

**CITY OF OBETZ
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**



REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2026

The regular meeting of January 12, 2026 was held at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Government Center, 4175 Alum Creek Drive, with Mayor Angela Kirk presiding.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Mayor Kirk swore in Todd Gibbs to his second term as a Council Member. The honorable Meredith Lawson-Rowe, Ohio House District 5, swore in Robert Kramer to his third term as a Council Member. The honorable Michele Reynolds, Ohio Senate District 3, swore in Mike Kimbler to his second full term as a Council Member. The honorable Michele Reynolds, Ohio Senate District 3, swore in Guiles Richardson to his fourth term as a Council Member.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Kirk called the roll. Mr. Michael Flaherty – present; Mr. Robert Kramer – present; Mr. Guiles Richardson – present; Mr. Derek Varney – present; Mr. Mike Kimbler – present; Mr. Todd Gibbs – present. Also present were Gene Hollins, Esq., Law Director; Stacey Boumis, AICP, Clerk; Mike Confer, Police Chief; and, Rod Davisson, Esq. City Administrator.

MINUTES

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Richardson. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

No first readings.

Second 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. No discussion.

Third Readings

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 the City is still analyzing the City of Columbus' rates that are passed along to Obetz and the ordinance is not ready to adopt. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to table Ordinance 65 – 25. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Emergencies

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 01 – 26: An Ordinance To Accept The Annexation Of 163 +/- Acres From Hamilton Township To The City Of Obetz And To Declare An Emergency. Mr. Davisson introduced Tim Moloney, Executive Director of the Franklin County Metroparks. He thanked the City for their partnership. He stated this is going to be an amazing facility. The east side of the park opens May 16th. Mayor Kirk stated she appreciates the work of Mr. Moloney and his team. It is a beautiful park and the City is excited to have the park in the community. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 01 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Varney. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 01 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Flaherty; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 02 – 26: An Ordinance Approving The City Of Obetz Conversion Plan Policy Which Allows Employees To Convert Vacation And Sick Time To Cash In Accordance With The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) Specifications And Declaring An Emergency. Mr. Davisson stated this is the same thing the City does every year. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 02 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Gibbs; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 02 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Boumis read the title of Ordinance 03 – 26: An Ordinance To Approve Changes To The 2026 Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Obetz. Mr. Davisson stated Full Throttle Thursday has been retooled to be a net zero loss. This ordinance fronts the money to start booking bands. No questions. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to suspend the rules regarding the adoption of Ordinance 03 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried. Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adopt Ordinance 03 – 26. Motion made by Mr. Richardson; seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Voting as follows: Mr. Richardson – yes; Mr. Kimbler – yes; Mr. Flaherty – yes; Mr. Kramer – yes; Mr. Varney – yes; Mr. Gibbs – yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kirk stated 2025 was an eventful year. The City is working on redoing rates and charges for City programs. We are rethinking how things are done in the parks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Flaherty thanked everyone for letting him serve as Council President Pro-Tem.

Mayor Kirk stated it was time to elect a new Council President Pro-Tem. Mr. Davisson ran the process. He called for nominations for the position. Mr. Gibbs nominated Mr. Varney; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. There were no additional nominations, so nominations were closed. Voice vote – all ayes for Mr. Varney as Council President Pro-Tem. Council elected Mr. Varney as the new Council President Pro-Tem.

ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT

Mike Confer, Police Chief – Chief Confer congratulated the re-elected Council members. He did not have a report.

Eugene Hollins, Esq., Law Director – Mr. Hollins congratulated the re-elected Council members. He stated that public records training is required for newly elected or re-elected officials. They have the option of appointing a representative to undertake the training. He recommended Ms. Boumis. Mr. Gibbs nominated Ms. Boumis; seconded by Mr. Kimbler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Stacey Boumis, AICP, Community Services Director – Ms. Boumis stated there is a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday. There is a lot of development coming in 2026.

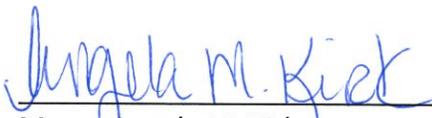
Rod Davisson, Esq., City Administrator – Mr. Davisson congratulated the re-elected Council members and thanked the elected officials who attended the swearing in ceremony this evening.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

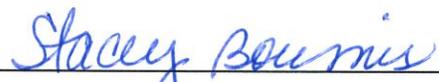
Lucas Borton, a Boy Scout in Troop 526, addressed Council. He stated he is working on his Eagle Scout project. He needs five more merit badges. Attending tonight’s meeting is part of a badge. He talked about the troop. Mayor Kirk thanked him for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirk called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kimbler; seconded by Mr. Gibbs. All ayes. Council adjourned at 5:28 PM.



Mayor Angela M. Kirk



Stacey Boumis, Clerk of Council