

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

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## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 5:15 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

Members present were Ms. Alutto, Mayor Amorose Groomes, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Keeler, Ms. Kramb and Dr. Lam. Vice Mayor De Rosa was absent.

Staff members present were Ms. O'Callaghan, Chief Paez, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Rubino, Ms. Weisenauer, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Willis, Mr. Gracia, Mr. Barker, Ms. LeRoy, Mr. Gable, Mr. Jiang, Ms. Blake, Mr. Ament and Ms. Hunter.

Others present were members of the Wyandot Elementary School Cub Scout Troop 111 and Heather Ditty, the Memorial Tournament.

## ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Amorose Groomes moved to adjourn to executive session to consider:

- Considering the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes; and
- Personnel Matters: Considering the Employment of a Public Employee and the Appointment of a Public Official.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Cub Scout Troop 111 from Wyandot Elementary to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. After the pledge, Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed appreciation for the scouts' participation, noting how scouting enriches the City. She thanked the scouts for the valuable work they perform in the community.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

- **2026 Memorial Tournament**

Ms. Ditty began by thanking the Council for the opportunity to present. She expressed excitement about sharing the complete branding package for the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday for the City, emphasizing that this year marks the tournament's fiftieth anniversary. She highlighted the long-standing partnership between the tournament and the City, noting that the partnership has been just as lengthy as the tournament's history.

Temporary signage installation dates are scheduled for April 20th through 24th with the intention of going live on April 27th. The teardown is planned for June 8th through 12th, with the tournament itself running from June 1st through 7th.

Ms. Ditty shared several key facts about the tournament, noting that the field remains at 72 players with a purse of \$20 million. As a signature event on the tour, the tournament maintains several broadcast partners for both linear and digital television coverage, providing over 40 hours of live and taped programming. The tournament reaches over 215 countries and territories globally.

She outlined the tournament's key pillars of honor, showcase, and benefit, explaining that the benefit pillar relates to the charities supported by the tournament. Nationwide Children's Hospital has been the primary beneficiary since the beginning, with the Eat.Learn.Play. Foundation joining with Workday a few years ago. Additionally, the tournament donates to over 50 other charities based on needs.

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The 2026 honorees were announced as David Graham and posthumously Alan Robertson. Ms. Ditty emphasized the importance of the over 3,000 volunteers who make the tournament possible. She continued with details about signature events throughout the year. The Legends Luncheon was scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th, followed by media day on Wednesday, May 6th. Jack Nicklaus was expected to participate in both the Legends Luncheon and media day. A time capsule reveal was planned for May 6th in coordination with the association alongside the media day.

The honorary ceremony would take place on Wednesday, June 3rd with David Graham present along with his family. The benefit concert was planned for Thursday, June 4th, followed by FORE!Fest on the 5th and 6th, with the final round on Sunday, June 7th.

Ms. Ditty described the plans to bring back oversized golf balls at Riverside Crossing Park, which have been popular photo opportunities for visitors. A new element for the fiftieth anniversary was introduced: a 6-foot logo monument along with oversized pin flags. This monument would be temporarily placed at Riverside Crossing Park to complement the golf balls, with 50 flags representing the fiftieth anniversary. Another new element for the anniversary celebration involved the Dublin Link Bridge, where winners and honorees would be listed as temporary decals for people walking across the bridge in either direction. This would provide a sense of the tournament's history regardless of which direction visitors were walking.

Road decals were also planned for Memorial Drive, similar to those used during the President's Cup, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary. The disc golf course at Riverside Crossing Park would return, providing entertainment for families and residents. Pole banners would expand slightly from previous years, extending from Avery Muirfield Drive up to Glick Road, and similarly on Dublin Road up to Glick Road. These memorial-specific banners would be placed on Avery-Muirfield and Dublin roads, while Bridge Park would share some banners with FORE!Fest for promotion.

The presentation concluded with various collaboration points that the tournament organization greatly appreciates with the City. Communication was identified as key, with coordination between the city team and Visit Dublin. Parking and traffic management were noted as essential for the experience of both fans and residents. Safety remained a priority for everyone involved, with hospitality continuing both on and off the course.

