

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2025

At 7:00 p.m. Council President Tom Eichinger called the Hillsboro City Council meeting to order. The following were present for the meeting: Safety and Service Director Brianne Abbott, City Auditor Dawson Barreras, City Law Director Randalyn Worley, Public Works Superintendent Shawn Adkins, and Clerk Lauren Walker.

ROLL CALL

Dan Baucher, Jason Brown, Kathryn Hapner, Mary Stanforth, Don Storer, Adam Wilkin, were all present. Greg Maurer was absent. Mr. Brown moved to excuse Mr. Maurer, seconded by Ms. Stanforth. Vote: Mr. Baucher-yes. Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Mr. Maurer is excused.

Mr. Eichinger led the Council in prayer and in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

There were no corrections to the May 15, 2025 regular council minutes. They were approved as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The May monthly reports were read by title only: Income Tax Bureau, Police Department, Public Utilities (includes street, water/sewer maintenance), Treasurers (Includes Expense Report and Revenue Report), Water Meter Department, Water Office (Water/Sewer Sales), Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Code Enforcement, and Auditor.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

COMMUNICATIONS

Debra Tolle – Water Bill Appeal

DISCUSSION: Mr. Eichinger stated it will be put into committee for review.
OVRDC communication

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MAYOR (Justin Harsha)

REPORT OF THE SAFETY & SERVICE DIRECTOR/HILLSBORO PLANNING COMMISSION

Brianne Abbott requested executive session for the purpose of ORC 121.22 (G)(2); To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest.

Randalyn Worley requested executive session for the purpose of ORC 121.11 (G)(1); To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or

complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.

Mr. Brown moved to enter into executive session, seconded by Ms. Hapner

Vote: Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes.

Executive session was entered into at 7:04pm.

Regular session was entered into at 7:57pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mary Stanforth, Chair)

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

No meeting. No questions, no comments.

PARKS COMMITTEE (Don Storer Chair)

No meeting. No questions, no comments

CIVIL SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Dan Baucher, Chair)

- Personal / Vacation Handbook

No meeting. No questions, no comments

STREET AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (Adam Wilkin, Chair)

- Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA)
- 3 Hour Parking
- ORD.2025-15 Manuals
 - Meeting scheduled for Monday May 19, 2025 at 2:30pm.

Chair Adam Wilkin read minutes. No questions, no comments.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE (Greg Maurer, Chair)

- Waste Collection
- Water Rates (annual review)

No meeting. No questions, no comments

ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE (Jason Brown, Chair)

COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (Kathryn Hapner, Chair)

- National Fitness Campaign
 - Meeting 3-24-2025 at 6:00pm
 - Meeting 4-7-2025 at 6:00pm
 - Meeting 4-15-2025 at 6:00pm
 - Meeting 5-21-2025 at 6:00pm

Ms. Hapner stated at her May 21, 2025 meeting there was a motion made by Mr. Brown and second by Mr. Baucher to proceed with an outdoor fitness facility, contingent upon receiving a grant from Senator Husted's office. Ms. Hapner indicated the grant award would be announced in October and the county commissioners have given their approval and are financially supportive of the project. Mr. Eichinger clarified that Ms. Hapner's project is an alternative approach to the National Fitness Campaign. Ms. Stanforth asked if there was a proposed location and Ms. Hapner responded that it is at Railroad Street Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Ordinance 2025-11 An Ordinance creating section 35.061 of the codified ordinances of the City of Hillsboro pertaining to income tax regulations

DISCUSSION: no questions, no comments.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-11, seconded by Mr. Wilkin. Vote: Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Ordinance 2025-11 is approved and adopted.

Ordinance 2025-14 An Ordinance amending section 155.999 of the codified ordinances of the City of Hillsboro pertaining to zoning violation penalties

DISCUSSION: no questions, no comments.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-14, seconded by Ms. Stanforth. Vote: Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Ordinance 2025-14 is approved and adopted.

Ordinance 2025-15 An Ordinance amending sections of the codified ordinances of the City of Hillsboro and adopting the City of Hillsboro Standard Drawings Manual and Design Criteria Manual

DISCUSSION: No comments, no questions.

MOTION: Mr. Wilkin moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-15, seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote: Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes. Ordinance 2025-15 is approved and adopted.

- **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

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

DISCUSSION: No questions, no comments. Ordinance 2025-17 will move to a third reading.

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

DISCUSSION: No questions, no comments. Ordinance 2025-18 will move to a third reading.

