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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:30 PM

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

City Council

*Mayor Yvette F. Page
Vice Mayor Tyna Brown, Ward 4
Council Member Robert L. Kelley, Jr., 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 6:30 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.

Present: 7 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Kelley Jr., Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Council Member Finley, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

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, Captain Michael Molchan, Fire Chief Rick Haacke, Planning and Development Director Tyler Hauck, Income Tax Supervisor Sue Bowman, Operations Supervisor Johnny McCluskey, HR Generalist Gwen Fou, Marketing Coordinator Charles Wheeler, and Assistant to City Manager Jamaica White.

VISITORS PRESENT: Hope Kelley, Rodney Brown, William Brown, Janet Foote, Steve Foote, Wanda Page, Gloria Cooper, Jerome Kelley, Ellen Kelley, Thomas Grady, JoAnne Orihood, Yoonmee Hampson, Karla Parrish, Glenn Parrish, Steve Derringer, Luis Riancho, Sandy Bench, Ernest Curry, Shane English, and Crystal Commadore.

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: 7 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Kelley Jr., Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Council Member Finley, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

VI. Elect Vice Mayor

Clerk Landis reviewed the process to elect a Vice Mayor, to include nominations and ballots to be read aloud by the Clerk.

Council Member Finley asked Mayor Page to have Clerk Landis read from the Charter, the role of the Vice Mayor.

Council Member Moore asked if there is a standard operating procedure regarding the appointment of the Vice Mayor. Law Director Conard explained that the standard procedure is by Motion and a vote from the dais, with paper ballots being used this year.

A. Open Nominations

Mayor Page requested a Motion to open nominations for Vice Mayor. A Motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Finley, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

Council Member Clark nominated Council Member Brown.

Council Member Finley nominated Council Member Moore.

B. Close Nominations

Hearing and seeing no other nominations, Mayor Page requested a Motion to close the nominations for Vice Mayor. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Kelley, Jr., and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

C. Vote

Clerk Landis collected the completed ballots and read the votes aloud:

Council Member Moore cast her vote for Council Member Moore.
Council Member Kelley cast his vote for Council Member Brown.
Council Member Clark cast her vote for Council Member Brown.
Mayor Page cast her vote for Council Member Brown.
Council Member Brown cast her vote for Council Member Brown.
Council Member Pearson cast his vote for Council Member Brown.
Council Member Finley cast her vote for Council Member Moore.

Clerk Landis asked Council Members for any corrections to what she read. Hearing none and seeing none, Clerk Landis announced there were two (2) votes for Council Member Moore and five (5) votes for Council Member Brown. Therefore, Council Member Brown received the majority vote of Council and will be appointed as the Vice Mayor.

D. Legislation

[R26-01](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A VICE-MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TROTWOOD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027.

Attachments: [R26-01](#)

Mayor Page requested a Motion to amend the pending resolution, R26-01, by adding the name Tyna Brown, and to approve Resolution No. R26-01 as amended. A Motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Finley, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

E. Oath of Office

Mayor Page administered the Oath of Office for Vice Mayor to Council Member Tyna Brown.

VII. Consent Agenda

Mayor Page asked for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Brown made a Motion, seconded by Council Member Kelley; however, during the roll call vote, Council Member Moore voted yes, but abstained from voting on Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09. Clerk Landis clarified with Council Member Moore if she was asking to amend the Consent Agenda by removing said resolutions; Council Member Moore confirmed that she wanted to remove Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09 from the Consent Agenda. Clerk Landis advised that removing items from the Consent Agenda should be done prior to the vote and stated her requested action would require a Motion to approve an amended Consent Agenda removing Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09, and placing them under the Resolutions section of the Agenda for further discussion. Mayor Page asked Council for unanimous consent to retract the initial motion, to which Council verbally agreed. Mayor Page then asked for said Motion. Council Member Moore made a Motion, seconded by Council Member Finley. Mayor Page reiterated that Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09 would be placed on the Agenda under Resolutions. Clerk Landis took a roll call vote and the Motion **CARRIED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Moore, Council Member Kelley Jr., Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson and Council Member Finley

Nay: 2 - Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Mayor Page expressed the need for a Motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Clerk Landis explained that the Motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda is the only Motion needed. Mayor Page stated that other Council Members may want items removed from the Consent Agenda and asked Law Director Conard for direction. Law Director Conard stated that a separate Motion was needed to approve the Consent Agenda. Clerk Landis reiterated that the Motion requested by Council Member Moore was to approve an amended Consent Agenda, removing Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09; Council Member Moore agreed.

