

CIRCLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/17/2026

Circleville City Council convened in Council Chambers Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 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, Second Ward John Moats, Third Ward Jake Davison, Fourth Ward Tom Duvall, Clerks Melissa Burns and Sarah Kolesar. Invited guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton and Auditor Mark Bidwell. Absent Member: Jeff Hallinin.

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 the City Council minutes from March 3, 2026. Moats seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Hedges reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Council meeting. The committee reviewed three pieces of legislation, all of which will advance to the next Council meeting.

Theis announced that the Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Monday, April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Klitzka announced that the Judicial Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that Judicial meetings to discuss the marijuana moratorium will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, and Friday, April 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Duvall reported that he held a Service Committee meeting prior to Council and that two resolutions will be moving forward to the next Council meeting.

Keller announced that a Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to review and update the Council Rules and to discuss the monitor project. Keller also invited the public to the City of Circleville's Fun Day in the Park, scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Ted Lewis Park.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS: Mayor Blanton reported that her office conducted interviews this week for the CRA Housing Council and the Records Commission. She noted that there is currently one open seat on the CRA Housing Council, one on the Records Commission, and one on the Planning and Zoning Commission that her office will fill. Applications are available on the city website for anyone interested in serving. The Mayor announced she will be hosting her first community meeting on Thursday, at Rost Coffee at 9:00 a.m. She also extended congratulations to the Circleville City Schools athletes and band members for their outstanding seasons and accomplishments.

QUESTIONS OR ANSWERS TO ADMINISTRATION: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Shawna Hartsaugh, of 431 Imperial Court, Circleville, Ohio, spoke on behalf of Uptown Circleville. She announced that Uptown Circleville will host a Farmers Market on the 4th Thursday of each month from April through September, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Walter Kershner, of 601 Dunkle Road, Circleville, Ohio, addressed Council regarding a public records request he previously submitted for the Mayor's city-owned cell phone records. Mr. Kershner inquired about the process for determining what constitutes city business on a city phone. Council President Keller explained that all public records requests are processed through the Law Director's office.

Mr. Kershner expressed concerns about redactions made to the records he received and stated that he would be consulting with an attorney. President Keller responded that pursuing the matter through legal channels would be the appropriate step if he believes his rights have been violated.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING:

a) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPTOWN CIRCLEVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM TO USE CITY STREETS FOR THEIR ANNUAL 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT FOR 2026.

Discussion: Duvall stated that this will be the fourth year for this fundraising event hosted by Uptown Circleville. Shawna Hartsaugh added that the tournament has historically drawn approximately 90 teams and remains Uptown Circleville's largest annual fundraiser.

MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:

Duvall motioned to suspend the rules. Theis seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas-0 Nays). Rules are suspended.

MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE:

Theis motioned to adopt this Resolution. Hedges seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nays). The Resolution is adopted and is assigned #03.15.2026.

New Business:

Moats motioned to excuse Jeff Hallinin from the Council meeting. Klitzka seconded. Motion carried.

a) Executive Session

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(g)(2). This session would include all Council members including the president, Auditor, Mayor, Safety Director, Service Director, and Judge Peters.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Hedges Motioned to go into executive session for the two purposes listed above. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay). Council is adjourned into Executive Session.

MOTION-ROLL CALL -VOTE:

Hedges Motioned to adjourn executive session. Klitzka seconded. Roll call. (6 Yeas- 0 Nay).

Moats motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Duvall seconded. Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.