

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held September 9, 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 Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, and Lauren Williams. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines, Service Director Rich Norton, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Police Chief David Wessling, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Angie Fryman and Mike Boyle

MINUTES

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 26, 2025. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Swearing in of West Carrollton Police Chief David J. Wessling

City Manager Holloway highlighted the career path of Chief Wessling.

Mayor Barnhart administered the Oath of Office. His badge was pinned by his wife.

Chief Wessling thanked Council, City Staff, members of law enforcement, members of the community, and his family and friends for their support throughout the years. He also thanked Council for this opportunity.

Mayor Barnhart, Councilmembers, and City Staff congratulated Chief Wessling.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 3813 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 156 Flood Damage Prevention Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of West Carrollton And Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3813. She requested this ordinance be tabled because the proposed amendments are under review with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Ms. Holloway stated that she anticipates bringing this ordinance back to Council for their consideration at their next meeting.

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to table Ordinance 3813. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

City Manager Holloway reminded residents of the final concert in the 2025 Summer Concert Series. This event will feature a Prince Tribute Band, the Purple Experience, on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 1 South Elm Street. There will be a pyrotechnics show at the end of the event. Ms. Holloway also thanked the West Carrollton pool staff, including Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly and Pool Manager Dan Polston, for their hard work and dedication. The city welcomed over 39,000 visitors to the pool this year. Ms. Holloway also advised the City of West Carrollton is partnered with 17 other local communities through the Miami Valley Communications Council on natural gas aggregation. Eligible residents and business owners are now receiving and opt-out letter from Archer Energy which details the program. It offers the opportunity to exclude yourself from the program, but if residents are interested in being a part of the program then they do not have to do anything. Ms. Holloway stated information regarding electric and gas aggregation can be found on the home page of the city's website. Finally, Ms. Holloway congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Bret Cottongim on obtaining his paramedic certification.

Law Director Denlinger welcomed Mrs. Moore back from medical leave. She also congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Bret Cottongim.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

Comments by Council

Mr. Dobson reminded everyone of the Pirate Island Fest that will be held at 1 South Elm Street from noon until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025. This is a fund-raising event for the West Carrollton Schools Athletic Boosters. There will be activities for children for a \$10

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contribution, and a Monte Carlo event in the evening for adults for a \$15.00 contribution. Mr. Dobson also congratulated Chief Wessling on his promotion.

Mr. Tilton encouraged residents to compare their electric and gas rates from their bills with the aggregation information. He stated the program has saved him a lot of money.

Mrs. Tomlin congratulated Firefighter/Paramedic Bret Cottongim on obtaining his paramedic certification. She also clarified the location of the Pirate Island Fest. Finally, Mrs. Tomlin congratulated Chief Wessling on his promotion.

RECESS

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin, to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to 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: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, and Lauren Williams. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Service Director Rich Norton, and Planning & Community Development Director Greg Gaines.

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Water Service Line Inventory Update

Service Director Norton provided Council with an update on the Water Service Line Inventory process, which the U.S. EPA mandated. He explained that residents would receive a bill insert in the following week, asking for their help in identifying their service lines. He gave an overview of the process and discussed how water meters play into the identification of lines. He noted that this would be a multi-year process.

Supplemental Appropriation

Ms. Holloway described the need for a supplemental appropriation to transfer funds into the new Whitewater Park Fund (419) and account for a donation from Domtar. Finance Director Duffy described the supplemental in detail. There was general discussion between staff and Council about the funds and the movement of money from one fund to another.

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Comprehensive Plan / Strategic Plan

Ms. Holloway explained that the City had included funds for a Comprehensive Plan in the 2025 budget, noting that she had heard feedback from a couple of Council members with a desire to move forward. She then described the difference between comprehensive planning and strategic planning. She added that the City was due for a Comprehensive Plan from a timing perspective; however, she expressed that with the prior updates and ongoing projects, it might not be the right time.

There was a general discussion among the Council regarding investment in the Downtown area, vision, incentives, and the types of uses we would be trying to attract.

It was decided that Staff should not proceed with a comprehensive plan this year or next, and rather take a look at the Zoning Code to identify any areas for improvements that could help attract businesses downtown.

Former Mayor Maxine Gilman

Ms. Holloway advised that she had received a request from a community member and the daughter of former Mayor Gilman to honor her in some way for her years of service.

Council discussed this matter, including sharing possible ideas and past practices. Mayor Barnhart asked Ms. Holloway to contact Ms. Gilman for more information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, and Lauren Williams. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt.

EXCUSED: Councilmembers Angie Fryman and Mike Boyle

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to 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, and then returned to the regular meeting for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

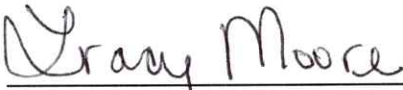
When Council returned for adjournment, Councilman Dobson asked for a status update on the Yellow Rose. Ms. Holloway responded with what she knew, but explained that she would have to follow up with more information. Discussion ensued.

With no further business, Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of September 9, 2025. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor