

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL
130 North High Street – Council Chamber
Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm
7-17-2025

_____ **ORDER OF BUSINESS**
_____ **CALL TO ORDER**
_____ **ROLL CALL**
_____ **PRAYER**
_____ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
_____ **MINUTES** June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

MONTHLY REPORTS READ BY TITLE ONLY –June, 2025

- ☐ Income Tax
- ☐ Police Department
- ☐ Public Utilities (Includes Streets, Water/Sewer Maintenance)
- ☐ Treasurers (Includes Expense Report and Revenue Report)
- ☐ Water Meter Department
- ☐ Water Office (Water/Sewer Sales)
- ☐ Water Treatment Plant
- ☐ WW Treatment Plant
- ☐ Code Enforcement
- ☐ Auditor

PUBLIC REQUESTS

COMMUNICATIONS

- Economic Development Transfer Form (TREX) for ALDI
- Notice to Legislative Authority from Dept. of Commerce - Re:
Permit #03854085-3

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR

- Hillsboro Indians Softball Proclamation

**REPORT OF THE SAFETY & SERVICE DIRECTOR/HILLSBORO PLANNING
COMMISSION**

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE

Mary Stanforth, Chair

- Wage & Pay Scale review/recommendations for Elected Officials (annual review)
- Wage & Pay Scale review/recommendations for employees (annual review)

PARKS

Don Storer, Chair

CIVIL SERVICE-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Dan Baucher, Chair

- Personal / Vacation Handbook

STREET AND SAFETY

Adam Wilkin, Chair

- Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)
- 3 Hour Parking

UTILITIES

Greg Maurer, Chair

- Waste Collection
- Water Rates (annual review)
- Debra Tolle – Water bill appeal
- Meeting 7-15-2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ZONING & ANNEXATION

Jason Brown, Chair

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Kathryn Hapner, Chair

- National Fitness Campaign

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- VETO of ORDINANCE 2025-20

Reason(s) for Veto: Objections;

1. Council Member Kathryn Hapner participated in a vote on Ordinance 2025-20, which pertains to the salary of the Code Enforcement Officer. At the time of the vote, Council Member Hapner had an unresolved, open code enforcement violation against her property which is a direct conflict of interest.
2. At the time of the vote on Ordinance 2025-20, Auditor Barreras was actively awaiting a

written legal opinion, as recommended by the State Auditor's consultant, regarding specific aspects of the ordinance. This legal opinion had not yet been received at the time the ordinance was brought to a vote. Proceeding with a vote while a legal determination was still pending undermines due process and the integrity of legislative procedure.

Specifically, the section of the ordinance related to the legal opinion in question should have been tabled until the opinion was formally obtained and reviewed. Moving forward with a vote under these conditions was premature and potentially in violation of recommended oversight and best practices for municipal governance.

3. Upon review of the official record, the recommendation for modification referenced in support of Ordinance 2025-20 did not explicitly identify or refer to a specific title or position. The absence of such specificity raises concerns about the appropriateness and applicability of the recommendation to the salary adjustment in question. Without clear reference to the Code Enforcement Officer or any defined role, it is procedurally unsound to use this recommendation as justification for the legislative action taken. Legislative decisions, particularly those involving budgetary or personnel matters, must be supported by clearly documented and directly applicable recommendations or findings. In this case, the vague nature of the referenced recommendation fails to meet that standard.

- **PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS (THIRD READING)**

Ordinance 2025-17 An Ordinance vacating an unnamed alley between 406 Trenton Street and 408 Trenton Street

Ordinance 2025-18 An Ordinance vacating an unnamed alley between 85 Belfast Pike and 326 Bigelow Street

- **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

- **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance 25-13 A Resolution to adopt the proposed 2026 tax budget for the City of Hillsboro as set forth in the attached exhibits

Resolution 25-14 A Resolution authorizing and directing the mayor to enter into an updated joint partnership agreement with the Highland County Commissioners for program year 2025 Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) program to address local housing needs, repealing Resolution 25-08, and declaring an emergency

Resolution 25-15 A Resolution approving a 'then and now' certification by the city auditor, pursuant to R.C. 5705.41 (D)(1), for the payment of \$3,950.00, and declaring an emergency

Ordinance 2025-22 An Ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the City of Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio

Ordinance 2025-23 An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Hillsboro, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 and repealing Ordinance 2024-62

Ordinance 2025-24 An Ordinance making supplemental appropriations for the City of Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio

NEW BUSINESS:
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