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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, August 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Vice Mayor Alutto, Mayor Amorose Groomes, Ms. De Rosa, Mr. Keeler, Ms. Kramb and Mr. Reiner. Ms. Fox arrived after the start of the executive session.

Staff members present were Ms. O’Callaghan, Mr. Hartmann, Deputy Chief Lattanzi, Deputy Chief Tabernik, Ms. Weisenauer, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Wawzkiewicz, Mr. Earman, Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Rubino, Ms. Falcone, Mr. Gracia, Mr. Barker, Mr. Hammersmith, Mr. Bitar, Ms. Goliver, Mr. Ament, Ms. Hunter and Ms. Blake.

Others present were Greg Daniels, Squire Patton Boggs; Chris Hermann and Michael Mears, MKSK; and Richard Chiu, Benefit Bank.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of discussing the following:

- Considering Confidential Information related to a request for Economic Development Assistance that involves Public Infrastructure Improvements that are directly related to an Economic Development Project, and which Executive Session is necessary to Protect the Possible Investment or Expenditure of Public Funds to be made in connection with the Economic Development Project; and
- Considering the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes

Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. De Rosa, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Vice Mayor Alutto to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
- Minutes of the August 18, 2025 Council Work Session

There was no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Ms. Fox, yes.

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 36-25

Rezoning 21.523 acres from R-1, Restricted Suburban Residential District; PCD, Planned Commerce District (7315 Sawmill Road); PCD, Planned Commerce District (Milco Office Park); and PUD, Planned Unit Development District

(Northeast Quad) to PUD, Planned Unit Development District (Beacon CCRC); and rezoning of 0.051 acres from PCD, Planned Commerce District (7315 Sawmill Road) to PCD, Planned Commerce District (Milco Office Park); and a Preliminary Development Plan for the Construction of a Continuum of Care Retirement Facility and Associated Site Improvements and Amenities (Case 23-125Z-PDP)

Mr. Bitar stated there have been no changes to this Ordinance from the first reading. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes.

Ordinance 37-25
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Development and Land Exchange Agreement with SKS Bright Road LLC and Stephen T. Newcomb

Ms. O’Callaghan stated that this ordinance remains the same as the first reading. She recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

Ordinance 38-25
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Infrastructure Agreement with SKS Bright Road LLC for the Beacon Continuum of Care Retirement Community

Ms. Wawszkiewicz stated that there are no changes to this ordinance from the first reading. Staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes.

Ordinance 39-25
Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Development Agreement and other related agreements for the development of Indus Bridge Street Development with Indus Companies, Inc. and The Daimler Group, Inc.

Ms. Rausch shared that there was one minor change included in the ordinance referencing Dublink. Other than that, there are no additional follow-ups and staff recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes.

Ordinance 40-25
Authorizing the Provision of Certain Incentives to NWLFD, Inc. to Induce it to Lease a Facility to Locate and Expand an Office and its Associated Operations and Workforce, all within the City; and Authorizing the Execution of an Economic Development Agreement

Ms. Falcone stated that staff has been working with NWLFD Inc., doing business as Benefit Bank Distributors. They’re considering leasing office space in the City of Dublin for the location of their Ohio operations. The proposed incentive is for a 15% performance incentive on withholdings over three years valued at \$37,000 for the term of the

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agreement and consideration of the company's investment and planned workforce growth in Dublin. There have been no changes to the proposed ordinance, and staff recommended approval.

Ms. Falcone introduced Richard Chiu, Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, representing Benefit Bank Distributors, noting he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Mr. Chiu to comment.

Richard Chiu addressed Council, thanking them for the opportunity to present and expressing gratitude for the consideration of this business plan. He noted that two of their key insurance carriers - Nationwide Insurance and Western and Southern headquartered in Cincinnati - are also located in Ohio. He explained their business is growing significantly, hence their need to look at expanding either in Austin, Texas or Dublin, Ohio. He shared that he is from Dublin. He stated that he convinced his business colleagues to take a look at Dublin. It's a great place to do business. He highlighted that they are spending significantly on AI to enhance their business model, which will help them grow and scale not only their people resources but also meet customer demands.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Resolution: Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Dublin Wellness Alliance Update

Ms. Steiner presented the Dublin Wellness Alliance update. She began by noting that the final Community Health Needs Assessment Strategic Action Plan was approved by Council on March 3rd. The plan outlined four priority health needs identified from assessment data and advisory committee input, along with objectives and action steps.

Ms. Steiner provided a detailed timeline of the project's progression, from working with consultant Illuminology through collecting qualitative and quantitative data, identifying the four priority health needs, forming specific work groups, and finalizing the strategic action plan. She explained the goal is to complete the first set of objectives by Q1 of 2026, evaluate and measure outcomes, then reassess and determine the next set of health priority needs.

The advisory committee, comprised of individuals from the four major health systems, public health experts, social service agencies, and community partners, was instrumental in determining the priority areas. A work group was formed for each priority area to determine objectives and action steps.

