

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of City Council

Held May 22, 2025

Regular Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Teri Murphy	Mayor	Present
Donald Burchett	At-Large	Present
Ora Allen	At-Large	Absent
Mike Daugherty	Ward 1	Present
Dave Miller	Ward 2	Present
Shirley Whitt	Ward 3	Present
Jeanette Marcus	Ward 4	Present

Staff Present:

City Manager Michael Davis	Law Director Martina Dillon
Police Chief Craig Richardson	Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski
Deputy Finance Director Lora Perry	Street Superintendent Chris Dunn
Build. Maint. Superintendent Rocky Bangert	City Engineer Lauren Alvarado
City Planner Nick Sorice	Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor
Build. & Zoning Admin. Brent Carpenter	

Mrs. Whitt moved to excuse Ms. Allen's absence.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2025

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any changes or corrections to the May 8, 2025, Regular Council meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Special Presentations - None

Reports from the Following

Finance Committee

No report.

April 2025 Finance Director Report

Deputy Finance Director Lora Perry commented that the Finance Director's April 2025 monthly

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report is included in the packet.

Committee of the Whole

Ms. Marcus noted the last Committee of the Whole meeting was on May 8, 2025, and items from that meeting are on tonight's Regular Council meeting agenda. She reported there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting this evening following the Regular Council meeting.

City Manager

City Manager's Report - May 22, 2025

City Manager Michael Davis informed Council that in addition to the attached City Manager's Report, City staff is working to schedule the two gas aggregation public hearings for the two regularly scheduled Council meetings in June.

Law Director

No report.

Mayor

Mayor Murphy stated the City Council would like to recognize the following veterans whose names will appear on engraved bricks in the City's All-Veterans Memorial: Senior Airman Sean Warren Smiddy from the U.S. Air Force and Willie Clemons Jr. from the United States Navy, who served in WWII and the Korean War. She invited Mr. Smiddy and Mr. Clemons' son to join her for photos.

Mayor Murphy read the following statement: "On Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a day to honor our fallen heroes. We want to pause and thank each and every one of you for the service and sacrifices you have made to defend our freedoms. We are forever grateful for your choice to serve—we know this service comes at a cost—and although our recognition cannot fully explain the gratitude we hold for your sacrifices, we want you to know they will never be forgotten. Today and every day, we honor our fallen heroes, and we honor you."

Guest Speakers - None

Business

Ordinances

2184-25 An Ordinance approving the updated Official Zoning Map of the City of Moraine, Ohio, in accordance with Moraine Codified Ordinance Section 1131.02.

Mrs. Whitt reported that this Ordinance approves the updated City of Moraine Zoning Map which includes zoning districts that were changed in 2024. She noted that this is the second reading of the legislation. Mrs. Whitt moved to approve.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Shirley Whitt
AYES: Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

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2185-25 An Ordinance expressing the City of Moraine’s intent to negotiate jointly with other cities in the region on a one price schedule under which electric light services shall be furnished to the residents of the City for the purpose of street lighting.

Ms. Marcus said this Ordinance supports the City of Moraine to negotiate jointly with other cities in the region the street lighting contract with Miami Valley Lighting through MVCC. She stated this is the second reading of the legislation, and she moved to approve.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Jeanette Marcus
AYES: Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolutions

8154-25 A Resolution approving the merger plan of the Miami Valley Communications Council.

Mr. Daugherty stated that this merger effort allows for the long-term sustainability and operation of the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) which provides valuable collaborative services to Moraine, its seven other member jurisdictions as well as all affiliate members. He noted that under this effort, the COG, MVCC Board, GOV-TECH and the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit will continue to exist and will serve in an advisory capacity to the new MVTCG Board. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Mike Daugherty
AYES: Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

8155-25 A Resolution approving and adopting the City of Moraine Community Parks and Recreation Vision Plan.

Mr. Miller reported that the 2025 Community Parks and Recreation Vision Plan was presented to Council at the May 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting. He said this Resolution formally approves and adopts that plan. Mr. Miller moved to approve.