From a community standpoint, Ms. Ditty emphasized the collaborative effort to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary, working not only with the City but also with Visit Dublin, Dublin Historical Society, and Dublin Arts Council. She noted the extensive collaborative efforts planned to commemorate this milestone anniversary.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes of the March 9, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
- Notice to the Legislative Authority of a Transfer of Ownership of a D1, D2 and D3 Liquor Permit from Norms Place Inc, 6314 Cosgray Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016 to City of Dublin, SportsOhio - PowerPlay, 6314 Cosgray Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

Hearing no request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes.

**SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES**

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to waive the Council Rules of Order and read Ordinances 16-26 through 18-26 together.  
Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

**Ordinance 16-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.042-Acre Warranty Deed from the Property Located at 5611 Avery Road, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 274-000098 from Gurpal Kaur, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a Shared Use Path, Drainage and Roadway Improvements, Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 17-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.116-Acre Warranty Deed from the Property Located at 5689 Avery Road, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 273 -010593 From Scioto Properties SP-17 LLC, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a Shared Use Path, Drainage and Roadway Improvements, Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 18-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.076-Acre Warranty Deed from the Property Located at 5695 Avery Road, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 274 -000122 From Ohio Venture Properties, LLC, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a Shared Use Path, Drainage and Roadway Improvements, Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

Mr. Gable reported that there have been no changes to these ordinances from the first reading. Staff recommended adoption of these ordinances.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinances: Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes.

**INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES**

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to waive the Council Rules of Order and read Ordinances 19-26 through 22-26 together.  
Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes.

**Ordinance 19-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.011-acre Temporary Right-of-way Easement; and a 0.007-acre Temporary Right-of-way Easement from NWP IV, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, from the Property Located at 16-18**

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**Bridge Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 20-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.011-acre Temporary Right-of-way Easement; and a 0.016-acre Temporary Right- of-way Easement; and a 0.017-acre Permanent Utility Easement from Community Space Development LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, from the Property Located at 56 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 21-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.010-acre Fee Simple Warranty Deed for Right- of-way; and a 0.051- acre Fee Simple Warranty Deed for Right-of-way, with Reservation of Existing Access Rights, from Dublin West D, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, from the Property Located at 86-88 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

**Ordinance 22-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.011-acre Permanent Utility Easement; and a 0.006-acre Permanent Utility Easement from CSD Dublin LLC, an Ohio limited liability company, from the Property Located at 37 and 53 North Riverview Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinances.

Ms. Willis presented the staff report, explaining that these four conveyance ordinances would complete the property acquisition legislation needed for the northern historic Dublin infrastructure improvements project. She displayed a parcel map identifying the four parcels of interest: NWP IV LLC, Community Space Development LLC, Dublin West D LLC, and CSD Dublin LLC.

Ms. Willis detailed each acquisition:

Parcel 1 (NWP IV LLC) agreed to the fair market value estimation of \$6,370 for a 0.011-acre temporary construction easement.

Parcel 6 (Community Space Development LLC, also known as CoHatch) agreed to donate the necessary land for multiple easements in accordance with their development agreement terms.

Parcel 8 (Dublin West D LLC or Crawford) also agreed to donate necessary land for two warranty deeds, with Ms. Willis expressing appreciation for Crawford Hoying’s continued partnership and willingness to work with the City as the project and surrounding area continue to develop.

Parcel 10 (CSD Dublin LLC, again CoHatch) agreed to donate permanent utility easements in accordance with their development agreement terms.

Staff recommended approval of ordinances 19-26 through 22-26 at the second reading public hearing scheduled for April 13, 2026.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for April 13, 2026.

**Ordinance 23-26**

**Authorizing the City Manager to Execute and Accept Necessary Conveyance Documents and Contracts to Acquire a 0.071-Acre Easement from the Property Located at 6939 Shier Rings Road, Identified as Franklin County Parcel Number 272-000364 from John A. McCauley and Dion M. McCauley, for the Public Purpose of Constructing a Shared Use Path, Which Shall be Open to the Public Without Charge**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Gable provided the staff report, explaining that the Shier Rings Road project from Eiterman Road to Cosgray Road would construct a shared use path along the south side of Shier Rings Road, connecting two existing shared use paths and improving overall network connectivity.

Mr. Gable noted that in 2024, the City entered an agreement with Washington Township for construction and maintenance of the path. The Township submitted and received LinkUs grant funding in 2026. Acquisition of property interests from nine property owners was necessary, with this ordinance providing for one acquisition. The City had participated in good faith discussions with property owners and arrived at mutually agreeable terms.