Ms. Steiner announced the new name and brand for the initiative: the Dublin Wellness Alliance. Now that the assessment phase is complete and the strategic action plan has been finalized, the initiative will officially move forward as the Dublin Wellness Alliance. She showed the new logo and noted they've secured dublinwellnessalliance.org as the central site for all related messaging and resources. The communications and marketing team would formally launch the alliance this week through a coordinated communications plan.

Ms. Steiner shared detailed progress on each of the four priority areas:

 - Healthcare Navigation: The City is in discussion with Syntero to utilize a community health worker as part of their agreement, hoping to have this individual in place by Q1 of 2026. Additionally, they're working with IT, GIS, and communications teams to create a GIS map and resource for new resident packets providing information about healthcare and wellness resources in Dublin, with a goal to finalize both by fall.

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- Transportation: City staff recently met with seven of the eight senior living facilities in Dublin to promote Dublin Connector services. The services are being promoted through various newsletters and to employers identified by the economic development team. Outreach has also occurred at the Dublin Market and at 15 Mobility Concierge Summer Series events continuing through September 12th.
- Youth Behavioral Health: The primary objective is to reenergize a collective impact initiative to provide information to parents of Dublin youth. Staff is working with the ACT Coalition, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and Kids Mental Health Foundation to evaluate and revise existing campaign source content. They received a cost proposal for marketing and promotional assistance and will ask to utilize police seizure funds for these educational resources, coming before council for approval as a Q3 supplemental.
- Community Connections: This group is working on three main objectives. First, developing a deeper understanding of why non-connected people feel that way and how to communicate with them more effectively. Second, offering National Good Neighbor Day programming to Dublin residents, with Dublin Good Neighbor Week recognized for 10 days from September 18th through 28th. Plans include a donation drive for the Dublin Food Pantry and One Dublin, opportunities for neighbors to nominate good neighbors for recognition, and a community connections challenge. Third, increasing community capacity for engagement opportunities and volunteering, with city staff organizing 13 gatherings this year including MLK Sunday Supper, senior buddy gatherings, Juneteenth open house, community service day, and volunteer team gatherings.

Ms. Steiner outlined the resources needed for each objective, noting some require monetary funding but the majority can be achieved through in-kind contributions of staff and work group time. For 2025, there is potentially over \$70,000 available, including funds already approved in the operating budget and money from potential approval for use of police seizure funds.

She concluded by asking two questions: Would Council like to designate a Council member representative to serve on the advisory committee moving forward (meeting potentially twice per year)? And does Council have any feedback or questions for staff?

Mayor Amorose Groomes opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, she turned to Council for questions and discussion.

Mr. Reiner inquired about a federal government grant program to help youth get more physically developed, similar to the Kennedy era, wondering if there would be a tie-in to that or expansion to more preventative illness type of education. Ms. Steiner said she would look into that funding opportunity.

Mr. Keeler thanked Ms. Steiner for her outreach efforts at the Farmers Market. He asked about website accessibility through the rec center website, City site, and partner organizations. Ms. Steiner confirmed they could put the website in multiple places and ask partners to share it as well. Mr. Keeler then expressed interest in serving on the advisory committee, citing his role on the school board as liaison and noting that two of the priority areas - youth behavioral health and community connections - require integral school involvement. He also mentioned his daily work helping connect residents and clients with health resources like the Affordable Care Act marketplace, Medicare, and Social Security.

Ms. De Rosa thanked Ms. Steiner for hearing Council's request to pick goals, define them, make them measurable and actionable, and identify funding needs. She is pleased that outcomes are going to be measurable and be able to share progress with the community. She expressed support for the work and looked forward to continued progress.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about the duration of the advisory committee's work - whether it would meet for a specific period or continue longer-term. Ms.

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Steiner explained the advisory committee's role was to help determine priority need areas, and she foresaw it continuing to meet as they reevaluate priority areas every couple of years. The committee would continue meeting at least a couple times yearly as the project sustains itself through cycles of completing objectives and reassessing community needs.

Mayor Amorose Groomes suggested assigning someone now and then adding the advisory committee designee to the list reviewed during the organizational meeting every two years. She expressed full support for Mr. Keeler serving if Council agreed.

Vice Mayor Alutto expressed her support for that approach.

Mr. Reiner shared a story about a previous initiative involving biometric health checks, programming etc, and how beneficial such programs can be for a community.

Ms. Fox suggested adding an icon to the GoDublin app when improvements are made to connect people to necessary resources. Referencing the survey's findings about concerns regarding mental health, depression, and behavioral health, she noted many survey respondents wanted a calendar showing all City activities. She emphasized the need for a centralized community calendar where people can find connections without having to visit multiple calendars or call staff members. She also suggested the steering committee include youth representation and residents beyond just organizational representatives.

Vice Mayor Alutto expressed appreciation for Mr. Keeler's willingness to serve and suggested discussing reporting cadence with the liaison. She also stressed the continued push for community engagement and using different communication options.