Council Member Finley expressed that she wanted to remove Resolution Nos. R26-06, R26-07, R26-10, R26-11, R26-12, and R26-13. Clerk Landis explained that when you want to remove something from the Consent Agenda, that discussion should happen prior to voting; then suggested reviewing exactly which resolutions Council Members wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Page expressed her concern because Council was in the middle of voting when the issue was brought forward. Law Director Conard suggested going forward, best practice would be to ask for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to voting. He went on to say that for tonight, there has been a vote to remove Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09; however, there has not yet been a vote on the items that remain on the Consent Agenda. Clerk Landis reiterated that it was a motion to approve an amended Consent Agenda removing Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09; however, Law Director Conard is suggesting Council make one Motion to remove certain items and another Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

Council Member Finley made a Motion to remove Resolution Nos. R26-06, R26-07, R26-10, R26-11, R26-12, and R26-13. Council Member Moore seconded the Motion. A roll call vote was taken and the Motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Council Member Moore and Council Member Finley

Nay: 5 - Council Member Kelley Jr., Council Member Clark, Council Member Pearson, Vice Mayor Brown and Mayor Page

Law Director Conard advised Mayor Page to request a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, removing Resolution Nos. R26-08 and R26-09. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Finley, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[SR26-01](#)

Minutes from the December 1, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

Attachments: [2025-12-01 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

[SR26-02](#)

Minutes from the December 15, 2025 City Council Workshop Session.

Attachments: [2025-12-15 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

[SR26-03](#)

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

Attachments: [2025-12-17 Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

[R26-04](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GRANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OPWC, EDGE, CDBG, ODNR, AND OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCE GRANTS IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER VARIOUS PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD, STATE OF OHIO.

Attachments: [R26-04](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-05](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY-SPONSORED BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPRESSION CONTEST AND PROGRAM TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CASH PRIZES TO THE WINNERS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00).

Attachments: [R26-05](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-06](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CITY-SPONSORED TOUCH-A-TRUCK SPRING FLING EVENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00).

Attachments: [R26-06](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-07](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CITY-SPONSORED COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT, WHICH SERVES A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00).

Attachments: [R26-07](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-10](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CITY-SPONSORED ELECTRONIC WASTE WEEK AND SHRED DAY EVENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF COMBATting IDENTITY THEFT THROUGH THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF SENSITIVE ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED MATERIALS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

Attachments: [R26-10](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-11](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY-SPONSORED ANNUAL SMOKE, SIZZLE AND SOUNDS FESTIVAL TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$12,000.00).

Attachments: [R26-11](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-12](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY-SPONSORED ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT EVENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00).

Attachments: [R26-12](#)

This Resolution is approved.

[R26-13](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY-SPONSORED ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

Attachments: [R26-13](#)

This Resolution is approved.

VIII. 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 Clark, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

IX. Ordinances[OR01-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL REPEALING CURRENT SECTION 505.17 "BARNYARD ANIMALS" OF THE TROTWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 505.17 "BARNYARD ANIMALS" TO ALLOW FOR BARNYARD ANIMALS IN DISTRICTS ZONED AGRICULTURAL (A) WITHIN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD.

Attachments: [OR01-26](#)
 [OR01-26 Exhibit A](#)

Clerk Landis stated there were no public comments on this ordinance.

City Manager Pope advised that staff is proposing to update Section 505.17 "Barnyard Animals" of the Code to allow the keeping of barnyard animals in appropriate areas, such as the agricultural zoning district. He explained that this regulation has not been updated since 1987, prior to the merger, and under the current regulations, once farmland in former Madison Township is sold to a new owner, the property is not permitted to keep any type of barnyard animals typically associated with farming or agriculture. He summarized that this update would allow citizens in agriculturally zoned areas to keep barnyard animals.

Director Hauck reiterated City Manager Pope's comments.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Ordinance No. OR01-26. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[OR02-26](#)

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL 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 ACRE-TRACT OF LAND KNOWN AS 5376 STRAWBERRY COURT, PARCEL ID NO. H33 02202 0125.

