

CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2025

The regular meeting of December 15, 2025 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Boumis called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – absent; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to excuse Mr. Flaherty. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Joe McDaniels, Esq., Assistant Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and E. Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kirk presented a proclamation to the Varga family thanking them for donating land to the City. Mayor Kirk held the other proclamations since the recipients were not at the meeting.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 70 – 25: An Ordinance To Amend Section 351.03 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Obetz To Prohibit Parking In The Apron Of A Public Or Private Driveway Within Three (3) Feet Of A Street, Sidewalk, Or Multi-Use Path.

Second Readings

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 61 – 25: An Ordinance To Approve The 2026 Permanent Appropriations Of All Funds For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the proposed budget. Mr. Davisson discussed the ordinance. He stated this is the lowest budget in about five years. He reviewed the areas where increases occurred. There is a four-million-dollar reduction in spending with capital spending reduced by over a million dollars. The City's economic development programs are working; 2025 is the best income tax year ever. Mayor Kirk stated the departments started with a zero budget and built from it. Mr. Davisson discussed the State of Ohio policies that have impacted the City's budget including the net operating loss carryforwards and refunds. This year Obetz paid out one million

dollars in refunds. Mr. Davisson discussed the two reserve funds he wants to create to earmark money so services are not impacted. Mr. Kramer asked about the increase in the Zucchinifest expenditures. Mayor Kirk stated additional revenue streams for Zucchinifest have been identified which will offset the additional expenses. She discussed the additional revenue streams including charging admission to one of the concerts. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 61 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 61 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 62 – 25: An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor Or Administrator To Enter Into Various Recurring Contracts Necessary For The Continuous Operation Of The City And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated these are the City's standard yearly contracts with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, Franklin County Public Defender, and the Franklin County Board of Health. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 62 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 62 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 63 – 25: An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Section 3 Phase A Of The Buckstone Bend Subdivision And Declaring An Emergency. Ms. Boumis discussed the Ordinance. She stated there are more lots in this section than originally proposed meaning the lots are selling quickly and the developer needs to open up more of the subdivision for development; this is a good thing. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. Mr. Davisson stated the City is growing at 7% a year. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 63 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 63 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 64 – 25: An Ordinance Adopting A Cybersecurity Program To Ensure The Availability, Confidentiality, And Integrity Of The City's Data, Information And Technology ("IT") Systems, And It Resources, And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the State of Ohio has mandated the adoption of a cybersecurity program. The City's program complies with the State requirements. He then stated the City has maintained a cybersecurity program for years and the City's data is and has always been safe. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 64 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr.

Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 64 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 65 – 25: An Ordinance Amending Section 939.03 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Obetz Regarding Water And Sewer Rates And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this Ordinance needs to go to a third reading.

Third Readings

No third readings.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 67 – 25: An Ordinance Authorizing The Director Of Finance To Make Payment On A Contract With ShareFile LLC, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the City uses this software to transfer large files, typically associated with public records requests. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 67 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 67 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 68 – 25: An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Construction Of An Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Network To Enhance Gas And Electric Utility Services, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated this is a metering system for gas and electric. It is different from the system used to meter water. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 68 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 68 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 69 – 25: An Ordinance To Provide For A Contracting Procedure For Constructing Tenant Improvements For The Orchard 38 Business Incubator Building, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the Ordinance. He stated the City wants to enter into a contract with the same company that built the building. There will be cost savings by using the same contractor. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 69 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 69 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes;

Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 71 – 25: An Ordinance To Accept The Donation Of Approximately 3.79 Acres, To Thank Jane, Kurt, Tamzan, Louis, Catherine, And James Varga For Their Generous Donation, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 71 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 71 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 72 – 25: An Ordinance Accepting The Donation Of The Salvage Rights To An Outbuilding Located At 2900 Bixby Road, Expressing Appreciation To Michael J. Barrett And Bethany A. Jenkins For Their Generous Donation, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 72 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 72 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 73 – 25: An Ordinance Accepting The Donation Of The Salvage Rights To An Outbuilding Located At 2888 Bixby Road, Expressing Appreciation To David A. Hutton Jr. And Christina M. Hutton For Their Generous Donation, And Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 73 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 73 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 74 – 25: An Ordinance Accepting The Recommendations Of The Tax Incentive Review Council Regarding Several City Tax Incentives And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson described the purpose of the Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC). He stated all Obetz businesses met their requirements and the TIRC recommended continuing all incentives. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 74 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 74 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 75 – 25: An Ordinance Establishing Reserve Balance Accounts Pursuant To Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13 For Income Tax Refund Stabilization And Employee Leave Cash-Out Stabilization; Assigning Administrative Responsibility For Reserve Recommendations; And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson discussed the purpose of these accounts. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 75 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 75 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 76 – 25: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2025 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson discussed the changes. He stated there is a reduction to water capital outlay. Projects were not completed. Money is being transferred from the electric and gas funds to capital for the incubator building. Mr. Varney asked about the projects not completed. Mr. Davisson stated the City is reprioritizing projects. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 76 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 76 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kramer; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 77 – 25: An Ordinance To Accept A Donation From Kirk Excavating And Construction Company Consisting Of Fiber Optic Materials And Labor For Use At The Operations Building At Fortress Obetz In Support Of Zucchinifest 2025 And Other Community Events, And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated Kirk Excavating provided and installed fiber cable at the Fortress. This expands the Fortress' capabilities. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 77 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 77 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Kramer. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated the Christmas Kick-Off was fabulous. She then discussed the Holiday Hope Program and thanked Councilman Kimbler for his generous donation in order for the City to provide additional gifts to families in need. She then stated the Obetz United Methodist Church is providing hats, gloves and socks as well. The program is a partnership with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Hope Task Force, Hamilton Township Fire Department, Hamilton Local Schools, and Southeast Healthcare. The program is helping families that didn't get help from the school district. She then thanked K&M Market for donating the turkeys at distributed by the Obetz Food Pantry at Thanksgiving. She then discussed other activities at the Obetz Community Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports.

ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS

Chief Michael Confer – Chief Confer warned that packages should not be left in vehicles. He then discussed snow emergencies. He stated the 2" rule in the City relates to parking and is separate from County snow emergency levels. Mayor Kirk stated parking tickets were handed out during the last snow emergency. She stated the main roads are a priority and that below 19 degrees, salt doesn't work. Mr. Davisson stated that if a snow plow hits a car while plowing, the City is not responsible.

Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins stated this was a great year and a lot was accomplished.

Stacey Boumis, AICP – Ms. Boumis stated 2026 is going to be busy with development.

E. Rod Davisson, Esq. – Mr. Davisson stated he is excited for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation of Planning and Zoning Commission Appointments

Mr. Davisson stated the Mayor has reappointed Crystal Tucker and appointed Amanda Hansel to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term beginning January 1, 2026, ending December 31, 2029. He thanked Mr. Hughes for his 12 years of service. Mr. Richardson moved to confirm Mayor Kirk's appointments; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

No remarks.

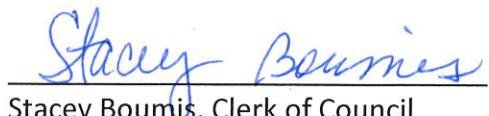
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to go into executive session under ORC 121.22(g)(1) to discuss personnel matters. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Council went into executive session at 6:58 PM. Council returned from executive session at 8:04 PM with all five members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Kramer. All ayes. Council adjourned at 8:05 PM.


Mayor Angela M. Kirk


Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council