This ordinance completes the acquisitions except for one proceeding through the appropriation process. Mr. Gable explained the challenge of locating the owner of the final property, with legal assistance being provided to find ways to locate them. The hope was to find the owner and come to mutually agreeable terms.

In response to Ms. Johnson’s question, Mr. Gable stated that if appropriation through the courts became necessary, the timeline could extend up to a year depending on court scheduling. In that scenario, staff would work with LinkUs funding to see if adjustments could be made, or find alternative approaches to proceed with the project while potentially managing a small gap temporarily.

Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed hope that if the project proceeded smoothly, it might be the first LinkUs project completed, which would serve as great testimony to the ballot initiative and its intended accomplishments. The goal was to locate the property owner successfully and reach a mutually agreeable resolution.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for April 13, 2026.

**INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 13-26**

**Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Street Maintenance Program 2026 – Phase 1 (26-001-CIP)**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Gable the staff report for Resolution 13-26, which involved accepting the lowest and best bid for the Street Maintenance Program 2026 Phase 1. The program consists of replacing deteriorated concrete curb and gutter, street base stabilization, milling of deteriorated pavement surfaces, placement of new asphalt pavement, and other associated street maintenance work to maintain the average pavement condition index of the roadway network in good condition.

The program was funded from the 2026 through 2030 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) with \$7.4 million from the annual street maintenance program and \$875,000 from the traffic signal and electrical infrastructure maintenance program, for combined funding of \$8.275 million.

The Engineer's Estimate for Phase 1 was \$4.026 million. On February 12, 2026, five bids were received and publicly opened. The Shelly Company submitted the lowest and best bid of \$3,464,369.85. Construction is expected to commence in April and be complete in October 2026.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Kramb asked about the scope of work, specifically whether it included purely paving or also median work. She referenced Emerald Parkway and asked about fixing broken concrete on medians. Mr. Gable confirmed that stamped concrete would be removed and replaced with brick, as had been done with other sections of Emerald Parkway. This would be the last section with stamped concrete. If curbing was damaged, it would also be replaced.

Vote on the Resolution: Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes.

### **Resolution 14-26**

#### **Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Street Maintenance Program 2026 – Phase 2 (26-002-CIP)**

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Gable presented Resolution 14-26 for the Street Maintenance Program 2026 Phase 2, which consisted of similar street maintenance work as Phase 1. The program used the same combined funding of \$8.275 million from the Capital Improvements Program.

The Engineer's Estimate for Phase 2 was \$4.2 million. On March 4, 2026, four bids were received and publicly opened. Strawser Paving Company Incorporated submitted the lowest and best bid of \$3,446,328.85. Construction was expected to commence in April and be complete in October 2026.

The total of both street maintenance program low bids received was \$723,687.45 under the budgeted amount within the CIP. Other projects planned in 2026 would utilize much of the remaining funding in the account.

Staff recommended Council approval accepting Strawser Company Incorporated's bid for Phase 2 of the 2026 Program.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes inquired about the projects that had not been identified during budget season that could now be added. Mr. Gable explained that one project requiring advancement from the 2027 CIP was work at the Dublin Road and Emerald Parkway intersection. This work included signal modifications, dealing with stamped concrete, installing additional ramps, and other key items.

Due to material lead times, items needed to be ordered in advance, requiring design and budgeting a year early. Much of this project work was accounted for in the remaining funds, with an estimated cost of approximately \$850,000. Staff was also considering advancing one or two lower-priority streets within the program to utilize the rest of the available funding.

Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- North Market Wine Festival Alcohol Waiver

Ms. LeRoy presented the request for an alcohol waiver to serve alcohol on public property for the annual North Market Wine Festival. This would be the third year of the event, scheduled for September 18 from 5:00 to 10:00 PM and September 19 from 2:00 to 10:00 PM, the same operating hours as previous years.

Staff would work with the organizers on their security plan and fencing details, with special duty officers required to be on-site. Staff recommended approval of the North Market's request for the alcohol waiver on city property for the wine festival.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Alcohol Waiver requested for the purposes of the North Market Wine Festival.  
Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Keeler, yes.

- DORA Expansion, Block G & Riverside Crossing Park

Ms. LeRoy presented the first request to expand DORA boundaries since establishing the single DORA in 2022, when the East and West DORAs were combined to make connections over the bridge and through the park. She displayed a map showing the difference between the active DORA area (beige boundary) and the official boundary approved by the state of Ohio (purple boundary).



