

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held October 14,

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 Lauren Williams, Mike Boyle, Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Angie Fryman, and Jill Tomlin. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, Service Director Rich Norton, Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly, Police Chief David Wessling, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

**MINUTES**

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 23, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the special meeting minutes of September 30, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the special meeting minutes of October 7, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None

**COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE**

Charles Rankey, resident of 1104 Sherwood Forest Drive, addressed Council to share several concerns regarding the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk project. He also shared his concern regarding the curb repair being assessed to the homeowner. Finally, he shared concerns regarding the condition of the roadway on Central Avenue.

David Stephenson, resident of 130 Trumpet Drive, addressed Council to share several concerns regarding the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk project. He also expressed concern over the tax rates of the City and County.

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Leonard Johnson, resident of 7 Mansion House Court, addressed Council to share concerns regarding the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk project for his home and his neighbor's home.

Jennifer Maisch, resident of 131 Trumpet Drive, addressed Council to share a neighbor complaint regarding trash cans being left at the curb. She also shared concern about the enforcement of tree trimming and property maintenance within the city.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to take Resolution 37-2025 from the table. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 37-2025.

**Resolution 37-2025** – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into The Legal Services Agreement Related To The AFFF Product Liability Litigation

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 37-2025. She stated this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into a legal services agreement related to the AFFF product liability litigation. She further explained the resolution is for the purpose of securing legal services to allow the City to begin an initial investigation into potential claims and/or participation in pending settlements related to recovery of costs for damages to the public drinking water and/or wastewater systems caused by defendants who manufactured, marketed, distributed and/or sold aqueous film forming foam.

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 37-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 38-2025.

**Resolution 38-2025** – A Resolution Acknowledging The Appreciation Of The Citizens And Public Officials Of The City Of West Carrollton For Services Rendered Unto Said City By Mark Turner.

Mayor Barnhart read the resolution into the record.

Parks & Recreation Director Mattingly shared highlights of Mr. Turner's career with the City.

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Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Resolution 38-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart presented Mr. Turner with a signed copy of the resolution.

Mr. Turner shared a few words regarding his career with the City.

Mayor Barnhart, Councilmembers, and City Staff congratulated Mr. Turner and wished him well in retirement.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 39-2025.

Resolution 39-2025 – A Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 39-2025. She explained this resolution accepts the 2025/2026 property tax rates for inside the charter and voted millage for the City of West Carrollton. She further explained this resolution will authorize the County Auditor to both levy and collect property tax millage on behalf of the city. Ms. Holloway stated this resolution is reviewed annually per state law.

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Resolution 39-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 40-2025.

Resolution 40-2025 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Apply For Surface Transportation Resurfacing Program (STP) Funding Via The Federal Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds Through The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission For Roadway Resurfacing Along East Central Avenue.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 40-2025. She stated this resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for Surface Transportation Program grant funds that are administered by Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for the Central Avenue resurfacing project. She further explained this project aims to resurface Central Avenue between Elm Street and Alex Road. Ms. Holloway stated this project has an estimated cost of \$542,238 with our estimated local share being \$167,227. She stated if we are awarded funding this project would take place in the State FY 2030.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 40-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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**REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

City Manager Holloway advised residents that City Council voted to place proposed charter amendments to the City Charter on the ballot at the November 4<sup>th</sup> general election. She stated a Charter Review Commission, appointed by City Council, met earlier in the year and recommended several updates. Information regarding the proposed amendments can be found on the City's website.

**UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS**

**Comments by the Audience**

Charles Rankey, resident of 1104 Sherwood Forest Drive, addressed Council to request that they drive through the area of where the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk project took place.

**Comments by Council**

Mr. Boyle addressed some of the concerns regarding the Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk program.

Mr. Boyle and Mr. Dobson encouraged residents to stay through the end of the meetings so Council has an opportunity to address their comments.

Mr. Dobson stated he did look at the area where the Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk program took place. He further stated he forwarded pictures to the City Manager. Mr. Dobson stated he trusts the City will immediately address the issue.

Mr. Tilton, Mrs. Fryman, Mrs. Tomlin, and Mayor Barnhart thanked residents for attending the Council meeting and sharing their concerns.

Mr. Tilton stated that all of City Council's information is published. He encouraged residents to reach out to them.

Mrs. Fryman addressed the property maintenance comment. She also inquired about the guards that were supposed to be installed as part of the Alex-Bell underpass project.

Mrs. Tomlin congratulated Mr. Turner.

Mayor Barnhart advised residents that City Staff will look into the complaints of the Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk program. He also explained that the State of Ohio has a process for how the City hires contractors. Mayor Barnhart assured residents that the City has not signed off on the project.

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

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Lauren Williams, Mike Boyle, Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, Angie Fryman, and Jill Tomlin. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Lori Denlinger, and Finance Director Julie Duffy.

*Howell Rescue / Crash Course Village*

Ms. Holloway introduced this item stating that representatives from Howell Rescue/Crash Course Village, who have been interested in the property at 4000 Hydraulic Road were here to talk more about their operation. She stated that the City had been in discussions with the company for several months, and it appeared there was synergy between what the City hoped to achieve at the site and what their organization hoped to. She introduced Adam Murka, rep for the organization, to continue the discussion.

Mr. Murka shared more about the potential project and the organization. He indicated that the site was attractive for training of first responders, including the opportunity to use the river for swift water rescue at a point in the future. Ms. Holloway stated that if Council was interesting in pursuing this opportunity further, Staff would submit a joint PDAC application to advance this discussion, noting that Council would not be tied to any decision on the site yet.

There was general discussion amongst Council about the use, the opportunity to bring many first responders to train in the City, and the site in question. Council expressed favor with submitting the PDAC application.

*Owl Creek Maintenance*

Ms. Holloway opened discussion on Owl Creek Maintenance, which had been an ongoing concern for several years. She explained the history of the maintenance of the creek and presented a few options on how to proceed moving forward. After substantial discussion, Council's direction was to contract the mowing of the north bank which is in the public right-way out to a third party, perhaps MCD, and hold a meeting with the property owners whose property abuts creek to discuss their responsibility to maintain the south bank.

*2026 Property Tax Advance*

Ms. Holloway explained that Council annually reviews legislation to request the advance payment of property taxes from the County. She noted that this Resolution would appear on Council's next agenda.

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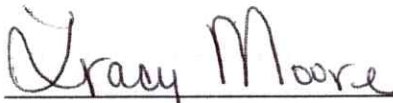
*2026 Budget Follow-up*

City Manager Holloway noted that the Council Budget Work Session was held on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. She presented several questions that she had received since the meeting for discussion amongst the group. She advised Council that the 2026 Budget would appear on the next meeting agenda as an Ordinance in its first reading.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of October 14, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Mayor