

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held August 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barnhart at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call followed.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Lauren Williams, Mike Boyle, and Rick Dobson. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines, Interim Police Chief David Wessling, City Engineer John Vance, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, and Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Oath of Office for Firefighter Paramedics

The meeting proceeded with the oath of office ceremony for three full-time firefighter paramedics. Chief Barnett introduced the new full-time firefighters: Tristan Burns, Brendan Kirts, and Danny Morgan. These individuals were transitioning from part-time to career firefighters, demonstrating their commitment to serving the community. All three new firefighters are currently enrolled in paramedic school and are expected to complete their training by the end of December.

Council members expressed their congratulations and appreciation to the new firefighters.

Mrs. Fryman thanked them for choosing to stay with the city as full-time employees, emphasizing the importance of a rewarding career and a supportive community.

Mr. Tilton highlighted the wealth of knowledge available within the department and encouraged them to continue learning.

Mrs. Tomlin wished them well, encouraged them to consider moving to West Carrollton, and thanked their families for their support.

Mrs. Williams congratulated them on their full-time positions and thanked them for serving the City of West Carrollton.

Mr. Boyle welcomed them to the team. He encouraged them to utilize their department's wealth of knowledge. He let them know that City Council is also an open book if they ever need anything. He thanked them for stepping up into their full-time positions.

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Mr. Dobson congratulated them and thanked them for serving the community.

Mrs. Holloway congratulated them and welcomed them to the team as career firefighters. She expressed how proud the city is of them for going to paramedic school while working full-time. She said she is excited to see their careers grow here in West Carrollton.

Mayor Barnhart congratulated them, acknowledging they have a great team among the other firefighters and within their families, and assured them they will have all the support they need.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 35-2025 – A Resolution Amending Resolution 16-2007 Establishing A Public Records Policy In Compliance With The Ohio Sunshine Laws

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 35-2025. She explained that this resolution amends resolution 16-2007 to reflect changes in the Ohio Revised Code and align with the Ohio Attorney General's model. The amendment also establishes the ability to charge a fee for processing video records that require retrieval, downloading, review, and/or redaction.

Mayor Barnhart asked Council if there were questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to approve Resolution 35-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Resolution 36-2025 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into The Western Lakes Development Agreement

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 36-2025. Mrs. Holloway stated that the Western Lakes Master Plan, adopted in September 2024, established the Western Lakes Recreational District. This district covers approximately 575 acres west of the Great Miami River, with Barrett

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Paving as the primary owner. The resolution authorizes entering a public-private partnership with Barrett Paving Materials, Inc. to enhance economic, civic, and recreational opportunities.

Mayor Barnhart asked Council if there were questions or comments. There were none.

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman, to approve Resolution 36-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

Ms. Holloway announced a new school speed limit around the new grades 2 through 4 school on Central Avenue. The speed limit will be 20 miles per hour during posted times: Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM and 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Signs will be out a week before school starts to allow drivers to adjust.

Mr. Vance announced the addition of properties along Alex Road to the 2026 curb and sidewalk program. This is in preparation for the eventual paving of Alex Road from the south corporate line to Elm Street. Four properties are already included in this year's program, eight are being added within West Carrollton, and nine parcels in Miamisburg are also being coordinated. Advance notice letters will go out this month, with field markings in September, and a resolution of necessity in February 2025. Property owners will have from March to May 2025 to make repairs themselves. Remaining work will be bid out in spring 2026, with completion by August 31, 2026. Assessment ordinances and invoices will follow in October and November 2026, with payment due within 60 days or sent to Montgomery County by August 2027.

Ms. Concepcion provided updates on upcoming events and community resources. Residents can find information on the city's website, Facebook pages (Parks and Rec, City Page), Instagram, and YouTube.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None.

Comments by Council

Mr. Tilton emphasized caution around the three schools located within a city block, especially with younger children.

Mrs. Tomlin wished all students a happy and exciting school year.

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Mrs. Williams invited the public to the ribbon-cutting and tour of the new school on Tuesday at 4:30 PM.

Mr. Boyle welcomed our new firefighters and hoped they would have a long, safe career with West Carrollton.

Mr. Dobson announced the Pirate Island Fest on September 13, a primary fundraiser for the Athletic Boosters Club. He also raised a question regarding the council's decision on the South Alex Road open house, which occurred nearly nine weeks prior. He asked when the Council would vote on the S. Alex Road options.

Mayor Barnhart noted the successful First Thursday event and the overall good year for events. He expressed pleasure at the "new young blood" joining the city's team, referring to the new firefighters.

RECESS

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin, to recess to a Work Session to discuss the items on the agenda. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Fryman, to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1): To consider the employment of a public employee or official, and Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3): conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action; to return to the regular meeting for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Mike Boyle, Lauren Williams, and Rick Dobson. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Interim Police Chief David Wessling, Director Norton, & Director Gaines.

Supplemental Appropriation

Ms. Holloway presented the supplemental appropriation and walked Council through a memorandum from Finance Director Duffy.

Council asked general questions about BWC premiums. There was also discussion about the appropriation of funds for the sanitary sewer lift station, including the commitment by our developers to bring amenities, including townhomes, to the River District.

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Mr. Dobson expressed concern over a statement suggesting that failing to proceed with the lift station would preclude additional building in either phase one or phase two. Ms. Holloway responded that it didn't preclude all building, however, a high water user like a hotel may not be possible without the upgrade. She emphasized that the sanitary sewer lift station programmed into Ph. II of the River District needed to be done regardless, and that it was her ultimate hope that we did not spend the money this year, because that would mean we received the grant/loan that we were applying for through OPWC. Mr. Tilton asked for more information about the current capacity of the lift station. Mr. Boyle suggested that an agreement or assurance from Woodard that they would move forward was necessary. Council concurred that staff could keep this request in the proposed supplemental for official consideration at the next meeting.

Flood Protection Code Amendments

Ms. Holloway walked Council through a city-initiated text amendment to the Flood Protection Code that would allow the City to remain a Class 7 community per FEMA standards. She stated that this was critical for residents to keep a 15% discount on flood insurance. She noted that the amendment would not change how we were practicing, but was important to FEMA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Mike Boyle, Lauren Williams, and Rick Dobson. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Interim Police Chief David Wessling, and Law Director Lori Denlinger.

EXCUSED: None

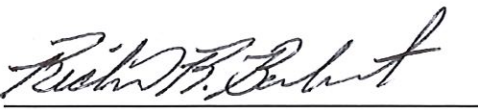
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of August 12, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.


Clerk of Council
Assistant


Mayor