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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, December 1, 2025

6:30 PM

Executive Session at 6:15 PM

**Trotwood Community and Cultural Arts Center
4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45426**

City Council

*Mayor Yvette F. Page
Vice Mayor Tyna R. Brown, Ward 4
Council Member Bettye L. Gales, Ward 1
Council Member Martha H. Clark, Ward 2
Council Member Milton J. Pearson, Ward 3
Council Member Rhonda C. Finley, At Large
Council Member Denise Moore, At Large
Clerk of Council Kara B. Landis*

I. Call to Order

Mayor Page called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Invocation

Mayor Page gave the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Page led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Clerk Landis took Roll Call and announced that Council Member Finley was unable to attend the meeting. Further, Council Member Finley provided proper notice of her qualifying reason pursuant to Council Rule 4.5; therefore, her absence is excused.

Present: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Manager Quincy Pope, Law Director Chris Conard, Clerk of Council Kara Landis, Deputy City Manager Stephanie Kellum, Finance Director Chris Peeples, Assistant Finance Director Julie Kilbarger, Police Chief Erik Wilson, Captain Mark Ecton, Fire Chief Rick Haacke, Assistant Fire Chief Chad McInturff, TCIC Executive Director Chad Downing, TCIC Project Manager Derek Williams, Planning and Development Director Tyler Hauck, Income Tax Supervisor Sue Bowman, HR Generalist Portia Hill, and Assistant to City Manager Jamaica White.

VISITORS PRESENT: Michael McDaniel, Shane Stevens, Kristen Smith, Chris Harness, Zachary Heitkamp, Collin Haller, Chris Hadlin, Jon Harvey, Jacob Siefke, Jade Klinzman, Rachel Salisburg, Bob Spirk, Chad Brown, Joe Tesch, JoAnne Orihood, Larry Bryant, Seth Haley, Richard Nihizer, Marcus Roll, Michael Campbell, Max Hamlin, Sienna Barnes, Ryan Miniard, Cory Brand, Ethan Wilson, Jeff Moore, Steve Post, Peter Hale, Joel Smith, Kearsten Smith, Jared Pleiman, Rick DeLong, Nick Kamaka, Noah Joines, Andrew Tunney, William Lainhart, Janet Foote, Emma Salisbury, Johathan Wells, Sister Martha Bertke, Sister Mary Garascia, and Tom Grady.

V. Approve the Agenda

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve the Agenda. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Nay: 1 - Council Member Gales

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

VI. Executive SessionSR25-25

The Trotwood City Council will move into Executive Session pursuant to Section 121.22(G)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, which allows for discussion concerning matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; and Section 121.22(G)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code, which allows for discussion concerning details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 121.22(G)(5) and 121.22(G)(6) of the Ohio Revised Code. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

VII. Adjourn Executive Session

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adjourn the Executive Session. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

VIII. Special Presentation

PR14-25

Annual Storm Water Education

Presented by Troy Ervin, Crew Leader, Public Works Department

Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that as part of the annual reporting requirements for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) permit renewal, this video explaining what storm water is, fulfills the public education component.

Council Member Moore asked if the City has had issues with storm water. Deputy City Manager Kellum stated that the City has had no problems with storm water. She explained that the Public Works Department has a list of locations they monitor on a monthly basis and they perform regular testing that complies with the EPA. Deputy City Manager Kellum reminded residents to be cognizant of grass clippings and pet waste, and shared that the City will continue the leaf pick-up program in order to maintain the system.

Council Member Pearson asked if it makes a difference if residents are served by the City or County. Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that this is not about drinking water, this is about the storm system for water runoff from rain and snow.

IX. Consent Agenda

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

SR25-23

Minutes from the November 3, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

Attachments: [2025-11-03 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

The meeting minutes were approved and will be filed according to the City's Record Retention Schedule.

SR25-24

Minutes from the November 17, 2025 Special City Council Meeting.

Attachments: [2025-11-17 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

The meeting minutes were approved and will be filed according to the City's Record Retention Schedule.