Attachments: [OR02-26](#)
 [OR02-26 Director's Report](#)
 [OR02-26 Staff Report](#)

City Manager Pope shared that this is an application from the Derringer Family Farm to rezone 3.082 acres of an existing 93.02-acre tract of farmland. The subject property is currently zoned Light Industrial 1 and is located near Strawberry Court and State Route 49. The applicant is requesting the rezoning to change it to Residential Single-Family, Low Density and combine it with their existing home to the north. The applicant wishes to use the property for personal recreation reasons and to possibly restart the previously existing tree farm.

Director Hauck shared maps to show the location of the subject parcels of land. He went on to explain that although combining lots does not go through Council, the two parcels of land are in different zoning districts, creating split zoning. Therefore, rezoning the property before combining the parcels is necessary.

Council Member Pearson asked for the meaning of low density. Director Hauck explained that it is a zoning classification for single-family homes with a lot size requirement of around 20,000 square feet.

Mayor Page asked for clarification, restating that this change increases the residential area, and that both parcels have the same owner. Director Hauck confirmed her statements to be correct.

Clerk Landis advised there were no public comments.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Ordinance OR02-26. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

X. 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 Finley, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

XI. Resolutions[R26-02](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO PROCEED TO LEVY 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 DECLARING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL TAX LEVY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 5, 2026.

Attachments: [R26-02](#)
 [R26-02 Auditor's Certificate](#)

City Manager Pope shared that this legislation is to place on the May ballot, the renewal of the City's 5.75 mills operating levy. He reiterated that it is a renewal that generates approximately \$1.3 million in property taxes.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-02. A Motion was made by Council Member Kelley, Jr., seconded by Council Member Moore, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[R26-03](#)

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, ANY NEW ZONING PERMITS FOR GROUP HOMES IN THE CITY OF TROTWOOD.

Attachments: [R26-03](#)

City Manager Pope stated that staff is requesting a six-month extension of the group home moratorium. He explained that updates to the existing regulations have been drafted and are being reviewing with the Planning Commission, as well as other affected entities such as the police department, fire department, and school district. He added that the proposed extension allows staff additional time to ensure the draft regulations best reflect the City's intent prior to bringing the proposal before Council.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-03. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Kelley, Jr., and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[R26-14](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL FOR FINAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ALONG OLIVE ROAD AND ENHANCE THE INTERSECTION OF OLIVE ROAD AND STATE ROUTE 49, PROJECT ID NO. 117202.

Attachments: [R26-14](#)
 [R26-14 Exhibit A](#)
 [R26-14 Contract](#)

City Manager Pope stated that this legislation authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with the State to upgrade sidewalks on Olive Road and redesign the SR49 and Olive Road intersection. He went on to say that this project is expected to be advertised in early 2026, with construction beginning around the third quarter of 2026, if no delays occur. City Manager Pope shared that the project is expected to be completed in 2027 with a total estimated cost of \$1.2 million.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-14. A Motion was made by Vice Mayor Brown, seconded by Council Member Kelley, Jr., and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

[R26-08](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY-SPONSORED ANNUAL THREE-SHOW SUMMER CONCERT SERIES ENTITLED "MADISON PARK LIVE" TO SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00).

Attachments: [R26-08](#)

City Manager Pope reiterated the caption of the legislation, explaining that the \$50,000 covers fees associated with three performances, rental of portable restrooms, security, equipment rental, tents, permits, trash receptacles, and other necessary supplies.

Council Member Finley asked City Manager Pope what costs are incurred when performers are selected. City Manager Pope stated that the performers are paid a fee, which is included in the \$50,000. Council Member Finley asked when there are cancellations or changes in the contract, are those funds returned to the City. City Manager Pope shared that they are currently working on a refund from the last show in 2025 that was cancelled.

Council Member Moore reiterated questions about what happens when a scheduled concert is cancelled and commented there were two concerts cancelled in 2025. City Manager Pope stated that there is also a provision in the contract for rescheduling.

Marketing Coordinator Wheeler explained that the contract states the City will reschedule events cancelled due to acts of God. However, he went on to say that although the concert in July was cancelled due to weather, the City made the decision to cancel the concert for safety reasons; therefore, the City was not able to get a refund.

