

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held December 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 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, Service Director Rich Norton, Finance Director Julie Duffy, Police Chief David Wessling, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to amend the agenda by adding an additional 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: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

MINUTES

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-abstain.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 45-2025.

Resolution 45-2025 – A Resolution Acknowledging The Appreciation Of The Citizens And Public Officials Of The City Of West Carrollton For Services Rendered Unto Said City By Billy Branham.

Service Director Norton gave a brief background about Mr. Branham's career with the City. He thanked Mr. Branham for his dedicated service.

Mayor Barnhart read the resolution into the record.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Resolution 45-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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

Mr. Branham shared heartfelt words regarding his career with the Service Department. He also acknowledged and thanked many of his co-workers and City Staff.

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

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 46-2025.

Resolution 46-2025 - A Resolution Acknowledging The Appreciation Of The Citizens And Public Officials Of The City Of West Carrollton For Services Rendered Unto Said City By Lori Denlinger.

Mrs. Fryman read the resolution into the record.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 46-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mrs. Fryman presented Ms. Denlinger with a signed copy of the resolution.

Ms. Denlinger shared heartfelt words regarding her career as the Law Director. She expressed gratitude to the Councilmembers, past and present, and to City Staff.

Mayor Barnhart, Councilmembers, and City Staff congratulated Ms. Denlinger and wished her well in her retirement.

Liquor Permit for Falcon Restaurant Group, Inc. – 2082 South Alex Road

City Manager Holloway advised Council that Staff has no objections regarding the liquor permit. She advised them of their options this evening.

The owner of the business addressed Council to share his excitement about opening up a restaurant in the City of West Carrollton.

City Council wished the owner of the business well with his opening. They elected to take no action pertaining to the liquor permit.

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 3819 – An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of West Carrollton, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, Amending Ordinance 3814, Repealing Any Ordinances In Conflict Herewith, And Declaring An Emergency

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3819. She explained this is the final supplemental appropriation request for FY 2025. Ms. Holloway requested City Council approve this ordinance as an emergency.

Mayor Barnhart asked council if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Ordinance 3819. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 47-2025.

Resolution 47-2025 - A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Submit An Application And Enter Into A Loan Agreement With The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) And The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) For The Construction Of The Water Treatment Plant Modifications Project And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Building Crafts Inc. For The Construction Of The Water Treatment Plant Modifications Project And To Expend A Sum In Excess Of \$75,000 Therefore.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 47-2025. She explained this resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit and enter into an agreement with the Ohio EPA and Ohio Water Development Authority for a water supply revolving loan account for the Water Treatment Plant improvement project. Ms. Holloway further stated this also allows the City to enter into an agreement with Building Crafts Inc. for \$7,330,000 as the lowest and best bid price.

Mayor Barnhart asked council if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mayor Barnhart to approve Resolution 47-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 48-2025.

Resolution 48-2025 – A Resolution Authorizing An Employment Agreement With Kent Depoorter To Serve As Assistant Prosecutor Pursuant To Section 7.10 Of The Charter Of The City Of West Carrollton.

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City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 48-2025. She explained this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into an employment agreement with Kent Depoorter to serve as the Assistant Prosecutor for the City of West Carrollton for calendar year 2026.

Mayor Barnhart asked council if they had any questions or comments. There were none.

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 48-2025. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

City Manager Holloway inquired with Law Director Denlinger to see if formal action is necessary if Council wishes to cancel the City Council Meeting scheduled for December 23, 2025. Law Director Denlinger answered no formal action is necessary.

City Manager Holloway reminded residents that the City Offices will be closed on December 24, 2025, and December 25, 2025, for the Christmas holidays. The offices will also be closed on January 1, 2026, to celebrate the New Year. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Mr. Norton thanked Law Director Denlinger for her service and wished her well in her retirement.

Chief Barnett wished both Law Director Denlinger and Mr. Branham a happy retirement.

Finance Director Duffy wished everyone a Merry Christmas. She also shared heartfelt words regarding Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger.

Chief Wessling thanked Mr. Branham for his assistance with property destruction for the Police Department. He also thanked Law Director Denlinger for her assistance and knowledge throughout the years.