[R25-73](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST AN ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE CITY OF TROTWOOD FOR TAX YEAR 2025 FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

Attachments: [R25-73](#)

[R25-73 Attachment](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R25-74](#) A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO INDIGENT PERSONS CHARGED WITH VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FOR THE YEAR 2026, UNDER CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Attachments: [R25-74](#)

[R25-74 Exhibit A](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[25-20](#) A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to prepare legislation amending Section 505.17 "Barnyard Animals" of the City of Trotwood Code of Ordinances to allow for barnyard animals within the Agricultural (A) Zoning District.

The Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[25-21](#) A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft legislation repealing Sections 1189.21 "Group Homes" and 1189.22 "Child Day Care Centers, Type A Family Day Care Homes, and Type B Family Day Care Homes" of the City of Trotwood Code of Ordinances and enacting new Sections 1189.21 "Group Homes" and 1189.22 "Child Day Care Centers, Type A Family Day Care Homes, and Type B Family Day Care Homes" to update regulations pertaining to group homes and day cares.

The Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

[25-22](#) A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft legislation amending Chapter 1123 "Definitions" of the City of Trotwood Codes of Ordinances to update definitions pertaining to group homes and day cares.

The Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

25-23

A Motion by the Trotwood City Council to schedule a Public Hearing and to authorize the Law Director to draft legislation accepting the recommendation from the Trotwood Planning Commission to approve an amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City and the classification of approximately 3.082 acres of a 95.302-acre tract of land located on Strawberry Court, Parcel ID No. H33 00416 0008, from Light Industrial 1 (L-I-1) to Residential Single-Family - Low Density (RSF-L), to be combined with the adjacent 1.840 acres known as 5376 Strawberry Court, Parcel ID No. H33 02202 0125.

The Motion was approved and a Public Hearing will be scheduled.

X. Open Public Hearings

To comment during a Public Hearing, please fill out a Speaker Form and return it to the Clerk of Council BEFORE the start of the meeting. When instructed, you will be asked to step to the microphone, state your name and address, and proceed with your comments. Only comments relating to that specific Ordinance are permissible. You will have three (3) minutes to speak.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to open the public hearings. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Finley, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

XI. Ordinances

[OR11-25](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Attachments: [OR11-25](#)

[OR11-25 Exhibit A](#)

City Manager Pope stated that this ordinance will establish appropriations for the 2026 budget year.

Mayor Page asked if there were any public comments.

Mr. Seth Haley (1645 South Forest Hill Road, Troy, Ohio) is the president of Trotwood Local 4024. He spoke about the City's plan to lay off full-time firefighters, explaining that the firefighters facing layoff were previously funded by a federal SAFER grant that expired in February 2025 and have since been paid as full-time City employees. Mr. Haley noted the lack of warning, stating that the budget proposing the layoffs was introduced just two weeks prior, on November 17th. Mr. Haley shared concerns relating to the direct impact to the safety of residents and the department's response time, and emphasized that adequate staffing is a matter of life and death. He cited a few consequences of the proposed cuts to be longer travel distances and slower response times; delays when multiple emergencies occur simultaneously; increased fire spread and property loss; and worse outcomes for trauma patients and medical emergencies. Mr. Haley mentioned a fatal accident that occurred about ten days prior and even with normal staffing levels, the scene only had two firefighters and the shift commander. He stated that four additional pieces of equipment had to be called in from neighboring departments, and he believes the resulting distance and delay negatively affected the patient's extraction and care. Mr. Haley concluded that insufficient staffing is the department's reality and stressed that the community deserves better. He asserted that operating at a level that puts both citizens and firefighters at risk cannot continue.

Mr. Steve Post (145 Warren Street) is the president of Dayton Firefighters Local 136 and he spoke in opposition to the proposed layoffs, framing the issue as a matter of public safety and professional integrity, not just budget numbers. He stated that layoffs affect the lives of the firefighters being dismissed and the lives of citizens who will be negatively impacted during emergencies. Mr. Post commented that cutting firefighters is not trimming fat, but cutting the muscle, bone, soul, and the lifeline of a city. He believes that every rig with an empty seat is a neighborhood left unprotected, which means heart attacks will not be treated in time and fires will grow from a room to a structure, all while the City debates safety. Mr. Post noted that his own members fight fires and transport citizens from Trotwood through mutual aid agreements, so this decision will have implications that affect the entire region. He highlighted the unity of the unions and asked the community to stand with the Trotwood union. Mr. Post asserted that he believes when you attack one firehouse, you attack them all; and when you weaken one local union, you weaken the entire fire service. He described their response as righteous, necessary, and winnable, but preventable with meaningful labor-management discussion, and stated that