Council Member Moore then mentioned the second cancellation, to which Marketing Coordinator Wheeler stated that it was cancelled by the artist and the City is in the process of receiving a refund. City Manager Pope explained that in this instance, the artist and the promoter had a disagreement that had nothing to do with the City. He added that he spoke with both parties and rather than be in the middle of their disagreement, he made the decision to cancel the event. He then contacted the law department to have notices issued to the promoters.

Council Member Moore asked if there will be more detailed provisions for such instances in future contracts. City Manager Pope stated that staff is currently working with the law department so that the City has more control going forward.

Council Member Pearson asked if there is a time limit on rescheduling cancelled events. Marketing Coordinator Wheeler said that there is no such restriction currently in the contract, but that is something they may look at for this year.

Law Director Conard added that they are reevaluating the entire process in light of what has been learned over the last two seasons, to include using our

own contracts, not theirs.

Council Member Moore asked if each performance costs around \$17,000. Marketing Coordinator Wheeler agreed, and confirmed that the City is out the money for one of the cancellations.

City Manager Pope shared that staff is also looking at local talent. Council Member Moore added that maybe a variety of music could be offered.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-08, with the particulars to be handled by the City Manager and his staff. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

R26-09

A RESOLUTION BY THE TROTWOOD CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CITY-SPONSORED COMMUNITY MARKET, WHICH SERVES A VALID PUBLIC PURPOSE OF PROMOTING STRONG COMMUNITY RELATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

Attachments: [R26-09](#)

City Manager Pope shared that this legislation supports the City's Community Market, with the majority of the expenses being marketing materials.

Council Member Finley explained that she believes any time there is money involved, citizens should be advised as to how their money is being spent.

Council Member Moore concurs with Council Member Finley, and went on to say that she feels it is their fiduciary responsibility to explain how the money is being spent.

Mayor Page added that the caption states that the purpose of the legislation is to approve that it serves a public purpose, and includes the detailed expenditures. She went on say that the community market supports our local farmers, and expenditures totaling \$500.00 is a small amount when considering the purpose.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Resolution No. R26-09. A Motion was made by Council Member Moore, seconded by Council Member Kelley, Jr., and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

XII. Staff Reports

[SR26-04](#)

Trotwood City Council 2026 Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Attachments: [SR26-04 Attachment](#)

Clerk Landis explained that every year, Council Members are appointed to certain boards and commissions to serve on behalf of the Trotwood City Council, and Staff Report SR26-04 details those appointments for the calendar year 2026.

Mayor Page requested a Motion to approve Staff Report SR26-04. A Motion was made by Council Member Kelley, Jr., seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, and the Motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

XIII. Old and New Business

XIV. Comments

- A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** To comment on a topic not scheduled for a Public Hearing, please fill out a Speaker Form and return it to the Clerk of Council BEFORE the start of the meeting. When called upon, proceed to the microphone, state your name and address, and proceed with your comments. You will have three (3) minutes to speak.

Mr. Ernest Curry of 5420 Northford Road introduced himself as the President of Westbrook Homes Association, and explained that he is appearing before Council to share concerns about the City's enforcement of Section 351.14 of the Code, which is the parking of trucks and trailers. He stated that this ordinance requires that all trucks and trailers be removed from City streets, and he understands applying this to commercial trucks, and also commercial trailers. However now, no trailers of any kind are allowed to be parked on the street. Previously they were told non-commercial trailers had to be in your driveway. He went on to say that recently, notices have been posted advising that trailers have to be removed from driveways, as well as any part of the property that is not zoned for commercial purposes. He reiterated that these are trailers for personnel use, non-commercial trailers. Mr. Curry shared that he researched the matter and explained the difference between commercial and non-commercial trailers, and that although the state allows municipalities to have the authority to pass such ordinances, they normally make allowances for personal-use trailers to be parked on the side of homes or in the backyard, but they cannot be on grass. Mr. Curry is requesting that Council reconsider this ordinance and make accommodations for residents of the City who own trailers to be allowed to keep those trailers on their personal property. He went on to say that not allowing residents to keep their personal use trailers on their property is a burden to those residents as it requires rentable storage spaces, possibly creating a hardship for those who own trailers.

Mayor Page thanked Mr. Curry for coming forward and recognized his due diligence regarding this issue. She stated that Council will take his comments into consideration and get with Tyler Hauck and the City Manager for further discussion.

JoAnne Orihood of 14 Oak Street expressed her disappointment in the lack of holiday decorations and asked the City to think about doing more this year. She commented that in the past, residents have decorated certain public areas, and suggested maybe groups could be created within each Ward to participate in such activities.

- B. **Clerk of Council**

There were no announcements.

C. City Manager

City Manager Pope reminded the public that they are who drives public policy and the City carries out what it is that the public wants. He explained that in regards to parking, the public was complaining about trucks parked on the street in their neighborhoods and on the new roadways, which as we all know, the City is trying to get paved. He went on to say that the City responded to what the public said. He gave another example of people complaining about others leaving their trash cans out for 24 hours, so staff presented an ordinance creating a fine for those in violation; that was also in response to the public.

D. Council Members

Council Member Moore asked City Manager Pope if there has been any word on the behavioral health center site along the lines of the community-focused meetings hosted by the State as she has spoken with some people about those meetings.

City Manager Pope responded stating that an e-mail was sent to the State on December 30th asking when they would be holding these meetings, and also about receiving answers to the City's 34 questions. He shared that he received a response yesterday simply acknowledging the e-mail, but no further information or answers.

Council Member Moore shared that she is asking because the Harrison Township Trustees are talking about having tentative dates for community focus groups to answer questions about the project. Mayor Page asked Council Member Moore to share what information she has so that everyone knows the status. Council Member Moore said that the Harrison Township Trustees have tentative dates for community focus groups. Mayor Page asked if those meetings are for Trotwood. Council Member Moore responded that anyone can attend, but she would like to know from the City Manager about our dates; where's our follow-up/follow-through. She went on to say that she understands there is still opportunity for site visits, for elected officials and citizens. She then congratulated those returning to their seats and prevailing in their elections; she welcomed Council Member Kelley and congratulated Vice Mayor Brown.

Council Member Finley welcomed back Council Member Kelley and congratulated Council Member Clark, Council Member Brown, and Council Member Pearson, and she looks forward to working alongside them.

Council Member Kelley thanked everyone who helped him with his campaign, and shared that he came back to support the Trotwood community, for personal/spiritual reasons, and to support City Manager Pope and Mayor Page. He went on to express his frustration with things he saw at the polling sites. Council Member Kelley went on to say that a countless amount of voters were turned away from being able to vote because their polling location had changed, but they never received notice of a polling change from the Montgomery County Board of Elections. Council Member Kelly said that he shared his concerns with the Mayor and City Manager, then consulted with the NAACP, and went on to file a complaint with the Board of Elections. He explained that his biggest concern is with the upcoming mid-term elections, and although he doesn't know if this community was being targeted, he is concerned these may be efforts to suppress votes.

Council Member Clark congratulated all of her fellow Council Members who were elected during this cycle, then shared that she witnessed the same issues as Council Member Kelley did and is also frustrated. She stated that some voters were told their new polling location; however, many others were not and that is a problem. Council Member Clark thanked everyone who supported her during her campaign.

Council Member Pearson welcomed Council Member Kelley and said he is

looking forward to working together. He mentioned the mental health facility, and commented that talking about and around Trotwood, is not talking with Trotwood. He added that he agrees with JoAnne Orihood's comments and would like to see more holiday decorations.

Vice Mayor Brown congratulated all who prevailed and she is excited to be a part of the team; she also welcomed back Council Member Kelley. She thanked all of the citizens who voted for her and her colleagues who entrust her to be the vice mayor. Council Member Brown said that she is deeply honored to serve.

E. Mayor

Mayor Page acknowledged all of Council and shared that there are no other people she would rather work with. She suggested to surround yourself with people who are positive and that everyone on Council brings something to the table. Mayor Page stated that she is proud to serve with these individuals and she is proud to be the Mayor. She went on to say she is excited about 2026, then mentioned the mental health hospital. She explained that the City wants the mental health hospital as it is going to bring the City tax dollars; however, the math doesn't work with the numbers that have been provided. She shared that she is willing to listen and collaborate, but no one is going to just come to Trotwood and do what they want to do.

XV. Adjourn

Mayor Page adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.