The State allows Council to decide how much of the official boundary should be active at any given time.

Ms. LeRoy explained that Town Golf Club had opened but was not in the official active DORA area, necessitating activation of their corner at Bridge Park Avenue and Mooney Street on the northeast corner. To ensure sidewalk access, a portion of Mooney Street sidewalk also needed activation.

Bristol Republic was expected to open around Memorial Tournament time in the southeast corner of Mooney and Bridge Park Avenue. Staff wanted to activate that sidewalk area as well to accommodate increased pedestrian traffic, while keeping parking garages out of the active area as previously requested by council.

Currently in Riverside Crossing Park, only paved areas were active, such as where the ice rink operates and the fountain area, but no grass areas. Last year, Council had approved temporary activation of grass areas during the summer

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series. Staff researched other DORAs in Central Ohio, noting that the Arena District DORA was only active during specific events like Crew, Clippers, or Blue Jackets games.

Following the community events roadmap discussion, staff requested the ability to activate grass areas through the community event permit process. This would ensure police presence and street staff review, with meetings required for any event requesting such activation. The forest area would remain outside the DORA boundary.

Staff recommended expansion on sidewalks on Mooney Street south of Larimer Street and north of Longshore Street, as well as the property at 6620 Mooney Street where the golf club was located. Staff also recommended approval of the DORA in Riverside Crossing Park through the community event permitting process.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Kramb suggested making the grass areas of Riverside Crossing Park permanently active rather than requiring event permits. She noted the confusion for visitors who could walk to the plaza or cross the bridge to the fountain but then could not continue into grass areas. She felt this would simplify things for people and noted that visitors had been respectful in using trash receptacles.

Ms. Alutto agreed with Ms. Kramb's assessment, expressing appreciation for the conservative and slow approach Council had taken with the DORA implementation. She noted the success of the program over several years and supported simplifying the process by permanently activating the requested areas rather than requiring staff to approve them through events processes.

Mr. Keeler and Dr. Lam also expressed agreement with permanent activation.

In response to Dr. Lam's question about staff perspective, Ms. LeRoy confirmed that staff would be supportive of permanent activation, acknowledging the confusion caused by the current boundaries and the challenge of additional signage potentially cluttering the park.

Ms. Johnson asked about additional waste receptacles in the park. Ms. LeRoy noted they would continue to monitor needs but highlighted that staff was regularly present in the area and had recycling bins and crushers available.

Mayor Amorose Groomes noted it was easier to add areas than remove them, explaining the cautious approach of not wanting people to become accustomed to open containers in an area only to later restrict access.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to expand the DORA to Block G and areas of Riverside Crossing Park as specified.

Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes.

- DORA Extension for Columbus Crew World Cup Watch Party

Ms. LeRoy presented a new request for a one-time DORA extension for an official watch party on June 12, 2026 when the USA plays in the World Cup in Los Angeles. This request was originated by the Columbus Crew and Crawford Hoying.

Due to the late timing of the west coast game, the event was expected to be large, with the Columbus Crew planning official watch parties in other areas of central Ohio. Dublin's event was positioned as the premier celebration for that first night.

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The Crew requested extending DORA hours until midnight in case the soccer match ran over, since exact ending times were unpredictable. The event would use a similar footprint to FORE!Fest with large screens and DORA stations from existing restaurants, plus food trucks and tables to encourage community participation.

Staff had not yet conducted the official event permit review but wanted early Council approval for planning purposes. Meetings were scheduled in coming weeks to determine security plans and barricade locations for road closures. Staff recommended approval of extending DORA hours for the special event on June 12, 2026.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Keeler expressed sympathy for Bridge Park residents, noting they had grown accustomed to establishments staying open until midnight and various events, but remained concerned about residents wanting early bedtimes. He indicated preference for extending hours only until 11:00 PM rather than midnight but noted it was not a critical issue for him.

Ms. LeRoy suggested they could discuss sound system management during the event permit meeting, noting that establishments would remain open even if outdoor activities ended earlier. The sound could potentially be turned off when the game concluded.