the community will be less safe. Mr. Post commented that firefighters are ready to provide the ultimate sacrifice and the City's responsibility is to provide appropriate staffing and apparatus to do their job. Mr. Post implored the City not to chance firefighters widowing their spouses and orphaning their children for the sake of a balanced budget. Mr. Post concluded by asking the City to give firefighters the dignity of knowing that if they sacrifice for the City, it's a worthy sacrifice knowing the City has their back.

Mr. Jeffrey Moore (7455 Vintage Road, Hamilton, Ohio) is the district vice president who represents 17 southwest counties in Ohio. He explained that the SAFER grant, the grant that provides staffing for adequate fire and emergency response was applied for because Trotwood had a genuine need for more staff, originally hiring nine (9) firefighters. He stated that although that number is down to five (5), he believes that debating the layoffs shows the need still exists and eliminating the positions puts Trotwood further behind in terms of recruitment and retention. Mr. Moore commented that at the prior work session, he heard about the City's balanced budget, successful projects, and positive general fund projections, even with tax abatements; however, he raised concern that there was not one question, not one voice of concern raised, about the safety of the firefighters or the citizens, or the impact of the layoffs. Mr. Moore strongly opposes labeling the affected firefighters as temporary; they are full-time professional members of the Trotwood Fire Department who put their lives on the line; they are integral to the department, not temporary. Mr. Moore asked Council to engage in more conversations with labor management to find a way to keep the five (5) firefighters and move forward instead of backwards. He concluded by asking Council to reexamine and reconsider the budget to keep the City of Trotwood safe.

Mr. Larry Bryant (4576 Lotus Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45417) is a former firefighter for the City of Trotwood and Madison Township and shared that he is focusing on finding practical solutions to retain the threatened firefighter positions. He spoke about his experience and acknowledged that change is rough, but solutions are possible and believes changes can be made to keep the firefighters. Mr. Bryant suggested meeting with the City's Public Safety Committee to discuss this issue and emphasized the personal impact of this decision, noting that firefighters have a home, children, and a wife to go home to. He stressed the safety risks and stated that one less firefighter could mean the mitigation of one less disaster. Mr. Bryant asked Council to explore options to keep the firefighters.

Council Member Gales asked City Manager Pope to confirm that these firefighters were paid for by FEMA, not the City. City Manager Pope confirmed that to be correct and added that the grant expired and conditions changed so the City was no longer eligible for the retention grant.

Council Member Moore asked City Manager Pope about the impact of the layoffs. City Manager Pope advised that the department will be at the original staffing numbers prior to the grant. He shared that he spoke with the fire chief and was assured that the community is safe. He added that you can always use additional people; however, the department will have adequate staffing.

Council Member Pearson thanked the firefighters for coming out and commented that Council supports them. He asked City Manager Pope if there are any other grants that the City can apply for. City Manager Pope reiterated

what he shared at the Workshop, which is that they are looking for other grants and working with the department to see how to secure another retention grant.

Council Member Gales asked if when the firefighters were hired, were they made aware that the funding may expire. City Manager Pope confirmed that the firefighters were made aware of the grant funding when they were hired.

Council Member Moore referred to the possibility of securing another retention grant, and if so, asked if consideration would be given to those who are losing their job to return to the City. City Manager Pope explained that they are looking at all available opportunities and this is happening across the country, not just in Trotwood. He shared that the City has offered part-time positions to the affected firefighters. City Manager Pope stated that this grant was simply a funding mechanism that the City no longer qualifies for.

Vice Mayor Brown asked when the grant expired. City Manager Pope stated he believes the grant ended sometime in February, then explained that the City could have eliminated the positions at that time, but chose to keep the firefighters while the City tried to secure the retention grant.

Council Member Gales asked if the benefits make the positions unaffordable for the City. City Manager Pope explained that it is a combination of the cost of benefits and salaries as all of those expenses were paid by the grant.

