

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of WEST CARROLLTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR Meeting

Held January 27, 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 Mike Boyle, Rick Dobson, Angie Fryman, Keith Tilton, Jill Tomlin, and Lauren Williams. City Staff: City Manager Amber Holloway, Law Director Joshua Lounsbury, Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt, Fire Chief Chris Barnett, Service Director Rich Norton, Police Chief David Wessling, and Clerk of Council Tracy Moore.

MINUTES

Mrs. Tomlin moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 13, 2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMENTS BY THE AUDIENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 2-2026.

Resolution 2-2026 - A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A 2026 Sutphen Fire Engine and Equipment For The City Of West Carrollton Fire Department At A Total Cost Not To Exceed \$1,100,000.00

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 2-2026. She explained this resolution authorizes the purchase of a 2026 Sutphen Fire Engine. This fire engine will replace a 1995 Kovatch/Freightliner reserve engine. Ms. Holloway stated the city plans to purchase the 2026 Sutphen engine through the Sourcewell Government Purchasing Program at a purchase price of \$911,938.10, with a contingency amount of \$188,061.90 for the purchase of fire hose and equipment at a total not to exceed \$1,100,00.00.

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

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Resolution 2-2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 3-2026.

Resolution 3-2026 - A Resolution Adopting And Authorizing The Implementation Of The City's Cybersecurity Program Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 3-2026. She explained House Bill 96 became effective September 30, 2025, which requires local governments to create cybersecurity programs. Ms. Holloway stated this resolution authorizes the adoption and implementation of the City of West Carrollton's cybersecurity program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64. Additionally, this resolution allows for the administrative authority to amend, update, and make technical revisions to the cybersecurity program provided that such amendments remain consistent with the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlin to approve Resolution 3-2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 4-2026.

Resolution 4-2026 - A Resolution By City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio (The "City"), And The West Carrollton Police Association (The "WCPA") For A Three-Year Term As Specified In The Collective Bargaining Agreement Attached Hereto And Incorporated Herein By Reference.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 4-2026. She explained this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into and execute a collective bargaining agreement with the West Carrollton Police Association, which is the bargaining unit that represents the city's police officers and detectives. Ms. Holloway stated the bargaining agreement sets personnel classification, rates of pay, benefits, work rules, and working conditions for the bargaining unit through December 10, 2028. She further stated a copy of the agreement and staff memorandum outlining the updates were both included in the council packet.

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

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Dobson to approve Resolution 4-2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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Mayor Barnhart introduced Resolution 5-2026.

Resolution 5-2026 - A Resolution By City Council Authorizing The City Manager To Execute A Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio (The "City"), And The Fraternal Order Of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (The "FOP") For A Three-Year Term As Specified In The Collective Bargaining Agreement Attached Hereto And Incorporated Herein By Reference.

City Manager Holloway presented Resolution 5-2026. She explained this resolution authorizes the City Manager to enter into and execute a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, which is the bargaining unit that represents the city's police sergeants. Ms. Holloway stated the bargaining agreement sets personnel classification, rates of pay, benefits, work rules, and working conditions for the bargaining unit through December 10, 2028. She further stated a copy of the agreement and staff memorandum outlining the updates were both included in the council packet.

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

Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Resolution 5-2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Appointment to the Recreation Board – Matthew McKelvey

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to appoint Matthew McKelvey to the Recreation Board for the longest term possible. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Appointment to the Planning Commission – Max Strange

Mrs. Fryman moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to appoint Max Strange to the Planning Commission for the longest term possible. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

Ordinance 3820 - An Ordinance Providing For The Submission To The Electorate For Approval Of Amendments To The Charter Of The City Of West Carrollton, Ohio, And Declaring An Emergency.

City Manager Holloway presented Ordinance 3820. She explained this ordinance authorizes the placement of proposed amendments to the City of West Carrollton Charter on the May 5, 2026, ballot. In accordance with the City's Charter, the City Council appointed a Charter Review Commission on April 22, 2025. The Charter Review Commission met on multiple occasions to review the City's Charter. Charter Review Commission Chairman Jim Folker presented the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission during a Public Hearing at the June 24, 2025, City Council Meeting. City Council then adopted Ordinance 3810, which authorized the

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placement of all recommended charter amendments on the November 2025, ballot. These amendments were approved by voters; however, due to an administrative error in complying with the statutory public notice requirements, they did not take effect on January 1, 2026, as anticipated. Ms. Holloway stated Ordinance 3820 reflects the same slate of recommended amendments on the May 2026 ballot for consideration by the voters. She explained the ordinance was presented as an emergency to allow timely filing with the Montgomery County Board of Elections for the May ballot.