Vice Mayor Alutto moved to designate Council Member Keeler to serve on the Dublin Wellness Alliance Advisory Committee.
Mayor Amorose Groomes seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes.

• Dublin Signature Trail Study Update

Mr. Rayburn introduced Michael Mears and Chris Hermann from MKSK who were present to assist with the update on the Signature Trail Study. Mr. Rayburn explained the update would include: findings from public engagement over the summer, summarized alternative analysis on different alignment alternatives, a recommendation on preferred signature trail alignment, and outline preferred design objectives and proposed trail typologies.

Mr. Mears began the presentation by outlining the agenda, which included: a recap of work done, analysis completed, the preferred alternative, and next steps regarding signature experiences and trail typologies. Mr. Mears reviewed the project timeline, noting they kicked off in July 2024 and conducted significant analysis of different trail routes and destinations. Over summer, City staff did extensive community engagement through surveys and conversation. This project is now moving into the conceptual trail design phase to identify the preferred alignment and focus on placemaking and project identity.

He explained that a signature trail consists of two components: the route (where it goes and takes people) and the design (the fit, feel, and character of the trail). They had narrowed down various routes to four alternatives that had the best signature potential.



Regarding public engagement, they held over 13 events engaging different groups including youth, both online and in-person. Common themes from feedback aligned with what Council expressed in April, with top priorities being separation from cars, neighborhood connectivity, safety and comfort. Notably, residents expressed a desire for a "nature and urban blend" type of trail.

For the route selection process, the project team separated the trail into segments so people could focus on specific locations rather than feeling locked into one complete route. Results showed:

- Western segment: Green Ribbon was the overwhelming favorite
- Central segment: Green Ribbon scored very high
- Eastern segment: Green Ribbon was popular, but Cosgray Connect emerged as preferred

Their alternatives analysis focused on three key questions: Is the route signature? Is it foundational? Is it actionable? They weighted criteria based on Council feedback. The analysis results aligned with community feedback, with Green Ribbon scoring highest in western and central segments, and Cosgray Connect scoring highest in the eastern segment.

Mr. Hermann stated that these results show that Council was very much in tune with the residents because what Council selected to share with the community is exactly what the community said back and also what our technical analysis came back with. There is a nice gravity and consensus on the preferred alignment.

Mr. Mears presented the preferred alternative - a hybrid of Cosgray Connect and Green Ribbon routes. To ensure connections to key destinations, they created a "preferred route plus" with short-term and long-term opportunities. Short-term connections would use existing routes to connect to Metro Center and Bridge Park, while long-term connections would eventually use John Shields Parkway crossing and Shier Rings crossing to Metro Center Loop.



Mr. Hermann noted two important points: they heard from Council that Metro Center must be to connected to the trail and that there are areas that are crossing streets. They asked for feedback regarding the corridors in the preferred option.

Mr. Mears emphasized alignment with Envision Dublin and other ongoing projects to leverage activation and tie projects together for efficiency and cost savings. He showed crossing opportunities identified in Envision Dublin and how routes aligned with those crossings.

Moving to signature experiences, Mr. Mears explained they could not define these until knowing the route location. The placemaking and experience typologies would create an urban and nature blend with parklands in the middle focusing on nature, recreation zones, and urban opportunities around Metro Center, urban core, historic core, and potentially the West Innovation District.

Mr. Mears presented trail typologies ensuring appropriate width and space for a signature experience comfortable for families and people of all ages and abilities. Different typologies included nature preserve, urban, and new development/existing park categories, each with specific space requirements for different contexts.

For next steps, the project team would focus on trail design typologies, signature experiences, phasing and implementation strategies, identifying early wins, and aligning projects with existing work. They planned to return in November with findings.

Mr. Mears concluded with four questions for council:

- Is council supportive of the hybrid preferred route alignment including the preferred plus with Metro Center connection?
- Any additional adjustments or considerations for the proposed alignment?
- Priorities or thoughts on design objectives and placemaking?
- Any other high-level considerations?

Mr. Reiner suggested considering trail spurs to interesting places, giving the example of the Dublin Arts Center up the river.

Ms. Fox inquired about the transition across Frantz Road up Corbins Mill, wondering what it captures on the north end near schools. She was curious why they chose the blue dotted line (current availability) versus the solid blue line (eventual goal).



Mr. Mears explained the solid blue aligns with the John Shields project for long-term connection. Part of the route selection considered connection to the Dublin Link Bridge for current access, even knowing there's discussion about long-term bike/pedestrian mixing. Mr. Hermann added this gets closer to Indian Run preserve and addresses the challenge of crossing West Bridge Street north to south, with Corbins Mill Drive being the team's initial instinct for signature trail pedestrian safety.

Ms. Fox expressed concern about establishing the Frantz Road streetscape and thought the trail opportunity could find its way up Frantz Road through what she called "the Boy Scout Park." She wanted to see that studied, noting if the Signature Trail went through Metro or along Frantz Road and crossed over (acknowledging the busy intersection), it could incorporate that stretch to reach Indian Run Ravine. She questioned whether Corbins Mill would provide the same feel.