Council Member Moore asked when the firefighters were notified. Chief Haacke approached the podium and stated there has been no official notification at this time. Council Member Moore asked for clarification and Chief Haacke explained that the union understands there is going to be five (5) positions that will no longer be funded, but official notices have not been issued at this time.

Mayor Page stated that the firefighters are officially employed by the City at this time; Chief Haacke confirmed that to be correct. Mayor Page explained that the SAFER grant is no longer funded by FEMA due to national cuts; Chief Haacke confirmed that to be correct. Mayor Page reiterated that the firefighters are actively employed through the end of this year; Chief Haacke confirmed that to be correct.

Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that the union learned of the layoffs prior to the City being able to have private conversations with the affected firefighters. She stated that because the union learned of the layoffs prior to speaking with those firefighters, the City had to respond with accurate information. She added that this is not how the City wanted to handle the process; however, they had no choice.

Council Member Moore asked City Manager Pope if due to the short reaction time, has some type of consideration for the affected firefighters been discussed. City Manager Pope explained that those are discussions the City is having with the law department.

Council Member Pearson asked for confirmation that the City is actively looking to secure other grants to cover these positions; and if there are layoffs, the City would bring those people back if a grant is received. Deputy City Manager Kellum stated that she cannot make those types of promises, stating

that the layoff process is out of the City's control. She mentioned areas that were affected by DOGE, including FEMA, and believes that no city would be able to absorb a 50% increase in staff, especially with the property tax issues that the state of Ohio is facing today.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR11-25. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark. During the Roll Call vote, Law Director Conard advised Council that abstaining from voting is improper under the Rules of Council, so unless they have a conflict of interest, members have to vote. Council Member Moore stated that according to Robert's Rules of Order she can abstain for a reason, or no reason at all. Law Director Conard disagreed.

The Motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Clark, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

Abstain: 3 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore and Council Member Pearson

OR12-25

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. OR19-24, THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Attachments: [OR12-25](#)

[OR12-25 Exhibit A](#)

Finance Director Peeples explained that reappropriations are done annually to balance the budget. One specific reappropriation transfers \$1 million from the general fund budget to the Fire and Rescue Department's budget to cover the cost of several firefighters due to the loss of a grant at the end of February.

Council Member Moore restated that the \$1 million reappropriation is to make up the money from February to date. Director Peeples agreed, and added that there are a few smaller reappropriations.

Clerk Landis called Seth Haley to the podium. Mr. Haley declined to comment on this ordinance.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Ordinance No. OR12-25. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

OR13-25

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2026 WAGE SCALES FOR CERTAIN FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME, NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attachments: [OR13-25](#)

[OR13-25 Exhibit A](#)

Assistant Finance Director Kilbarger stated that the 2026 wages reflect a 4% cost-of-living increase for non-union and part-time employees, which is consistent with the union contracts.

Clerk Landis stated there were no public comments and added that this ordinance is being presented as an emergency so that it goes into effect on January 1, 2026, which is less than the expiration of 30 days, as required.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR13-25. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

OR14-25

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON OLIVE ROAD, PARCEL ID NO. H33 00416 0047, TO THE TROTWOOD COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, AND DECLARING THE PROPERTY SURPLUS.

Attachments: [OR14-25](#)

[OR14-25 Exhibit A](#)

TCIC Executive Director Downing shared that this parcel of land will serve as an access road to the rail sites to better serve future businesses and companies, supporting continued growth of the Industrial Park.

Clerk Landis advised there were no public comments.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. OR14-25. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

[OR15-25](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 184 OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD CODES OF ORDINANCES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY: SECTIONS 184.03 "DEFINITIONS"; 184.053 "COLLECTION AT SOURCE; CASINO AND VLT AND SPORTS GAMING Winnings"; 184.091 "RETURN AND PAYMENT OF TAX"; 184.096 "REFUNDS"; 184.14 "CONFIDENTIALITY"; 184.19 "ACTIONS TO RECOVER; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS"; 184.26 "FILING OF ANNUAL RETURN; REMITTANCE; DISPOSITION OF FUNDS"; 184.30 "DECLARATION OF ESTIMATED TAXES"; 184.32 "ASSESSMENTS AGAINST TAXPAYER; AND 184.33 "REFUND APPLICATIONS."