Ms. Hardy, with Hardy Communications, congratulated both Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger on their retirements. She also spoke very highly of all City employees, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

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Comments by Council

Mrs. Fryman inquired with Mr. Mundy if the pirate head on the school building near the highway lights up. He responded that it does. She also wished Mr. Dobson a Happy Birthday. Mrs. Fryman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. She congratulated both Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger on their retirements.

Mr. Tilton wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also mentioned the Holiday Festival was a wonderful event, and thanked employees. Mr. Tilton expressed gratitude for all of the nice words that were spoken about City employees. He congratulated both Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger on their retirements.

Mrs. Tomlin commented it is meaningful for her to see the longevity of City employees. She wished both Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger happy retirements. Mrs. Tomlin wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Williams wished everyone Happy Holidays. She also gave an extra thank you to all of the first responders that will be working on the holidays this season. Mrs. Williams thanked the street crews for keeping the roadways clear.

Mr. Boyle wished both Mr. Branham and Law Director Denlinger well in their retirements. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He thanked the street crews for the great job that they do keeping our roads clear. Mr. Boyle stated he believes the City has a great staff.

Mr. Dobson commented that he believes the City has a group of outstanding employees. Mr. Dobson commented on Mr. Branham's speech and what it shows about his character. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Barnhart commented that he is grateful for all of the city employees. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mayor Barnhart also stated unless something pops up, there will not be a second meeting in December.

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-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-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)(1): To consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to remain in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8): To consider confidential information related to the specific business

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strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance, to return to the regular meeting for adjournment. A vote was taken: Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

WORK SESSION

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, Police Chief David Wessling, and Cheryl Hardy.

2026 Summer Event Planning Discussion

Cheryl Hardy, event consultant for the City, recapped the 2025 event schedule and said 2026 felt like the right time to discuss how we want to evolve the summer events. She asked for Council to share any goals they had for the program, so that she could form a strategy and get started.

Discussion about the events ensued, including staffing, safety concerns, event locations, and costs to deliver them. Ms. Holloway stated that she felt it would be necessary to establish an events committee to provide advisory support in planning and to help secure sponsorships. She added that sponsorships would be necessary to continue to program at this level.

Additional discussion ensued about the lineup, who is attending the events, and the dates. It was determined to eliminate the September event date, hold events only on Fridays or Saturdays (except for the drone show, if cost-prohibitive), and form an event committee in 2027. Further, Council expressed a desire to have the events feature a drone show, balloon glow, and a big concert.

Reappointments to Various Boards & Commissions for 2026

Ms. Holloway explained that Clerk Moore had discovered some issues with how Board and Commission appointments have occurred, which are not fully in alignment with the City's Charter. She advised that Staff did not have the solution at this time, but was working on it, and would be involving the new Law Director in the review. She added that she hoped to bring a solution forward in early 2026. Law Director Denlinger added that staff did not want to bring this matter without a solution, but felt it was necessary to advise Council of this as they consider appointments for 2026.

Consideration of an Appointment to the Recreation Board

Consideration of an Appointment to the Planning Commission

It was determined that Councilmembers Tilton and Tomlin would interview the candidates for the Recreation Board and Planning Commission between now and the next meeting.

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Consideration of Council Appointments to Various Boards & Commissions for 2026

City Council discussed its appointments to Boards and Commissions. It was determined that all members would like to continue in their current capacities, except that Councilmembers Williams and Fryman would trade the Planning Commission and the Recreation Board.

Appointment of the NCA Board of Trustees

Mr. Wendt discussed the proposed reappointments of the citizen members to the NCA Board with City Council. Considerable discussion about the NCA Board ensued. It was requested that the NCA Board openings be advertised to the public and that the applicants be interviewed before the next meeting. Ms. Holloway stated that she would post the openings and noted that, with the holiday, interviewing prior to the next meeting may not be possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1): To consider the employment and compensation of a public employee or official.

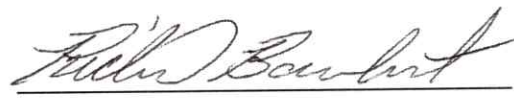
Council also met in Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(8): To consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance, and then returned to the regular meeting for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


Clerk of Council


Mayor