Ms. Fox also wondered about trail color considerations, mentioning she had looked at trails worldwide and found contrasting colors to surroundings make them significantly interesting and attractive. She loved the differentiation between park and urban areas and asked where to submit ideas for fun elements like biophilic design sitting areas in natural places and overhead construction to vary the visual experience. She offered to send ideas through Ms. O'Callaghan to be shared with the project team.

Ms. Kramb expressed support for the general preferred alignment but wanted to see it overlaid on existing shared-use path maps to ensure neighborhood connectivity. She emphasized the need for a comprehensive sign package working across all three topographies and existing paths. Regarding promotion and marketing, she noted that people are going to want to be able to see sites of interest. She suggested planning for GPS locations and digital promotion since "everyone uses their phones for mapping."

Ms. De Rosa thanked them and asked about the trail length. Mr. Mears responded it was approximately 6-7 miles. Ms. De Rosa pointed out that while many people could easily bike that distance, walking would be harder. She emphasized the importance of identifying hubs for 2-3 mile walks and ensuring people know where to start and how to get back. Ms. De Rosa stated emphatically that the trail must be 10-12 feet wide. She also emphasized safety considerations at grade changes and major crossings like Franz Road, referencing examples from major trails. Regarding implementation, she suggested starting somewhere new and interesting rather than where trails already exist to "set the vision early."

Mr. Keeler noted that in places like Denmark and Amsterdam, people do ride bikes to work, boarding ferries in the morning. He emphasized the importance of having this discussion now during CIP and operating budget conversations since many

planned projects would be affected. He specifically mentioned Coffman Park and permanent buildings there.

Vice Mayor Alutto stated AI would be a key component, referencing QR codes at the Grounds of Remembrance that sometimes fall over. She emphasized the importance of wayfinding information, route lengths, and making the experience rich for users. She expressed enthusiasm for learning opportunities about surroundings and emphasized including route information and timing. She acknowledged the car-driven nature of society and the importance of parking accessibility for those starting in the middle of routes.

Vice Mayor Alutto suggested exploring augmented reality opportunities similar to Bridge Park's holiday feature to attract people to different trail areas. She concluded by pushing for continued community engagement, noting the community's hunger for this project and the importance of understanding how it impacts all City projects given hard CIP decisions.

Mayor Amorose Groomes stated that it is a privilege to be able to live in a community that gets to talk about these things. She expressed support for the preferred plus route but suggested identifying a southern loop in phase 2. She noted there was enough support for a southern loop and that that area should not be left behind. For additional priorities, she mentioned facilities like bike maintenance, water bottle refill stations, and restrooms where needed (noting they wouldn't be necessary in the historic core due to existing facilities).

Regarding trail width, she stated firmly that she believed the trail should be no smaller than 12 feet. She reiterated that a 12 foot minimum width was needed to differentiate this trail from just another shared use path.

- Dublin Sustainability Plan Final Report

Ms. Goliver presented the Dublin Sustainability Plan final report. She began by noting this was a result of the strategic framework adopted by City Council in 2022 that set out a goal to become "the most sustainable, connected, and resilient global city of choice."

Ms. Goliver provided background that Council adopted the 2018-2020 Sustainability Framework at the September 24, 2018 meeting, which was extended an extra year due to the pandemic. As they began updating the framework, they hired a consultant to help make this one of the top sustainability plans in the country with industry standard goals.

The draft plan was reviewed by City Council at the June 3, 2024 meeting where Council provided feedback on three discussion items: strategies and actions outlined in the plan, anything not included that Council wanted addressed, and whether Council supported referring implementation to the Community Services Advisory Committee for feedback.

Since then, staff and the consultant updated the plan based on Council's feedback. The project kicked off in 2023 with numerous public touchpoints including surveys and a community workshop. They surveyed the business community and senior leadership staff spent considerable time reviewing it.

Items addressing specific Council feedback include:

 - Cisterns: Council had recommended creating an ordinance requiring cisterns outside every new residential building. To tie the sustainability plan to the existing stormwater management design manual, a goal was added to encourage rain barrel and cistern use for water reclamation. The City can increase education about benefits for both water reuse and keeping water out of the system. The plan includes an action item for the city to pilot underground and on-site stormwater retention and reuse for irrigation at a community park.

- o Green Roofs: These are approved as stormwater control measures in the design manual. Strategy 2.2.6 and Action 3.1.6c address ways the City can encourage builders to incorporate green roofs and other green building standards. There's ongoing discussion following the May 20th Community Development Committee meeting.
- o Accessibility: Staff created an executive summary highlighting the most impactful initiatives. The full plan remains comprehensive with details to provide staff a roadmap for implementing the big ideas.
- o In-Progress Items: Council noted the plan includes items already being implemented like micromobility. The "in progress" section lists items including active transportation and micromobility projects like the Veo project launched earlier this year.
- o Code Review: A critical recommendation is hiring a consultant to review code for inconsistencies related to sustainable development. Some work will be part of an upcoming planning project. An action item was added to explore alternative building requirements offering more flexibility for future building uses.
- o Topsoil Reuse: While many developers already reuse topsoil as standard practice, Action 3.2.2d was added as a requirement to memorialize this practice.