- **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 25-10 A resolution transferring real property to the Hillsboro Community Improvement Corporation

DISCUSSION: No additional discussion, no comments.

MOTION: Mr. Wilkin moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 25-10, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Baucher-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Resolution 25-10 three-reading rule is suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to approve and adopt Resolution 25-10, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Storer-yes. Resolution 25-10 is approved and adopted.

Resolution 25-11 A resolution authorizing the mayor to take necessary steps to acquire real property

DISCUSSION: No additional discussion, no comments.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 25-11, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Resolution 25-11 three-reading rule is suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Storer moved to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11, seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote: Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Resolution 25-11 is approved and adopted.

Resolution 25-12 A resolution authorizing the Safety and Service Director to enter into an easement agreement with Brian J. Mycroft and Christy L. Mycroft

DISCUSSION: No additional discussion, no comments.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Resolution 25-12, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes. Resolution 25-12 three-reading rule is suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to approve and adopt Resolution 25-12, seconded by Mr. Wilkin. Vote: Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Resolution 25-12 is approved and adopted.

Ordinance 2025-19 An ordinance amending section 36.018 of the codified ordinances of the City of Hillsboro and declaring an emergency

DISCUSSION: Mr. Barreras explained this legislation is being presented from previous discussions of council to add a board member to the Treasury Investment Board.

Discussions were had, but no legislation was ever presented. Mr. Barreras also explained his proposal to change the chair of the board from the treasurer to the auditor. Mr.

Barreras stated he is requesting emergency in order to begin on working on investments this month. Ms. Stanforth asked if the additional position has been hired yet and if he has participated. Mr. Barreras clarified it is an appointed position and no business has taken place with the new appointment. Mr. Brown questioned if the language was sufficient or if it should include requirements of schooling or certificates. Mr. Barreras explained that a certificate is required to investment people's money.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-19, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Baucher-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Ordinance 2025-19 three-reading rule

suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Storer moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-19 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote: Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Ordinance 2025-19 is approved and adopted as an emergency.

Ordinance 2025-20 An ordinance to adjust compensation for certain city employees and declaring an emergency

DISCUSSION: Ms. Stanforth stated she would like to make a motion to modify the pay scale from \$23-\$35 and amend it to say \$23-\$30, Kathryn Hapner seconded. Ms. Walker asked for what position. Randalyn Worley stated it's just a comment and then it will be proposed with her changes. Mr. Eichinger asked Ms. Stanforth if that was her recommendation. Ms. Stanforth confirmed that was her recommendation. Mr. Eichinger explained that when we get to the motion, her recommendation would be what is proposed as the modification, and then the document will be modified once action has been taken.

MOTION: Mr. Brown moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-20, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Ordinance 2025-20 three-reading rule is suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Wilkin moved to approve and adopt Ordinance 2025-20 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Storer-yes. Ordinance 2025-20 is approved and adopted as an emergency with the proposed modifications.

Ordinance 2025-21 An ordinance amending section 32.086 of the codified ordinances of the City of Hillsboro and declaring an emergency

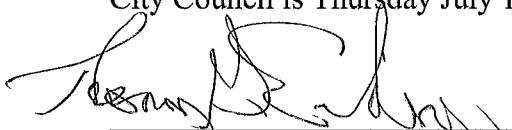
DISCUSSION: Ms. Abbott clarified that there is a request for suspension of the three-reading rule and passage as an emergency. No questions, no comments.

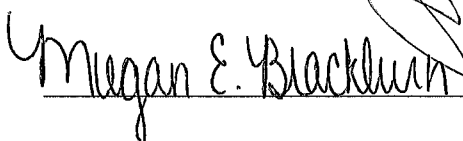
MOTION: Ms. Stanforth moved to suspend the three-reading rule for Ordinance 2025-21, seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote: Mr. Storer-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes, Mr. Wilkin-yes. Ordinance 2025-21 three-reading rule is suspended.

MOTION: Mr. Wilkin moved to approve and adopted Ordinance 2025-21 as an emergency, seconded by Mr. Storer. Vote: Mr. Wilkin-yes, Mr. Brown-yes, Ms. Stanforth-yes, Mr. Storer-yes, Ms. Hapner-yes, Mr. Baucher-yes. Ordinance 2025-21 is approved and adopted as an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURN: Council adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Hillsboro City Council is Thursday July 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 130 North High Street.


Tom Eichinger, President


Lauren Walker, Clerk