Mayor Amorose Groomes also expressed sympathy for residents, noting the late hour and the presence of families living in the area. She suggested exploring flexibility in the arrangements and emphasized the need for contingency planning when events might draw larger crowds than anticipated, particularly on beautiful evenings when attendance could grow exponentially beyond expectations. She stressed the importance of safety planning and suggested considering contingency measures for crowd control, noting that the City remained responsible for safety in these areas regardless of estimated attendance numbers.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to extend the hours of the DORA to 11:59 PM for the Columbus Crew World Cup Watch Party on June 12, 2026. Ms. Alutto seconded.

Vote on the motion: Mr. Keeler, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes.

- Memorial Tournament Temporary Sign Approval Request

Ms. LeRoy noted that Heather Ditty had already covered much of the signage request during her earlier presentation. Staff recommended approval of all signage items discussed, including the new elements for the anniversary year such as bridge decals and the commemorative monument piece.

Ms. LeRoy highlighted that bridge decals were a new feature, though the City had experience with decals in the plaza and other areas, providing confidence in installation and removal procedures. The commemorative piece was noted as emblematic of the anniversary year celebration.

Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed particular appreciation for the bridge display featuring all tournament champions, describing it as a literal walk through history that visitors could experience while seeing names like Tiger Woods appearing three times among the winners.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the temporary sign request for the Memorial Tournament.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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- West Bridge Street Corridor Visioning Update

Ms. Rauch presented an update on the Bridge Street visioning study that had been partially presented to Council in July regarding the east side of Bridge Street. She explained that the current presentation covered the west portion of the corridor as part of a larger corridor study.

Ms. Rauch described the project background, noting how the Bridge Street corridor had evolved over time from a transportation-focused, suburban design model on the east side to the Bridge Street District development pattern, and then through the Historic District toward the I-270 interchange. The study aimed to look at the area holistically and align an implementation strategy with Envision Dublin goals for pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal transportation options.

The study also considered future LinkUs bus rapid transit connections along the corridor. The project was approached in two phases while trying to identify development patterns and streetscape possibilities.

Major focus areas included managing speed while providing safe pedestrian movement, examining mobility options, and transforming the corridor to serve all users. The study addressed how redevelopment planning should proceed when the development community brings forward projects, establishing vision for streetscape elements like sidewalks and lane widths, and incorporating transit options including LinkUs.

The East Bridge Street Study presented to Council in July had provided five design alternatives considering lane widths, pedestrian facilities, bike paths, and LinkUs placement. Council had extensive discussion about reducing travel lanes, handling on-street parking, accommodating bicycle and pedestrian facilities, roadway character, project timing, and coordination support for future development projects.

Based on Council feedback, staff committed to follow-ups including evaluating overall recommendations and conducting the West Bridge Street portion from Scioto River to the Frantz Road interchange. The Study aims to ensure alignment across the entire corridor from Sawmill Road to I-270 and integration with the larger regional context.

The west side study included a new consultant, Jeff Speck, who was nationally known for walkability expertise and had spoken at the 2024 Dublin Sustainability Conference. Speck brought experience in simple design solutions that could make significant differences in walkability.

The project began in November with goals including pedestrian connectivity, on-street parking feasibility, streetscape improvements, bus rapid transit integration, crosswalk safety, and implementation of future street connections outlined in the Bridge Street code to create a traffic-distributing grid system.

Ms. Rauch announced that Jeff Speck would present on walkable cities on April 14th at the Wendy's corporate conference center, with the presentation open to the public. Following that presentation, staff planned to return to Council in a work session format to discuss recommendations for the entire corridor, with consultants present to answer questions.

The goal was to complete the larger study by late summer or early fall 2026, driven by numerous development projects along the corridor requiring guidance and direction.

Mr. Speck had offered to conduct walking tours with council members on Wednesday morning, which staff had found beneficial when conducted in November. The walking tour would cover the area from essentially the Kroger

development to the other side of the roundabout to Bridge Park, providing a comprehensive perspective on the corridor.

Ms. Rauch requested feedback from council members about interest in the walking tour, noting scheduling would be coordinated through the Clerk to accommodate work schedules and group members appropriately.