Additional updates included grammatical edits, 2024 information updates, amended language for the EV infrastructure comprehensive plan aligning with 2024 changes, and adjusted language about community events to clarify the goal of establishing zero waste events.

For implementation, staff plans to identify ways using 2025 operating budget funds set aside in the office of the city manager, solid waste, and planning budgets for larger projects. They would present objectives and strategies to CSAC for initial review and leverage the Eco Dublin team (internal staff from every department) for implementation oversight.

Ms. Goliver asked for council feedback on the executive summary, final thoughts, and whether Council supported the identified next steps.

Mr. Keeler asked about federal or state funding availability. Ms. Goliver confirmed they have 3-4 ongoing grants from federal, state, MORPC, and SWACO sources. She gave the example of expanding recycling in parks funded primarily through grants including Ohio EPA. Mr. Keeler suggested exploring programs to give away rain barrels similar to how police give away anti-theft devices, noting passionate residents might participate if grant funding was available. Ms. Goliver mentioned Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District offers rebates for rain barrels and native plants through the City's contract.

Ms. De Rosa acknowledged the comprehensive nature of sustainability, appreciating the executive summary. She asked how residents would navigate this on the website. Ms. Goliver explained that the Communications and Marketing team incorporates sustainability messaging in various communications. They participate in Stormwater Awareness Week highlighting rain barrels and management techniques. The City's website would have a page outlining the plan with both full version and executive summary, with the Eco Dublin team implementing through various channels and linking to existing resources.

Ms. De Rosa suggested focusing on priorities and funded items for the current/next year. For budgeting, she asked staff to highlight which action items, budget items, and capital projects advance sustainability goals to help connect the dots.

Mr. Reiner emphasized the cost benefits of cisterns, considering stormwater runoff expenses and millions spent relining sewers, plus free water for irrigation.

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Ms. Kramb suggested some edits to the executive summary. She suggested removing the word "sustainability" used repeatedly, instead using everyday action examples. She gave specific examples like changing "target sustainable action in water" to focusing on "water, the ecology and the air by conservation and parks." She noted the word "sustainable" appears four times in one definition and suggested making it more user-friendly. She praised page 3's action items as tangible things people understand.

Ms. Fox viewed the plan as providing a great macro view of sustainability needs. She wondered how to move people to action, noting survey respondents wanted to save water and have cheaper energy costs. She suggested breaking down priorities into 2-3 month focuses on specific topics. For example, in summer teaching about recycling food and utilizing rain barrels, perhaps making 200 rain barrels available like Franklin County Extension Service did.

Ms. Fox noted plastics were not mentioned despite the City using many water bottles. She suggested monthly challenges like bringing plastics to one location to visualize community usage.

She suggested asking CSAC to generate ideas for motivating actions like food recycling or Styrofoam recycling. She emphasized making it convenient to help people change behaviors.

Ms. Goliver asked for clarification whether Ms. Fox wanted these ideas in the plan or as CSAC feedback after reviewing it. Ms. Fox clarified the plan is a great study, but it's not a brochure that helps change behavior. She believed implementation needs "actionable calendar of implementation activities that would move people to actually change behaviors."

Ms. O'Callaghan stated that much of the feedback seems related to implementation, communication, and education rather than the adoption piece. She noted Communications and Marketing has a team member involved who will support implementation and develop public communications and materials.

Ms. Kramb clarified she is supportive of the plan, but thinks the executive summary needs changes before approval. Building on Ms. Fox's comment, she suggested adding public education as a short-term action item in the executive summary.

Vice Mayor Alutto expressed support for the plan and found the executive summary helpful, supporting Ms. Kramb's suggestion. She highlighted existing City efforts like Styrofoam recycling and pumpkin recycling that have changed behaviors. She mentioned document destruction and emphasized acknowledging existing efforts during implementation.

Vice Mayor Alutto wanted to ensure leveraging partners and referenced SWACO's annual diversion comparison among communities as a potential KPI. She found the direction good and appreciated efforts to make the substantial report comprehensive yet digestible, while not losing sight of existing accomplishments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked staff for tackling this complicated topic. She agreed with simplifying the executive summary to avoid overwhelming people with big, ambiguous words that might cause them lose interest.

She expressed concern about timeframes, specifically noting item 1.1.5d about hiring a consultant to review Dublin Irish Festival sustainability initiatives says "3 to 7 years." She suggested instead of receptacles with confusing signage at festivals, maybe attended receptacles with volunteers helping people understand proper disposal.

