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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Amorose Groomes called the Monday, June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present were Ms. O'Callaghan, Chief Paez, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Batchelor, Mr. Rubino, Ms. Weisenauer, Mr. Earman, Mr. Hounshell, Ms. Goliver, Mr. Gable, Mr. Barker, Mr. Jiang, Ms. Blake, Ms. Nardecchia, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Goehring, Mr. Hammersmith and Mr. Ament.

Also present: P.R. Casey, Franklin County Auditor's Office; Greg Dale and Keegan Stitt-White, McBride Dale Clarion; Tyler Clark and Kymberly Ware, MKSK; and Dr. Greg Hitzhusen.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- McDaniel Citizen U Graduate Presentation

Ms. Nardecchia introduced the McDaniel Citizen University graduating class, noting that 21 adults participated over eight consecutive Wednesday evenings to learn about the behind-the-scenes operations of the city. Two graduates, Chuck Sampson of 6773 Lloyd Lane and Marty Majka of 6065 Heather Bluff Drive, spoke on behalf of the class.

Mr. Sampson described how the program allowed participants to meet with various city departments and come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the work involved in running the city. He noted that the class left participants feeling more connected to each other, to the community, and to city government, and expressed that graduates felt empowered to serve as community ambassadors and encourage others to get involved.

Mr. Majka highlighted that the class covered topics including city finance, economic development, planning, mobility, transportation, and data infrastructure, and that participants concluded the program with an evening at Mayor's Court. He offered particular thanks to Christine Nardecchia for her leadership throughout the program, as well as to staff members Mitch Ament, Mara Hunter and Jeff Jiang for their support. He closed by stating that as a result of the program, graduates leave with a commitment to serve and engage.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked the graduates and provided context on the program's history, noting that Citizen University was renamed in honor of former City Manager Dana McDaniel upon his retirement in September 2022. She recognized that McDaniel served the city for 34 years, became city manager in 2015 — the same year the program was founded — and was instrumental in facilitating Dublin's fiber optic network. She expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of Council for the graduates' dedication and engagement.

- Franklin County Auditor – 2026 Property Values Update

Mr. Casey, General Counsel and Deputy Chief of Staff for Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano, presented an update on the 2026 property value update process. He explained that Ohio law requires all counties to conduct a full reappraisal every six years, with a triennial update in between. The last full reappraisal occurred in 2023, making 2026 a triennial update year. He noted that the Auditor's office had just received approval from the Ohio Department of Taxation on the preceding Friday, stating it was likely the first county in its cycle to receive approval.

Mr. Casey described the triennial update as a sales-based process rather than a property-by-property inspection, relying on arms-length sales, which are defined as

transactions between independent parties at fair market value, to determine whether values should be adjusted up or down across the county. He noted that Franklin County is approaching 500,000 parcels, necessitating mass appraisal methods.

He announced that tentative value notices would be mailed to all county property owners in June and that a new home value website would launch the following day, allowing residents to look up their property values and review recent neighborhood sales data. Public review sessions would be held in July and September, with a Dublin-area session scheduled for Thursday, August 6th and Friday, August 7th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Discover Christian Church, 2900 Martin Road, Dublin. Mr. Casey encouraged residents attending those sessions to bring any evidence of interior improvements, as mass appraisers do not access the interior of properties.

On the question of tax impact, Mr. Casey explained that property tax is calculated as 35% of assessed value multiplied by the local taxing district millage rate, and that a change in value does not correspond to a dollar-for-dollar change in taxes. For Dublin specifically, residential property values are projected to increase by 10%, which is consistent with the county average. All property classes in Dublin are projected to increase by 9%. He contrasted this with the 2023 reappraisal, during which residential values in Franklin County rose by an average of 41%, which he characterized as a perfect storm of factors including outdated laws, out-of-state property ownership, rapid inflation of home prices, and Franklin County's status as one of the hottest real estate markets in the country.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited Ms. Johnson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Angela Griffin, 5559 Kinvarra Lane, addressed Council regarding three issues. Her primary concern was Ordinance 06-25 and the proposed zoning of land west of the railroad in the West Innovation District, arguing that property west of the tracks — which is closer to her home and other residences along Houchard Road — should not be zoned differently and less protectively than the land to the east. She also expressed appreciation for the removal of data centers from the rezoning plans, though she noted that the Technology Flex zone type may still permit data center uses. Finally, she requested that advanced manufacturing and research and development be designated as conditional uses within the ID-6 code, arguing this would provide an additional layer of review for potentially hazardous future developments.

