



Public Hearing

Kathy has scheduled a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's proposed 2027 County Tax budget.

Community Development Committee

1. Solar Array Project Update (Bridget)



Bridget has requested Committee time to provide an update on the status of the hiring of a professional consultant to assist in the development of the proposed solar array project at 800 Mogadore Road. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary at this time.

Council Action

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary at this time.

Committee of the Whole

1. Staff Updates (Dom, Jim)

Department Heads have requested a few minutes at the start of the Committee meeting to share brief comments about noteworthy topics in their departments.

Administration Recommendation

Receive the staff reports, no action is needed.

Council Actions

Receive the staff report, no action is necessary

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Finance Committee

1. Proposed 2027 County Tax Budget (Rhonda)

Rhonda has prepared the draft 2027 Tax Budget for Council's approval. This budget document is required by the County for notification of any changes to the tax rate in the next budget. Our draft County Tax Budget proposes no changes to the tax rates in the City. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

With no proposed changes to the tax rates, approval of the County tax budget is primarily procedural and I encourage Council's authorization of the tax budget. We will get into our annual City budget deliberations in greater detail in October.

Council Action

Authorize submission of the City's 2027 Tax Budget to the County, with the emergency clause.



Finance Committee (continued)

2. 2026 Budget Appropriations Amendment (Rhonda)

Rhonda has been working with the department heads to reconcile the approved 2026 budget line items, and she has prepared the necessary appropriations amendments to reflect the changes needed to balance those line items. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council's authorization of the appropriations amendments.

Council Actions

Approve the 2026 budget appropriations amendments as presented, with the emergency clause.

Health & Public Safety Committee

1. Discussion of Downtown Noise Impact on Residential Neighborhoods (Nick, Hope, Eric, Bridget)

At Council's request, the Clerk has scheduled Committee time to discuss the impacts of downtown noise on area neighborhoods. Council noted a rise in concerns raised by residents from excessive noise levels from downtown businesses that host outdoor musical performances. Council had previously extended the hours for outdoor music to 11 pm during the week and based on the recent noise complaints, Council asked to review the noise ordinance, including the hours and enforcement procedures. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Discuss and direct staff accordingly.

Council Action

Discuss and direct staff accordingly.

2. SAFER Fire Department Staffing Grant Request (Jamie)

Jamie has asked for Committee time to ask for Council's approval to reapply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant that is available through the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA. Similar to the last application, this application requests funding for 3 new firefighter/paramedic positions for a period of 3 years. The City's cost share would be 25% of the costs (\$100,000) for years 1 and 2, and 75% for year 3 (\$300,000). The City would be responsible for full costs (\$400,000) after the 3-year grant period expires. (attachment)

Administration Recommendation

We recognize the need to expand staffing in the Fire Department, and this grant funding would provide a financially manageable option, providing 3 years of funding for the new positions. I recommend Council's support.

Council Action

Authorize the staff to submit for the SAFER grant funding for 3 new firefighter/paramedic positions as presented, and if awarded, authorize the acceptance and allocation of those funds with the emergency clause.



Health & Safety Committee (continued)



3. Fire Prevention & Safety Grant Application (Chief Samels)

Chief Samels has requested Committee time to request Council's authorization to submit a Fire Prevention & Safety Grant through FEMA to purchase kitchen hazards safety training equipment for public education purposes. The grant would cover \$8,547 and the city share would be \$447.75. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

I recommend Council authorize the submission of the grant request, and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the funds.

Council Actions

Authorize the submission of the grant request, and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the funds, with the emergency clause.



4. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Application (Chief Samels)

Chief Samels has requested Committee time to request Council's authorization to submit for an AFG Grant through FEMA for the purchase of 10 sets of firefighter turnout gear. The 10 sets of turnout gear cost \$51,340 and the city share would be \$4,667.27. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

Turnout gear is critical to firefighter safety, and I recommend Council authorize the submission of the grant request; and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the funds.

Council Actions

Authorize the submission of the grant request, and if approved, authorize the acceptance and allocation of the AFG funds, with the emergency clause.

Streets, Sidewalks & Utilities Committee



1. OPWC Applications (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to present a request for Council's approval to submit 2 applications for Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding. The request includes the SR59 Alternative Transportation Improvement project (\$850,000 grant and \$150,000 no-interest 10-year loan); and a SCADA Replacement project for the water reclamation facility (\$250,000 in grant funds, \$150,000 no-interest 10-year loan). (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

These are important capital improvement projects included in the approved city capital plan; I recommend Council's approval to submit the OPWC funding requests.

Council Actions

Authorize the submission of the OPWC funding requests as presented, and if approved, accept and allocate the funds to the projects, with the emergency clause.

2. John Davey Arboretum Joint Use Agreement (Jim)

Jim has requested Committee time to present a request for Council's approval of a new Joint Use Agreement for the John Davey Arboretum between the City and Davey Tree. The Agreement outlines the shared use of the existing John Davey Arboretum in conjunction with the new Davey SEED campus and the future roadway project. (attachments)

Administration Recommendation

This agreement ensures the continuity and potential growth in use of the John Davey Arboretum and I recommend Council's support

Council Actions

Approve the new Joint Use Agreement as presented, with the emergency clause.