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

Mr. Tilton moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle to approve Ordinance 3820. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

REPORTS BY OFFICERS

City Manager Holloway advised residents that due to the storm, the residential recycling and trash collection will operate on a one-day delay. Also, Rumpke advised that anyone who had recycling scheduled for Monday, January 26, will be rescheduled to Monday, February 2. Ms. Holloway thanked the Service Department and Parks & Recreation Department for their efforts with the storm.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Comments by the Audience

None

Comments by Council

Mayor Barnhart and City Council thanked the Service Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and all of City Staff for their hard work during the historic winter storm.

Mayor Barnhart and City Council thanked Mr. McKelvey and Mr. Strange for applying for the Recreation Board and Planning Commission. Mrs. Tomlin also thanked Mr. Strange for attending the Council Meeting.

RECESS

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: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

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WORK SESSION

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Whitewater River Park Construction Manager at-Risk Selection Committee Recommendation

Assistant City Manager Dan Wendt presented to City Council on the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) selection process. He advised Council that the selection committee advanced four firms to the Request for Proposal stage and recommended Prus Construction of Cincinnati as the City's CMAR for the Whitewater Park project. He then introduced Michael Prus from Prus Construction. Mr. Prus answered questions for Council and gave context for the types of projects he has worked on, and expressed his excitement to be considered for the Whitewater Park project. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Holloway stated that if there were no objections, she would bring a Resolution forward at the next meeting.

River District Phase II Development Update

Ms. Holloway stated that Todd Duplain from Woodard Development would present on the River District Phase II Development, specifically the townhome project. She advised that at Council's next Work Session, ACM Wendt and Director Norton would present on Phase II Infrastructure.

Mr. Duplain walked City Council through a presentation, expressing Woodard's excitement to bring a townhome product to West Carrollton. He explained that they wanted to get initial feedback from Council before investing any further in the design. There was discussion on design elements and timing, with Council providing positive feedback on the design. Council thanked Mr. Duplain.

Annual Bid Resolutions

Director Norton presented the City's annual bid resolutions, noting that they are prepared annually at this time. He described the different purchases/projects, including vehicles, chemicals, street resurfacing, and the curb and sidewalk program. He noted that these resolutions would appear on Council's next meeting agenda.

Appointments to the CRA Housing Council

Ms. Holloway explained the need to appoint members to the CRA Housing Council and noted that the position had been posted on the City's website and social media for applicants. ACM Wendt described the structure of the CRA Housing Council, noting that two members needed to

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be appointed by the Mayor, two by City Council, one by the Planning Commission, and two resident appointees by the CRA Housing Council. A discussion ensued regarding which Council members may be willing to serve. Councilmembers Williams and Tilton expressed a willingness to serve.

Six-Month Extension of Moratorium on Permits for Dispensaries of Adult-Use Cannabis

Ms. Holloway explained that the City's current moratorium was set to expire at the end of March. She stated that she was requesting that Council extend the moratorium an additional six-months to allow Staff to draft zoning text amendments to either prohibit the sale of adult-use marijuana or allow it. Council discussion ensued. Law Director Lounsbury provided some information regarding sales tax revenue. Chief Wessling provided information on police calls for service in other communities with retail sales, noting that they were limited. Council expressed general willingness to extend the moratorium and asked Staff to prepare zoning language to permit the retail sale of adult-use cannabis for Council's consideration.

Flood Damage Prevention Code

Ms. Holloway explained that she was working on revisions to the City's Flood Damage Prevention Code, Chapter 156, following the departure of the City's Civil Engineer. She stated that this was still under review and that she would follow up with Council on this.

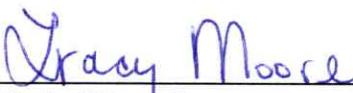
EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Barnhart moved, seconded by Mr. Boyle, to adjourn the City Council Meeting of January 27, 2026. A vote was taken: Mr. Boyle-yes, Mr. Dobson-yes, Mrs. Fryman-yes, Mr. Tilton-yes, Mrs. Tomlin-yes, Mrs. Williams-yes, and Mayor Barnhart-yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Tracy Moore

Clerk of Council


Ruth Barnhart

Mayor