Todd Hemmert, 5824 Houchard Road, spoke on behalf of residents along Houchard Road, distributing a pamphlet to support his remarks. He noted that there are approximately 100 acres of single-family homes on Houchard Road that he felt were not adequately considered in the Envision Dublin planning process. He expressed frustration that a January staff memo had narrowed the scope of the rezoning effort to 144 acres focused on five parcels on Cosgray Road, effectively removing Houchard Road residents from the planning and zoning review process. He acknowledged improvements in the ID-6 code — including reduced building heights, elimination of smoke stacks, better fleet vehicle controls, noise controls, and the elimination of warehouse and distribution uses — but argued these same protections should be extended to the Houchard Road corridor. He urged Council to designate the Houchard Road area as ID-6 rather than ID-2.

Richard Weeks, 5826 Houchard Road, echoed prior concerns, noting that residents had sought meetings with the City for a year and a half with limited success. He urged Council to apply ID-6 zoning to the areas around Houchard Road before any final decisions are made.

Lorin Weeks, 5826 Houchard Road, spoke about her 10 years of residence along Houchard Road, describing the character of the community and expressing concern about what ID-3

industrial zoning could bring to the area. She stated that the rezoning's impacts would not be isolated to Houchard Road but would affect broader Dublin. She urged Council to apply ID-6 zoning to the Hochard Road corridor and to view that community as part of Dublin even though it technically falls outside city limits.

Mayor Amorose Groomes clarified that Ordinance 33-26 was on the evening's agenda, and that comments specifically on the code amendments under that ordinance should be reserved for the appropriate time during the agenda.

Amy Swank, 5945 Vandeleur Place, clarified that individuals speaking now are speaking with regard to Ordinance 06-25 and others will wait for Ordinance 33-26 to provide their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

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.

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

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 29-26

Amendments to Sections 153.002 and 153.172 and Adding Chapter 123 to the Dublin Codified Ordinances to Address Food Truck Operations

Ms. Blake reported that there were no changes since the first reading and that staff was available to answer questions.

Zach James, 348 East Weber Road, Columbus, representing the Central Ohio Food Truck Association (COFTA) as its president, addressed Council on behalf of more than 150 mobile food businesses in central Ohio. He thanked Council and staff for their work on the pilot program and expressed support for Dublin's effort to balance public safety and economic opportunity. He identified two remaining concerns. The first was fire inspection reciprocity, noting that COFTA members already undergo annual fire safety inspections in jurisdictions such as Columbus and that communities including Hilliard and Upper Arlington already recognize those inspections. The second concern was the requirement for a full Level 1 license for operators serving only a single private event or a small number of events per year, which he characterized as a significant barrier for small businesses.

Ms. Kramb inquired whether the private property permit requirement applied even for single private events such as graduation parties. Staff confirmed that the requirement does apply to private property but noted that the licensing component of the pilot program does not take effect until March of the following year. Ms. Blake indicated it would be returning to Council in January with observations and potential code adjustments before the licensing requirement goes into effect, allowing time to address infrequent operator concerns. Ms. Kramb suggested that tracking the frequency of food truck appearances during the pilot phase could help identify cases where a limited exception or simplified registration might be appropriate. She also expressed openness to discussing fire inspection reciprocity with Washington Township.

In response to Ms. Johnson's question regarding inspections, Ms. Blake clarified that during the pilot phase, the City would ask operators to show evidence of licensure obtained elsewhere as assurance of food safety compliance, but would not require them to obtain a new Washington Township inspection before participating.

Vote on the Ordinance: Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes.

Ordinance 30-26

Adopting and Enacting a Supplement (S-57) to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Dublin, Ohio

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to postpone the second reading/public hearing of Ordinance 30-26 to the June 22, 2026 meeting.

Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance 31-26

Adopting the Proposed Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

Ms. Murray reported no changes since the first reading and recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes.

Ordinance 32-26

Amending The Annual Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026

Ms. Murray reported no changes since the first reading to the Q2 Supplemental Appropriations and recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

Vote on the Ordinance: Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 33-26

Amendments to Zoning Code Section 153.002, 153.016, and 153.037-153.042 and 153.236 for the Removal of Data Centers as Permitted or Conditional Uses, the Creation of the ID-6, Research Transition District and the Amendment of Design Standards associated with ID-6 in the West Innovation District (WID), and the Creation of the West Innovation District Screening and Setback Design Manual (26-001ADMC)

Ms. Alutto introduced the Ordinance.