Ms. Goliver clarified that a consultant was on-site at this year's Irish Festival who has been engaged, with the 3-7 years referring to implementing recommendations. The consultant observed that Ohio State sends all waste for sorting, achieving about 60% diversion. Dublin's contractor already sorts about 60% of materials

when possible. The timeline spreads out implementation costs, with the consultant report expected by year-end.

Mayor Amorose Groomes noted other long timeframes like "recruit sustainability ambassadors to oversee sustainable volunteer services" at 7+ years. She suggested identifying specific years rather than "7+ years" to avoid confusion.

She concluded by applauding the efforts that will make significant differences in the community's carbon footprint. When asked if this was the final time council would see it, staff indicated they'd return for adoption as a resolution after addressing these issues.

- Q3 Public Safety Update
Deputy Chief Greg Lattanzi presented the quarterly public safety briefing alongside Deputy Chief Nick Tabernik. Deputy Chief Lattanzi began by addressing the public, explaining all police department activity is driven by their mission of protection and service in partnership with the community.

He outlined their goals: critical incident preparedness and response, preparedness for major crimes, theft defense reduction, overall traffic safety improvement, and effectively addressing issues of significant community concern.

Crime Statistics Year-to-Date 2025:

- 21 Part 1 violent crimes reported, investigated by patrol officers and detective bureau
- Theft offenses showing decrease compared to 2024
- Reduction in theft from vehicles compared to 2024
- Slight increase in motor vehicle thefts from 2024, but below 2023 levels
- Only 8 breaking and entering offenses (business properties)
- Significant decrease in burglary and B&E offenses overall
- Slight increase in burglary offenses (residential)
- Slight increase in traffic crashes
- 13 serious injury crashes (increase of 2 from 2024)
- Reduction in OVI-related crashes
- Consistent OVI arrests and enforcement
- Nearly 7,000 traffic stops year-to-date
- Over 1,500 speeding citations

Deputy Chief Tabernik discussed critical incident preparedness, highlighting a recently conducted district-wide tabletop exercise at all Dublin City Schools facilitated by school resource officers. He credited Ms. O'Callaghan for the upcoming public safety partner meeting on September 18th involving multiple stakeholders. The joint tabletop will provide a venue for police, communications team, senior leadership, Dublin City Schools, fire departments, and law enforcement partners to collaborate.

The meeting will discuss feedback from the district-wide tabletop, police crisis communications plan, and updated SRO curriculum including teen driving safety, responsible social media use, dangers of underage drinking and social hosting, and senior tag.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi detailed crime trends:

- Motor vehicle thefts: 46 total (8 more than 2024), with 18 having keys/fobs left inside (39%)

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- o 15 of 46 were Hyundai or Kia vehicles with manufacturer defects
- o Theft from vehicles: 34% were unlocked vehicles
- o Burglaries: 15 total year-to-date, with 7 involving open garage doors or other open doors, 3 showing no forced entry

He emphasized community messaging about securing vehicles and homes. Updated theft prevention efforts included new signage addressing firearm security in vehicles, responding to Councilmember Keeler's previous recommendation about the trend of firearms being targeted in vehicle thefts.

Deputy Chief Tabernik discussed special events security, particularly the Dublin Irish Festival. Security measures included:

- o 2 police drones with designated pilots plus 4 drone-as-first-responder drones;
- o Partnership with Department of Public Safety providing sky watch tower;
- o Vehicle and cement barricades at entrances and around south/east grounds;
- o Additional patrol officers and business district unit coverage;
- o Only 1 theft reported compared to multiple in 2024;
- o Franklin County bomb techs staged for entire event; and
- o Community safety ambassadors integral to Identikid tents and entrances.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi highlighted the drone-as-first-responder program, crediting Sergeant Andrew Clark for spearheading Ohio's first program partnering with schools and Washington Township Fire. Since mid-July, they've had 46 deployments. Deputy Chief shared three specific drone success examples.

Additional updates provided to Council included the department robots. DubBot is active in Rockcrest parking garage since July 25th and BridgeWalker planned for Riverside Crossing Park later this year.

Regarding school safety, Deputy Chief Lattanzi stated that with classes beginning, traffic enforcement and patrol units are monitoring all 17 school zones, making stops and educating public about 20 mph zones when children present.

Speed warning cameras are currently deployed on Martin Road, Brand Road, Avery Road, and Bridge Park Avenue, with Avery and Bridge Park showing the most activity. In October, the cameras will move to the following locations:

- o Bright Road at Inverness
- o Glick Road at Rothesay
- o Sells Mill at Arlington
- o Summit View at Camden Lakes

Mr. Keeler praised the speed cameras as a great investment as they do not require a salary or benefits, they are moveable, and are great deterrents. Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed they can issue 200 warnings monthly across all locations.

Ms. Kramb asked about robot encounters and effectiveness. While there are no documented encounters yet, they will provide statistics next quarter. She also asked about the impact of the establishment of the business district, which Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed that officers in the business district have intervened and investigated several instances, and prevented others through their presence. Ms. Kramb questioned the Bright/Inverness camera location because it is not an area conducive to speeding. Deputy Chief Lattanzi offered to follow up with traffic unit and transportation.