Council Member Johnson thanked staff for the informative and detailed history provided in the materials. Council Member Lam expressed interest in the walking tour pending schedule details, with Ms. Rauch indicating they would coordinate through the Clerk of Council to provide options and determine timing. Mayor Amorose Groomes also expressed interest in the morning tour.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. O'Callaghan shared the following:

- The annual Sustainable Saturday event is scheduled at the service center on April 11th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. She noted that last year's event diverted 46.22 tons of material, demonstrating residents' appreciation for this spring-cleaning opportunity that advances sustainability plan goals by expanding community recycling accessibility.
- The City has been awarded \$120,000 in 5310 funding through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), marking the seventh consecutive year of receiving this grant award. The federal funds support transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities, ensuring mobility options for residents who may not be able to drive. The funding would directly support Dublin Connector operations for seniors and residents with disabilities, providing on-demand transportation within the community. She expressed appreciation for MORPC's partnership and continued regional investment in equitable and accessible transportation options.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee Report

Ms. Alutto reported that the Finance Committee met on March 18th for one discussion item regarding the City's enterprise fund policy. The Committee received a review of Dublin's enterprise fund policy for water and sanitary sewer services, including fund structure, reserves, capital planning, and debt considerations. Staff also introduced an enterprise fund approach for a potential electric vehicle (EV) charger program. The Committee supported establishing a defined fund balance or working capital target, with staff planning to return for further discussion. Staff noted that a new utility rate study would begin in spring 2026 with recommendations expected early fall. The Committee discussed maintaining a regular study schedule and considering interim adjustments to help avoid significant rate increases rather than having large gaps between discussions.

There was support for operating the EV charger program as a self-sustaining enterprise fund with measured expansion of approximately one to two chargers per year to allow businesses time to develop charging capabilities.

Next steps included initiating the rate study in spring with recommendations to full Council in early fall, potentially as a multi-year rate plan. As part of the 2027 budget process, staff would develop a fund balance policy, continue refining capital planning, evaluate debt policy alignment, and establish the EV charger fund and fee structure as the program moves forward.

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- **Liaison Reports**

- Dublin Board of Education Liaisons:

Dr. Lam reported that he and Vice Mayor De Rosa, along with city staff, met with the Dublin City School Board chair and staff on March 2nd at Emerald Campus for their first meeting, which began with introductions and sharing significant activities both the Schools and City were undertaking in 2026.

The Deputy Superintendent shared information about high school redistricting work beginning with focus groups and continuing throughout the year with support from a new consulting firm. They provided a brief overview of the school district's financial structures and funding sources for the new group.

City staff reviewed Council's 2026 goals and shared updates on future code changes regarding electric and motorized vehicles and minibikes. They discussed opportunities for shared communication with students and parents as the rollout of new rules was expected later in the year.

The meeting also covered opportunities for increased engagement and information sharing. Dr. Lam thanked school leadership for the meeting opportunities and discussed shared opportunities for community and schools collaboration. The next meeting was scheduled for May 4th.

- US 33 Corridor Group & SR 161 Corridor Group:

Ms. Johnson reported that the 33 Corridor Group first met on February 13th with no March meeting scheduled. The next meeting was planned for April 10th.

- Sports Ohio Steering Committee:

Ms. Alutto and Mr. Keeler had no report.

- Ms. Kramb - PZC and ARB Liaison: Ms. Kramb reported that the Architectural Review Board meeting scheduled for March 25th had been canceled for lack of agenda items.

- Ms. Johnson - Washington Township: Ms. Johnson reported that Washington Township was joining the SR 161 Corridor Group and would be present at Friday's kickoff meeting with Township Administrator Eric Richter attending.

Washington Township was working through a new development proposal called the Gateway Development, a retail development at SR 161 and Weldon Road west of Dublin Green. The development spanned two counties and two townships, creating complexity in the approval process. Ms. Johnson believed they had already engaged with the City Manager for awareness and input.

Ms. Johnson completed onboarding with the Township Administrator and Fire Chief on March 19th, describing it as very informative and impressive. They provided comprehensive materials in a binder that she offered to share with other council members. Washington Township had kicked off their strategic planning process on the previous Friday.

- Dr. Lam - Dublin Wellness Alliance: Dr. Lam reported that the Dublin Wellness Alliance meeting scheduled for that day had been postponed to April 6th, so they had not yet met.

- Mr. Keeler – Dublin Arts Council and Logan/Union/Champaign County Regional Planning Commission: Mr. Keeler reported excitement building around the Memorial Tournament, with the S/WING art installation due to be installed April 8th through 10th at Whittingham Drive and Muirfield Drive. He had nothing to report on the Logan Union Champaign County Commission.