Mr. Hounshell introduced the following team that presented the code amendments: Greg Dale and Keegan Stitt-White of McBride Dale Clarion, and Tyler Clark and Kim Ware of MKSK.

Mr. Hounshell provided an overview of the legislative history, noting that the rezoning process for approximately 370 acres in the West Innovation District began in February 2025. Code amendments in April 2025 made data centers conditional uses in ID-2 and ID-3 and increased setback and screening requirements. In August 2025, Council tabled the new zoning application to allow for development of more targeted code amendments, resulting in the proposed ID-6 Research Transition District. Mr. Hounshell emphasized that the code amendments before Council do not contemplate the rezoning of any specific property, which is scheduled separately for the July 1st meeting.

Mr. Dale noted the strong planning foundation established through the Envision Dublin Comprehensive Plan, the West Innovation District Special Area Plan, and the subsequent implementation plan. He characterized the work to date as deliberate and thorough, and emphasized the importance of retaining flexibility in the code, given that an innovation district by its nature will evolve over time with cutting-edge uses that cannot be fully

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anticipated. He reported that the definition of advanced manufacturing had gone through approximately four to five iterations in response to public input, Planning and Zoning Commission feedback, and research into peer communities. Key points of discussion at Planning and Zoning Commission included the following: conditional versus permitted use designation for advanced manufacturing, fleet vehicle location and screening, renewable energy provisions, landscaping opacity requirements, the sustainability bonus for Cosgray Road, clarity on hazardous materials standards, and noise and emissions performance standards.

Mr. Stitt-White walked Council through the specific code provisions of the ID-6 district. He noted that the only district-wide change applicable to the entire West Innovation District is the removal of data centers as conditional uses, based on community feedback and a finding that future data center development does not align with the WID's character. For the ID-6 district itself, six principal uses are proposed: general medical office, parks and open space, advanced manufacturing, construction and contract services, and research and development — with advanced manufacturing being the only new use not previously found in the WID.

Mr. Stitt-White explained that the advanced manufacturing definition was specifically tailored for ID-6, describing a use primarily engaged in manufacturing finished products using innovative methods, specialized skills, and technologies such as robotics and automation. The definition explicitly excludes standalone warehousing, wholesale, bulk distribution, and principal retail sales. Use-specific limitations require that all operations occur entirely within a building, prohibit outdoor storage, establish performance standards for noise, odor, and emissions, and restrict incinerators, smelting operations, and smokestacks. Construction and contract services and research and development uses received similar use-specific standards tailored for the ID-6 context. Development standards include a 45-foot building height cap inclusive of rooftop equipment, a 200-foot setback from Cosgray Road, prohibition of outdoor storage and operations, service area and signage restrictions along Cosgray Road, and specific site lighting limitations requiring a 50% reduction in parking lot lighting after 10:00 PM except within 150 feet of building entrances.

Tyler Clark and Kim Ware of MKSK presented the West Innovation District Setback and Screening Design Manual. Mr. Clark described the manual as an extension of the code and noted it would set a regional precedent for landscape screening standards. The manual establishes two primary street typologies — Cosgray Road and Shier Rings Road as primary streets, and internal local streets — each with distinct setback and screening requirements. Along Cosgray Road, a 200-foot setback from the future right-of-way is required, together with a 14-foot earthen mound and layered plantings. Along Shier Rings Road, an 8-foot mound with a 100-foot setback is proposed. The manual calls for overlapping, variable-height mounds to preserve a natural rural character rather than uniform linear berms. Planting requirements emphasize year-round screening through a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, with dense layered plantings and a target opacity of 90% at maturity. Special conditions address the treatment of roundabout gateway areas, preservation of existing farmsteads including the Jewett and Gease farmsteads, handling of overhead utility transmission lines, existing tree row preservation, and shared-use path integration within the setback zone. Stormwater facilities are required to be located on the private side of screening, not visible from the public right-of-way.

Mr. Hounshell concluded the presentation by noting that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the item on May 21st and recommended approval subject to two text amendment conditions, both of which were incorporated into the materials provided to Council. Staff also noted that minor additional updates shown in blue reflect ongoing code refinement as a standard part of the process.

