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Minutes of City Council

Held June 26, 2025

Public Hearing - Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance

Open Public Hearing

Mayor Murphy opened the Public Hearing concerning Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance at 6:00 PM.

Law Director Martina Dillon administered an Oath to Mr. Phil Dysard of Palmer Energy.

Staff Report

Mr. Dysard stated that Palmer Energy is the independent energy consultant for Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC). He said Palmer Energy assists in running the electric aggregation program for MVCC. He noted this is the second public hearing for the natural gas aggregation program. He said the natural gas opt-out aggregation program is similar to the electric aggregation program. He reported that this program was passed on the ballot several years ago. He said the same communities are going out to bid except for two who still have to pass the natural gas aggregation ballot language. He reviewed the bid process. He stated that once an agreement is ready and executed, there is an opt-out period. Mr. Dysard noted that Palmer Energy is looking to start the program in October, and the opt-out letters would go out to residents in August. He said only customers of Centerpoint Energy are eligible, and those in the PIP Plan would not be eligible for the program. He said a customer who is currently enrolled with another supplier for gas would not be included in the initial opt-out. He explained how the opt-out process works. He said customers can leave or join the program at any time. He noted that with the gas rate it is more difficult to present a savings as the gas prices change frequently. He said the program fixed rate offers budget stability and acts as a cost ceiling.

Mayor Murphy asked what is the length of the contract?

City Manager Michael Davis said with the volatility in other countries, this program may get pushed back a month or two. He said two options were quoted, 20 month and 12 month, and he believes MVCC is looking at the 20 month option.

Mr. Dysard said Palmer Energy makes a recommendation to MVCC and then MVCC decides which option to choose.

Mayor Murphy said utility delivery costs are high and asked if there is any way to regulate those costs.

Mr. Dysard said those costs are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and Palmer Energy only handles what is actually used.

Mrs. Whitt asked if there is a limit how many times a person can opt in or out?

Mr. Palmer said there is no limit, but there is a lead time to change the contract. He said Palmer Energy assists the public with questions and enrollment. He confirmed for an audience member that small businesses are eligible for the aggregation program as well if the business is at or below 500 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

Mrs. Erica Watts asked if residents are paying the same as a small business, will the resident get reimbursed for their charges?

Mr. Palmer and Mr. Davis explained that every account is getting the same rate and consumers are being charged based on their own usage.

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Ms. Marcus asked if pooling business and residential accounts helps keep rates down?

Mr. Palmer replied that the higher usage makes the load look more attractive when put out to bid. He said a resolution from the City is necessary for the City to join the natural gas aggregation program.

Opponents/Proponents

No one spoke for or against natural gas aggregation.

Close Public Hearing - Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance

Mayor Murphy closed the public hearing concerning Natural Gas Aggregation Plans of Operation and Governance at 6:17 PM.

Regular Meeting Call to Order

Meeting called to order 6:18 PM.

Roll Call

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

Staff Attendance:

City Manager Michael Davis	Law Director Martina Dillon
Deputy Police Chief Jason Neubauer	Fire Chief Traci Kuzminski
Finance Director Annetta Williams	Street Superintendent Chris Dunn
Build. Maint. Superintendent Rocky Bangert	Build. & Zoning Admin. Brent Carpenter
City Planner Nick Sorice	Public Information Officer Aaron Vietor
Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane	Clerk of Council Karen Powell

Mrs. Whitt moved to excuse Mr. Burchett's absence.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2025

Mayor Murphy asked if there were any changes or corrections to the June 12, 2025, Regular

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Council meeting minutes.

Clerk of Council Karen Powell stated a correction is needed under Staff Attendance as she listed the Finance Director as being in attendance instead of Deputy Finance Director Lora Perry. Hearing no other corrections, the minutes were approved as submitted with one correction.

Special Presentations - None

Reports from the Following

Finance Committee

No report.

May Finance Director Report

No additional report.

Committee of the Whole

Ms. Marcus noted the last Committee of the Whole meeting was on June 12, 2025. She reported there would be a meeting this evening.

City Manager

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Mr. Davis said there is nothing further unless there are questions regarding the City Manager's Report.

Law Director

No report.

Mayor

Mayor's Court Monthly Report - April 2025

Mayor Murphy reported for the month of April 2025, Mayor’s Court received \$20,580.00. She noted after various expenses and disbursements, a total of \$16,034.00 was deposited into the General Fund.

Guest Speakers - None

Business

Ordinances

2177-25 An Ordinance amending Moraine Codified Ordinance Chapter 149 (“Merit System Commission”) to incorporate updated Merit System Commission Rules and Regulations therein.