Attachments: [OR15-25](#)

[OR15-25 Exhibit A](#)

Tax Supervisor Bowman shared that these changes to the tax code will bring the City current with changes made by the State.

Council Member Gales asked, in regards to casinos, if these laws apply to Ohio only. Tax Supervisor Bowman explained that these changes affect Ohio only; if you have winnings outside of Ohio those winnings are subject to tax where you live.

Council Member Moore commented that this is about compliance. Tax Supervisor Bowman agreed and explained these changes were part of the State budget bill passed earlier in the year.

Clerk Landis stated there are no public comments on this ordinance and reiterated that this ordinance is being adopted as an emergency so that it goes into effect on January 1, 2026, which is less than the expiration of 30 days, as required.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Ordinance No. OR15-25. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

XII. Close Public Hearings

Mayor Page requested a Motion to close the public hearings. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Moore, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

XIII. Resolutions**R25-75**

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, AS STATED IN SUBSECTION 5705.19(A), AS AMENDED, OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, WHICH LEVY SHALL BE 5.75 MILLS AND IS A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING LEVY OF 5.75 MILLS, TO RUN FOR FIVE (5) YEARS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Attachments: [R25-75](#)

City Manager Pope shared that this levy is for operations, and is a renewal of the existing 5.75 mill levy. He stated that there would be no new taxes with this renewal and the City hopes to put the question on the ballot in May 2026.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-75. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

R25-76

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE CITY OF TROTWOOD CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 9.64 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Attachments: [R25-76](#)

City Manager Pope shared that this policy establishes procedures to detect, respond to, mitigate, and recover from cybersecurity incidents that would impact the City. He added that this plan fulfills the incident response planning requirements outlined in Section 9.64 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-76. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

R25-77

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM UP THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2026, ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR, AND THE ISSUANCE OF, PERMITS ALLOWING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS IN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, OHIO.

Attachments: [R25-77](#)

City Manager Pope explained that the City would like to extend this moratorium through June 2026 because the State is still evaluating their processes relating to marijuana. He shared that staff is working with the Planning Commission to determine how the City should move forward.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-77. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Gales, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

R25-78

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUNICIPAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR THE AUTUMN LEAF DRIVE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (SFN 5765692).

Attachments: [R25-78](#)

Deputy City Manager Kellum shared that the Autumn Leaf bridge goes directly into Westbrook Village apartments. She stated that bridges are inspected annually and this bridge has normal deterioration; however, a vehicle hit the bridge necessitating the need to replace the bridge now. Deputy City Manager Kellum explained that the City applied for a grant through ODOT that requires a 20% local match, or approximately \$130,000. She reminded Council that ODOT grant projects occur over a period of time, to include completing certain studies and other steps so she expects the project to be completed around 2029. Deputy City Manager Kellum added that temporary safeguards that have been approved by ODOT and EPA are in place.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R25-78. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gales, Council Member Moore, Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Excused: 1 - Council Member Finley

XIV. Old and New Business

Clerk Landis made the following announcement:

This Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 p.m., the City is once again partnering with the library to bring you the Community Tree Lighting Ceremony. There will be music, arts and crafts, light refreshments, pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and more. Festivities will begin at the Trotwood Branch Library located at 855 East Main Street.

Mayor Page then asked Council Member Bettye Gales and all of Council to join her at the podium. Mayor Page announced that Council Member Gales has served on City Council for 16 years, and this is her last meeting. She presented Council Member Gales with a Key to the City and a small token of her appreciation.

Council Member Gales expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the community, and shared that serving has been one of the greatest honors of her life. She commented that over the years, Council has faced challenges, celebrated successes, and made important progress to the shared goal of improving the community she calls home, and she is proud of what has been accomplished together. Council Member Gales stated that serving alongside her fellow council members, the dedicated City staff, and engaged community members has been humbling and inspiring, and that she has learned so much about leadership, collaboration, and the power of community spirit. She assured the community that although she is stepping away from Council, her commitment to this community will be as strong as ever. Council Member Gales shared that she looks forward to continuing to serve in new ways and to support the next generation of leaders. She ended by thanking everyone for their trust, partnership, and friendship over the years.

XV. Adjourn

Mayor Page announced that with all minds clear, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.