (12) month calendar year or any other twelve (12) month period. Opt-out payments shall only be made on a prospective basis. There shall be no retroactive payment to those opting out.

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