RESULT: Passed (*Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0*)
MOVER: Dave Miller
AYES: Teri Murphy, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus, Donald Burchett
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Persons Appearing Before Council - None

Any Other Business

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane thanked Council for approving the Parks and Recreation Vision Plan. He noted that during the presentation, he left Patty Bond's name out when he thanked the Steering Committee for assistance with the Plan. He acknowledged Mrs.

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Bond's contribution to both the committee and Board of Parks and Recreation. He reflected on conversations he has had over the years with Mr. Willie Clemons, and he said it has been a pleasure to get to know Clem who has been a long-time member of the Payne Recreation Center.

Building Maintenance Superintendent Rocky Bangert thanked Council for approving the van purchase. He thanked Police Dispatch for their patience with the building renovation and relocation to the basement.

No other departments in attendance had anything further to report.

Ms. Marcus requested that the Law Director review the record of the Planning Commission meeting of May 20, 2025, because she does not believe the meeting was appropriate. She said the commission was given information they were not supposed to have, and the commission based the meeting on that information and turned the meeting into an economic development meeting. She asked the Law Director to pay attention to the vote and to why the members stated they voted the way they did. She said it was not the commission members' place to vote in the manner they voted as it was off topic.

Mrs. Whitt congratulated the veterans and thanked Mr. Kevin Clemons for being present to represent his father. She said Memorial Day honors those who are gone, but we should all be thankful every day for those who still serve.

Mr. Burchett said he attended the May 21, 2025, MVCC board meeting where legislation was passed for the merger of MVECA and MVCC.

Mr. Daugherty reported that the drone presentation took place this past Saturday. He said Mr. Miller attended, and everyone had a good time and learned a few things about drones. He thanked Brian from Moraine Airpark for his participation.

Mr. Miller said on Monday, May 19, he spoke at the City of Vandalia Senior Citizen Club regarding Moraine history and historical markers. He noted he also passed out flyers for the 60th Anniversary Celebration. He thanked Sean Smiddy for his service. He said Sean is a very active member of his church and a good man. He said Mr. Shane spoke about Willie Clemons, who we call Clem. He thanked Kevin for attending the meeting for his father, Willie. He said Willie will be 98 years old on July 1, and he works out three to four days a week at the Payne Recreation Center. He thanked Craig, Rocky, and Mike for installing a solar light to illuminate the Wright Brothers 1914 Model G Aeroboat. He reminded everyone about the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Wax Park on May 31, 2025.

Mayor Murphy asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak before Council?

Mr. Tom Watts reported that he serves on the Planning Commission, and he believes his integrity was just questioned by Ms. Marcus. He said neither he nor anyone on the board was given any type of information prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Marcus said the information was given to the commission during the meeting. She replied that she did not question his integrity, she only stated the commission members were given information they were not supposed to have.

Mr. Watts stated the Planning Commission's job is to look at the greater good of the community. He said this Council just voted to approve a comprehensive plan for the future, and that is what the members base all of their votes on. He said Mr. Sorice was hesitant to tell the commission members what the meeting was about. He stated that property is for sale, and he does not care who buys it. He stated he does not like his integrity crossed or checked by anybody, and he does not believe he or any member on the voluntary board deserves that

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treatment. He told Ms. Marcus she is overstepping her abilities at her Council seat and to be very careful.

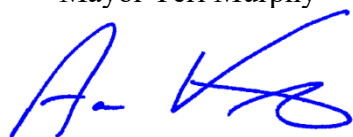
Mayor Murphy reminded everyone of the 60th Anniversary Celebration at Wax Park on May 31, 2025. She said volunteers are still needed. She thanked the major sponsors, Winsupply and Wilcon. She thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council for broadcasting this meeting live as well as any future rebroadcasts.

Executive Session

Adjournment



Mayor Teri Murphy



ATTEST: Public Information Officer, Aaron Vietor