Ms. Fox expressed appreciation for drone examples, noting the impressive 50-second response time. She asked if Dublin was unique for this program among

municipalities in Ohio. Deputy Chief Lattanzi confirmed Dublin is the only known partnership with both school and fire department with strategic locations enabling such rapid response. Ms. Fox emphasized this deserves publicity for the "enormous public safety improvement" helping save lives.

Mr. Reiner asked about car theft locations. Deputy Chief Lattanzi explained that the last year has experienced dealership increases; but this year shows more parking lot thefts at hotels and major shopping areas with large vehicle concentrations.

Ms. De Rosa thanked the Deputy Chiefs for succinct presentations and asked about noise/drag racing updates. Deputy Chief Lattanzi said traffic enforcement regularly focuses on complaint areas including I-270, Riverside Drive, and US33. Summer operations with Hilliard and other departments targeted the I-270 corridor during evening hours when noise flows into residential areas and Bridge Park.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about the 46 motor vehicle thefts - how many Hyundai/Kias also had keys left inside? Deputy Chief Lattanzi did not have specific data but noted Kia/Hyundai thefts are typically forced entry. Asked about perpetrator residency, Deputy Chief Lattanzi said predominantly non-Dublin residents coming from other communities, targeting central Ohio broadly. Detectives, community impact unit investigators, and law enforcement planners maintain good connectivity with partner agencies for joint investigations.

He referenced a recent search warrant conducted with Licking County and others on an individual who stole 4 vehicles in Dublin among others elsewhere. The suspect lived just south of Dublin's jurisdiction.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about importance of flock cameras at more city entrances given non-resident crime trends. She thanked them for the report and success stories.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O'Callaghan shared one update regarding the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Initiative. She explained MORPC is a planning partner for the Midwest Connect Passenger Rail Corridor Study connecting Chicago, Fort Wayne, Columbus, and Pittsburgh. The study is part of the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program. Fort Wayne is the lead applicant and project sponsor, awarded \$500,000 federal planning grant for Step 1.

Step 1 includes developing scope, schedule, and budget for subsequent steps. The team will not need to re-compete for Steps 2 and 3. Following FRA notice to proceed, federal funds will be released for Step 2 (creating a service development plan). Federal funds are expected to cover 90% of Step 2's approximately \$7 million cost, requiring a \$700,000 non-federal match.

To demonstrate regional commitment, MORPC proposes Ohio communities contribute 20% of non-federal match, with remaining match requested from other states/communities along the corridor. Ms. O'Callaghan noted the project's significance for Central Ohio, furthering Envision Dublin and advancing the multimodal thoroughfare plan. She highlighted Mayor Amorose Groomes' significant leadership role through MORPC and her own service on the Central Ohio Passenger Rail Advisory Council.

Ms. O'Callaghan recommended the City support the initiative with a \$50,000 contribution towards the project. Since this was not specifically discussed during 2025 budgeting, she wanted Council awareness and verification of support before submitting commitment letter to MORPC. She proposed using \$30,000 from budget line for MORPC studies generally, with remaining balance from contingency funds in City Manager's Office.

Mayor Amorose Groomes added that the state failed to include funding in the state budget. To continue moving the work forward, Dublin would join multiple other communities contributing funds. She emphasized the importance of continuing this work.

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Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to contribute \$50,000 to the Midwest Connect Passenger Rail Study.

Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor Alutto, yes; Mr. Reiner, yes; Ms. Fox, yes; Ms. De Rosa, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Committee Reports
 - Finance Committee: Mr. Keeler reported that the Finance Committee met August 12th to discuss the City's debt sensitivity with municipal advisor Brian Cooper from Baker Tilly. They reviewed the City's current debt portfolio and ratings metrics for four different ratings agencies. Mr. Cooper recommended continuing annual reviews of policies for debt, investments and cash reserves. The Committee supports a conservative approach to debt issuance, aiming to stay below thresholds set by rating agencies. They discussed balancing debt issuance with retirement and the challenge of balancing infrastructure needs with Council goals. He noted the capital improvements program has continued increasing over the years, and prioritizing projects to control spending will continue as the 2026-2030 CIP is finalized.
- Liaison Reports
 - Ms. De Rosa reported on the 33 Corridor Group meeting August 8th hosted by Plain City. She encouraged visiting downtown Plain City to see the revitalization of retail. The meeting had excellent attendance including school superintendents. Discussion continued on critical infrastructure needs (water/sewer) as jurisdictions grow with increasing developments. She emphasized the group's focus on effective planning up and down the 33 corridor.
 - Ms. Fox added to the 33 Corridor report that Marysville has an east-south development partnering with a New Albany development corporation - a 1,200-acre expansion including advanced manufacturing, data centers, and bio-pharmacy firms utilizing a community authority for long-term infrastructure support. Jerome Village is expanding along Route 42 with hospital expansion, banks, and commercial development. She noted lively discussion about the Route 161 west section between Plain City and Dublin, with ODOT studying future infrastructure needs possibly including 5 lanes, prompting concern. She emphasized the importance of conversations among impacted municipalities (Jerome Township, Plain City, Marysville, Dublin, Madison County) following the 33 Corridor's guiding principles for creating best possible development amid rapid growth.
 - Mr. Keeler reported the Board of Education meets this Wednesday (8/27). Regarding Logan-Union-Champaign County Regional Planning, Mr. Keeler reported that Glacier Ridge Phase 5 received conditional approval, and an apartment/multifamily development received conditional approval for preliminary plat extension for 2 years, creating 230 multi-family units in Dublin City School District.
 - Mr. Reiner reported on Dublin Arts Council, thanking attendees of the successful, colorful JapanOH Festival where vendors nearly sold out. He thanked volunteers and noted their booth was staffed by the new Dublin Arts Council head. Upcoming events include Sundays at Scioto on 9/14, 9/28, and 10/5. The new exhibit "Mona Gonzales" opens September 13th with appetizers and beverages.
 - Ms. Kramb reported attending the August 12th Washington Township meeting, thanking them on Council's behalf for Fourth of July and Irish Festival efforts. No township meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (8/26).

