

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held January 13, 2026

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, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Lauren Williams, and Mike Boyle. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Joshua Lounsbury, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Police Chief David Wessling, Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

OATH OF OFFICE & APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Barnhart administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Mike Boyle, Rick Dobson, Keith Tilton, and Lauren Williams.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mayor Barnhart to appoint Councilmember Jill Tomlin as the Deputy Mayor for 2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-abstain, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 9, 2025. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Oath of Office & Badge Pinning for Police Sergeant Eion Hogston

Chief Wessling gave a brief background on Sergeant Hogston's career with the Police Department.

Mayor Barnhart administered the Oath of Office. Sergeant Hogston's wife and son pinned his badge.

Mayor Barnhart, Councilmembers, and City Staff congratulated Sergeant Hogston on his promotion.

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COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 1-2026.

Resolution 1-2026 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Waive The Formal Bidding Process, To Purchase Proprietary Equipment For The Replacement Of The Water Softening Plant Membranes, And To Expend A Sum In Excess Of \$79,568 Therefore.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 1-2026. She explained this resolution would authorize her to waive formal bidding and purchase water softening membranes from Harrington Industrial Plastics, LLC. at a cost of \$116,000.

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 1-2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Appointment of Council Representatives to Various Boards and Commissions for 2026, Including Tracy Moore as the Public Records Training Designee, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 109.43(b).

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the appointment of Council Representatives to the Various Boards & Commissions for 2026, including Tracy Moore as the Public Records Training Designee, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 109.43(b). A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Re-appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the re-appointment of Cameron Goschinski to the City Beautiful Commission for a 2-year term, Lori Read to the Personnel Appeals Board for a 3-year term, Dominick Rinaldi to the Planning Commission for a 5-year term, and Will Clark and Daniel Bir to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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REPORTS BY OFFICERS

City Manager Holloway congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, Tilton and Williams.

Law Director Lounsbury stated it is a pleasure to be the new Law Director for the City of West Carrollton, and he looks forward to working with everyone.

Communications Manager Yvonne Concepcion gave updates on the following events:

Neurographic Water Color Experience: This guided painting class will be held in two separate sessions at the West Carrollton Senior Center on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Dog License Sales: The Montgomery County Animal Resource Center will be in the Civic Center lobby for dog license sales on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: City offices are open.

City Blood Drive: This event will be held in the Civic Center Lobby from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Sweet Creations Valentine Cookie Decorating: This event will be held at the Senior Center from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

Comments by Council

Mrs. Fryman congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, Tilton and Williams.

Mr. Tilton congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, and Williams. He also welcomed Law Director Lounsbury. Finally, Mr. Tilton encouraged residents to reach out to Council with their ideas.

Mrs. Tomlin congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, Tilton and Williams. She also thanked Mrs. Fryman for nominating her to be the Deputy Mayor for 2026.

Mrs. Williams congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, and Tilton. She also wished a Happy New Year.

Mr. Boyle congratulated Councilmembers Dobson, Tilton, and Williams. He also welcomed Law Director Lounsbury. Mr. Boyle congratulated Mrs. Tomlin on her Deputy Mayor appointment. Finally, Mr. Boyle expressed his passion for mental health awareness, and shared some ideas about partnering with local businesses to create events for residents and city employees.

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Mayor Barnhart wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also congratulated Councilmembers Boyle, Dobson, Tilton, and Williams.

RECESS

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to recess to an Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8): To consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Tilton to remain 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; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(4): Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, to return to the regular meeting for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

WORK SESSION

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Lauren Williams, and Mike Boyle. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Joshua Lounsbury, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Police Chief David Wessling, Parks & Recreation Director Christian Mattingly, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, and Fire Captain Josh Whitehead.

Fire Engine Purchase

Chief Barnett introduced the discussion on replacing a 30-year-old fire engine, noting that the City had budgeted funds for this replacement in 2026. He explained that the vehicle was still in relatively good shape, but was considered beyond its useful life per NFPA standards, and that it lacked important safety features. Captain Whitehead explained the timeline for receiving the vehicle and the process the team used to determine which vehicle would best suit the department.

Council thanked Chief Barnett and Captain Whitehead for their thorough evaluation. Ms. Holloway stated that this would be on the next agenda as a Resolution.

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Cyber Security Plan

Director Mattingly discussed House Bill 96 and the new cybersecurity mandates for municipalities. He advised that staff, working in tandem with our IT vendor, had developed a Cybersecurity Program/Plan aligned with the new requirements of the State of Ohio. Ms. Holloway advised Council of the compliance date, noting that things were slightly behind schedule, and added that this would come back for consideration as a Resolution at the next City Council meeting.

Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Ms. Holloway stated that Councilmembers Tilton and Tomlin had conducted interviews of candidates for the Planning Commission and the Recreation Board. Ms. Tomlin stated that the interviews went very well and advised that they were recommending proceeding with the appointment of Max Strange to the Planning Commission and Mathew McKelvy to the Recreation Board. They asked that Staff keep the other applicant on file for any future openings.

Ms. Holloway advised that Staff had advertised for the NCA Board openings per Council's direction and received 6 applicants. She asked how Council would like to proceed. It was decided that Councilmembers Tilton and Tomlin would conduct these interviews.

Agreement with JT Development Consulting, LLC

Ms. Holloway stated that she intended to continue the City's contract with Joe Tuss of JT Development Consulting, LLC, in 2026. She explained that this was a budgeted expense and that moving forward with the contract did not require action by Council, noting that it has been some time since this has been discussed and she wanted to be sure that Council was aware of the contract for services. She added that Joe has been a great asset to the team as they work to advance the River District, Whitewater Park, and former Appvion Wastewater Treatment Plant projects.

Charter Amendments

Ms. Holloway reminded City Council that, while the Charter Amendments were approved by voters back in November of 2025, they could not take effect because the City had missed a notification requirement. She stated that if Council desired to place these back on the ballot this spring, the filing deadline was February 4th, and as such, Council would need to consider emergency legislation at its next meeting.

Council determined that they would like to consider emergency legislation to place the amendments on the May 2026 ballot.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

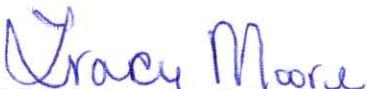
PRESENT: Mayor Rick Barnhart, Councilmembers Rick Dobson, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, Lauren Williams, and Mike Boyle. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Joshua Lounsbury, and Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt.

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8): To consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance; 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; pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(4): Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, and then returned to the regular meeting for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of January 13, 2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Tracy Moore
Clerk of Council



Rick Barnhart
Mayor