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- Mayor Amorose Groomes – MORPC: Mayor Amorose Groomes reported that the MORPC Commission meeting was held on March 12th, welcoming Sharon Township as the 94th member. The meeting included the annual air quality report and passage of the complete streets policy, with anticipation for projects resulting from that policy.

## **COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

Ms. Kramb reported attending MORPC's annual State of the Region event on Friday, March 20th, with several other council members. She announced that Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes had been recognized by MORPC as the Regional Leadership Award winner for the year, offering congratulations.

Ms. Johnson described meeting with residents of the Bridge Park West Condominium Association on Saturday, noting lots of questions and open-mindedness about Historic District development. She invited them to the groundbreaking for the new CoHatch development on the 16th and hoped to see some attendees there.

Ms. Johnson raised a question about speed management on Dublin Road between Emerald Parkway and North Riverview Street crossing, noting that speeds tend to drop quickly in that area. With the Memorial Tournament approaching and out-of-town visitors expected, she inquired whether the City implemented temporary speed limit changes in sensitive areas during major events, specifically wondering if this could be a target zone for reduced speeds during the tournament.

Ms. Alutto thanked staff for organizing Sustainable Saturday, noting that several people had told her they save cardboard specifically for the event, along with electronics and other items they prefer not to dispose of in regular trash. She emphasized appreciation for landfill diversion efforts, explaining that the more material diverted from landfills, the longer safe landfill capacity could be maintained.

Dr. Lam reported attending two iftars celebrating Ramadan, which had just concluded. The first was an interfaith iftar on March 4th hosted at Noor Islamic Cultural Center, and the second was hosted by his church, Dublin Community Church, on the 14th. He described both as nice reminders of gratitude, devotion, and unity, expressing honor at participating.

Dr. Lam thanked staff for the amazing Saint Patrick's Day parade, noting it was highly successful with one of the largest turnouts in recent years, with much fun and candy distribution. He also thanked staff for their remarkable response to wind damage the night before the parade, with crews working well into the night clearing paths and ensuring route safety.

Mr. Keeler reported attending the Dublin Chamber Business Person of The Year event hosted at Sarnova, praising their new headquarters as beautiful facilities worth visiting. He had the pleasure of speaking about Business Person of the Year winner Jim Sauter from Rusty Bucket restaurants, who was also a huge advocate for underserved and underprivileged residents in Dublin, introducing them to various sports.

Mr. Keeler thanked the business district unit for their visible presence in Bridge Park on Saturday night, noting numerous cruisers and officers issuing warnings or tickets. He emphasized that enforcement was about keeping residents safe and preserving district tranquility for people trying to enjoy meals on patios, rather than dealing with obnoxious vehicles and tire spinning.

Mayor Amorose Groomes shared the following:

- She attended the State of the State on March 10th at the invitation of Ohio Representative Crystal Lett, describing her first experience at such an event as fascinating.
- On March 11th, she visited Eli Pinney Elementary School's third-graders, describing it as a great time with students asking excellent questions and expressing confidence that the future was bright at Eli Pinney Elementary School.

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- o She thanked staff for parade organization efforts.
- o She congratulated Jim Sauter on the Business Person of The Year recognition, noting his great advocacy and board membership with Life Sports and other community organizations as an excellent chamber selection.
- o On March 19th, she attended the Ohio Mayor's Alliance meeting, discussing bills working through the State House.

That evening she attended the State of the Region rehearsal dinner featuring former Transportation Secretary Hood and DC consultant Marsha Hale discussing rail development. She noted Mr. Hood's high optimism about passenger rail coming to Ohio.

- o The March 20th State of the Region event was praised as wonderful, with MORPC hosting nearly 1,000 people, featuring an excellent futurist speaker and engaging the larger community in transportation and development topics.

She also shared that while vacationing in Naples, Florida recently, she had discovered interesting noise guidelines including a downloadable sound meter phone application. She had forwarded this information to the City Manager for potential local application, noting how quiet restaurant dining had been in that location.

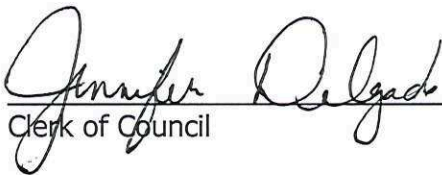
She anticipated hearing metrics on new noise ordinance implementation and success in future Chief updates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



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Mayor – Presiding Officer

  
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