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The Architectural Review Board meets August 27th with a notable case - potentially the first solar panels in the historic district on Franklin Street, with a recommendation for approval.

- o Mayor Amorose Groomes reported on MORPC's August 14th meeting. With Michelle Crandall's departure as Hilliard City Manager, elections were held. Her time as chair was extended, Ben Kessler (Bexley Mayor) moved from secretary to vice chair, and Mayor Jadwin from Gahanna became secretary.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Kramb congratulated Mayor Amorose Groomes on her reappointment as MORPC board chair. She attended the Bishop Elementary ribbon cutting with Council Member De Rosa and Mayor Amorose Groomes, noting it was the most attended school ribbon cutting with a packed gymnasium. She also attended the Chamber's 50th anniversary celebration with both day business event and evening celebration.

Mr. Reiner thanked veterans at Irish Festival who volunteered for the Heroes Hut, working to find community members with PTSD who might be contemplating suicide. He noted over 30,000 veterans have committed suicide. The veterans group is working on the Armed Forces Day program for 11/11 and other projects. He participated in the Dublin River Cleanup.

Mr. Keeler shared a success story about the Dublin Community Improvement Corporation facade grant program. 30-32 South High Street across from Dublin Village Tavern was passionately restored by Mark and Todd Corbin and Todd's wife Jennifer. They received \$25,000 per address (two structures) totaling \$50,000. Mr. Keeler witnessed Mitch Ament deliver the check. He praised the historically significant property with exposed logs, minimal footprint changes, and ARB's review. This demonstrated Council's 5+ year conversation about addressing blighted addresses succeeding through property owners' efforts with City help. They're having soft openings until next Friday's grand opening, with The Apothecary (bourbon and cigars, no indoor smoking) featuring a beautiful back patio, and Uncorked wine tasting establishment next door.

Ms. De Rosa congratulated Mayor Amorose Groomes on her MORPC work and thanked Kenny McDonald who is stepping down as One Columbus president. She recalled meeting him and his group early in her Council tenure to understand economic development promotion.

Mayor Amorose Groomes attended the Ohio Mayors Alliance meeting in Cincinnati August 12-13. Conversations focused on safety and taxes. Cincinnati Mayor Pureval discussed their experiences and community response. Springfield Mayor Rue shared similar experiences with national media spotlight. She appreciated the information exchange on responses and lessons learned. Additional updates include:

- o On August 14th, she gave the MORPC update and attended the Chamber event. She found it moving for different reasons, noting attendees played significant roles in community development.
- o She attended JapanOH Fest on August 16th and had dinner with JASCO leadership, the Hidakas, and Consul General Jimmy Kishimori, discussing their future organizational and community plans.
- o On August 18th, she and Chief Paez met with Columbus Humane regarding pet conversations about vicious dog attacks in news media, discussing mutual resources and interactions.
- o August 20th, she attended Univar's picnic representing the City.
- o On August 21st, she attended additional Ohio Mayors Alliance and NLC ITC meetings.

She concluded by thanking Kenny McDonald for his service to the region and Joe Nardone at the airport, both departing soon. She thanked them both for their service.

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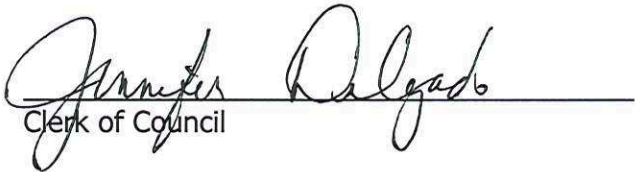
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Mayor – Presiding Officer



Clerk of Council