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Ms. Allen said this is the second reading of the Ordinance. She noted that adoption of this legislation will codify changes made to the Merit System Commission Rule Book in October 2024, and will bring the MSC Rules current in the Moraine Codified Ordinances. Ms. Allen moved to approve.

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

2189-25 An Ordinance approving amendment to the Table of Organization and approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dayton Public Service Union Ohio Council 8, Local 101, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Ms. Marcus reported that this Ordinance allows for a change in the TO Chart, which require new hires to the Streets Division to possess a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) upon hire. She said this is the second reading and moved to approve.

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

2191-25 An Ordinance to amend Moraine Codified Ordinance Section 159.01 entitled “Competitive Bidding” .

Mr. Daugherty remarked that this legislation approves changes to the Moraine Codified Ordinances clarifying competitive bidding processes when two or more same bids are received. He said this is the first reading, and second reading and vote will take place at the July 10, 2025, Regular City Council meeting.

Resolutions

8162-25 A Resolution approving membership in the National League of Cities.

Mr. Daugherty said this legislation approves Council membership in the National League of Cities for 2025-2026 at a cost of \$1,314.00 in annual dues. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve.

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

8163-25 A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education of the West Carrollton City School District for the provision of a School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Miller reported that this Resolution allows the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the West Carrollton City Schools to provide continued SRO services for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Miller moved to approve.

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MOVER: Dave Miller
AYES: Teri Murphy, Ora Allen, Mike Daugherty, Dave Miller, Shirley Whitt, Jeanette Marcus
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

8164-25 A Resolution accepting the bid of and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Buck Pavement Restoration, LLC for the 2025 Crack Sealing Program for the total amount of \$69,600.00 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute needed change order(s), if any, in specified amount.

Mr. Daugherty stated this Resolution awards the 2025 Crack Sealing Program to Buck Pavement Restoration, LLC with the accepted bid amount of \$69,600.00 and approves a total of \$76,560.00. He moved to approve.

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

Voice Vote - None

Persons Appearing Before Council - None

Any Other Business

Parks and Recreation Director Brent Shane reminded all about the July 4, 2025, Star Spangled Boom at Wax Park. He noted the festival begins at 6:00 p.m., Stranger plays at 7:00 p.m., and there are 15 food trucks.

Deputy Police Chief Jason Neubauer congratulated Sgt. Andrew Dyer who is graduating from Police Executive Leadership College tomorrow. He noted the program is a three-month-long intensive leadership program, and he said the Fire Division is proud of Sgt. Dyer's accomplishment.

Mrs. Whitt said Council recognized Deputy Chief Neubauer at the last Regular City Council Meeting, and he was not in attendance. Council applauded Deputy Police Chief Neubauer for his accomplishments.

Ms. Marcus asked Deputy Chief Neubauer if the driver who hit the City sign on Lehigh Place and Ned Drive was caught.

Deputy Chief Neubauer said he would look into that for Ms. Marcus.

Mr. Shane reported the Shane Miller Disc Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Deer Meadow Park.

City Planner Nick Sorice shared with Council an update on the sign project and noted that 14 signs have been installed. He said the signs help bring a fresh look to the City, help with the branding, and help with the Comprehensive Plan as well. He invited Council to contact him with any questions.

Ms. Allen said the signs look great. She asked Mr. Sorice about the durability and lifespan of

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the signs.

Mr. Sorice said the City is hoping for a ten-year cycle. He said the wooden signs are probably from the 1990's. He said the aluminum signs will not rust and will hopefully last at least ten years. He said he and Mr. Shane will work on new wayfinding signs for the City.

City Manager – No report.

Law Director – No report.

Finance Director – No report.

Clerk of Council – No report.

Ms. Allen invited everyone out to the 4th of July celebration.

Ms. Marcus said she and Ms. Allen attended the First Suburbs Consortium meeting. She said a representative from the Montgomery County Engineering Division discussed roads and bridges. She said he gave out a very nice map, and if anyone would like to see the map it is available on the Montgomery County Engineering website.

Mrs. Whitt wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mr. Miller complimented Mr. Sorice regarding the sign project. He said he, Mr. Sorice, Aaron Vietor, and Kim Wallace are on a subcommittee to upgrade historical markers. He said hopefully they will have a recommendation soon. He said the signs will have QR codes so the public can read about Moraine's history.

Mr. Daugherty said he is excited about the installation of the new streetlights. He invited everyone out to the 4th of July celebration.

Mayor Murphy congratulated Sgt. Dyer on his training. She also invited everyone to the 4th of July celebration. She said the City of Moraine puts on a good fireworks show. Mayor Murphy thanked the Miami Valley Communications Council for broadcasting this meeting live as well as any future rebroadcasts.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment



Mayor Teri Murphy



ATTEST: Clerk of Council, Karen Powell