

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/19/2025

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. Council members present at Roll call: President Barry Keller, At Large Members Katie Logan-Hedges, Sheri Theis, and Tom Klitzka, First Ward Jeff Hallinin, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Audrey Lukasak , Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, and Clerks, Melissa Burns and Sarah Kolesar. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Law Director Kendra Kinney, Auditor Mark Bidwell, and Pumpkin Show President Marc Rogols.

President Keller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and invocation was given by all.

Theis motioned to approve City Council minutes from August 5, 2025. Hedges seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hedges stated she had a Finance meeting on July 29, 2025, and has one piece of legislation on tonight's Agenda. Hedges stated she also held a Finance meeting earlier this evening and will have more legislation at the next Council meeting.

Klitzka announced there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on September 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Theis announced she will have a Strategic Planning meeting on August 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Auditor Bidwell stated the Audit for 2024 is complete and a copy is available downstairs.

Law Director Kinney announced that she is unable to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting due to a conflicting meeting on September 2, 2025. She kindly requests that Council members submit any questions regarding the marijuana moratorium to her office in advance to ensure they are addressed promptly.

Mayor Blanton expressed gratitude to residents for their patience during recent road construction projects. The Mayor announced the successful grand opening of River Ridge, where citizens toured model homes. Additionally, Mayor Blanton reminded everyone that school is back in session and urged drivers to watch for children.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1) Circleville City Council will hold a Public Hearing Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers located in the City Hall Building, 127 S. Court Street, 2nd FL, Circleville, OH 43113. The Public Hearing will be to hear the following request: Zoning Amendment/Rezoning #2-25 as requested by Cole Thompson located at Parcel ID#: A05-2-055-00-011-00. The applicant is seeking to rezone 314 S. Pickaway St. from (DB) Downtown Business to (HSU) Historic Single Unit.

2) The Final Audit for 2024 has been completed and is available to the public in the lobby of City Hall.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Hedges motioned to add the communication on file for City Council. Hallinin seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) A RESOLUTION APPROVING ONE OR MORE CONSENTS TO ADD CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO THE CIRCLEVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY AS A NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 349 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: Hedges stated this Resolution is to add five properties to the NCA. The properties include TNT FL Realty, LLC, RaceTrac, Philly Petroleum LLC, SVKC LLC, and Alto Real Estate, LLC.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Hedges motioned to suspend the rules. Hallinin seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). Rules are Suspended.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Hedges motioned for adoption of the Resolution. Duvall seconded. Roll call. (7 Yeas- 0 Nays). The Resolution is passed and assigned #08.65.2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Theis reported that the Tree Commission has received more applicants than available board seats. Per Council Rule #24 §5, Theis noted that the Committee Chair will invite applicants to the next Council meeting for interviews, followed by an executive session and a vote. Theis added that all applicants will attend tomorrow's Strategic Planning meeting and proposed waiving the rule to expedite the process. Keller referred the matter to the Law Director, who advised that the most straightforward approach would be to either convene a Special Council meeting tomorrow or address the appointments at the next regular Council meeting.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE: Theis motioned to waive Council Rule #24 §5, and have the applicants interviewed and recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. Seconded by Klitzka (6 Yeas- 1 Nays).

2) Marc Rogols delivered a presentation on the Circleville Pumpkin Show Economic Impact Study, conducted by Ohio University. The Pumpkin Show draws visitors from all 50 states and various countries, ranking as the sixth largest festival in the United States. Mr. Rogols emphasized its significant economic contribution, adding over \$1.2 million to Pickaway County's local GDP. A full copy of the report is available upon request.

Hedges motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Hallinin seconded. Council adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.