Ms. Weisenauer read the following comments received online today regarding this agenda item:

Teresa Tawes, 5965 Dunheath Loop, Dublin wrote:

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express concern about the potential placement of industrial and manufacturing businesses in close proximity to single-family homes of Ballantrae. Such

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developments can raise important health and safety issues, including increased traffic, noise, air pollution, and potential exposure to hazardous materials. I encourage careful consideration of the potential impacts on nearby residents and the long-term quality of life within the surrounding neighborhoods. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Teresa Tawes

Catherine Connolly, 7470 Mohawk Trail Rd, Dayton, OH, wrote:

Although I do not live in Dublin I often visit a family member there. His lovely home and property on Houchard Rd and those of his neighbors are a beautiful asset to the Dublin area. It appears to me that Dublin will be ruining their own city with the proposed zoning changes and construction plans. What a shame.

Ryan Collins, 5619 Tynecastle Loop, Dublin, wrote:

Dear Dublin City Council Members, I am writing as a resident of Dublin to respectfully ask that you return Ordinance 26-33 to city staff for additional modifications before any further consideration. Residents in neighborhoods surrounding the proposed West Innovation District have expressed important concerns about the rezoning, and I feel these deserve more thorough attention. Among the primary issues highlighted by the community are the risks of heightened traffic congestion on local roads, potential strains on public safety services, and possible negative effects on nearby residential property values. These are serious matters that could impact the character and livability of our neighborhoods if not properly addressed. I strongly encourage you to direct staff to develop stronger traffic management solutions, improved safety measures, and meaningful protections for existing homeowners. Taking this step would show the Council's commitment to listening to residents and ensuring balanced, responsible growth for our city. Thank you for your attention to this important issue and for your ongoing service to the Dublin community. Sincerely, Ryan Collins

Debbie Anthony, 5595 Ballantrae Woods Dr., Dublin, wrote:

I live off Churchman Road and am very concerned about the proposed development of the property along Cosgray. Some of my biggest concerns are: Increased traffic, especially additional trucks. Please delete warehousing, wholesale, distribution and construction services as options. Toxic and hazardous materials including smoke, heat, chemicals, odors and electromagnetic interference. Property Values due to the above items and from the cosmetic appearance of the property. Please no large or tall buildings. Require buffer zones with trees and shrubbery. Please think about if you would want these items near your homes.

Danielle Mazer, 5712 Trafalgar Ln., Dublin, wrote:

I am writing in regards to the project near Ballantrae neighborhood. I feel that the space next to the neighborhood should be utilized for families and engagement as that space is directly next to a neighborhood and will be directly associated with the new sports complex that they are building off cosgray also. With the Dublin South Pool being in our neighborhood I feel that we need to keep Dublin nice and keep Dublin green, even though we are on the outskirts we are still considered Dublin and we are still an amazing neighborhood. Thank you, Danielle and Matt Mazer

Matt Connolly, 6000 Houchard Rd., Dublin, wrote:

Dear Members of the Dublin City Council, My name is Matt Connolly, and I live at 6000 Houchard Road. I am writing to urge the Dublin City Council to re-designate the Houchard Road corridor from ID-2/3 to the more protective ID-6 Research Transition District, matching the standards established east of the railroad tracks. My primary concern with the current ID-3 plan is the immediate threat to public health. Every household on Houchard Road relies completely on private well water. Introducing

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heavy, high-intensity industrial uses directly in close proximity to our properties creates an unacceptable risk of toxic stormwater runoff. Chemical pollutants, oil residues, and industrial waste do not belong next to residential communities regardless of the fact that they are not within Dublin City Limits. These toxins will have a high probability to migrate into the groundwater and aquifers that feed our private wells putting families at risk unknowingly ingesting these various toxic contaminants.

By originally pausing the rezoning west of the tracks, the City has had the perfect opportunity to consider the health and safety for all residents that are going to be impacted by the industrial rezoning in the WID. Aligning Houchard Road with the ID-6 designation ensures a safer, more respectful buffer zone that protects our water supply, our health, and nearby public spaces like Darree Fields that is also in close proximity to the Ballentrae Community. I ask that you prioritize human safety and protect our shared environment by extending ID-6 zoning to all residential parcels on Houchard Road.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this critical matter.

Sincerely, Matt Connolly

Thomas Steele, 6614 Tantallon Square, Dublin, wrote:

I am opposed to any commercial or industrial zoning change from single family housing along or to the west of Cosgray Rd. The citizens overwhelmingly oppose such change. To continue the quality of life in the area particularly, Ballentrae, the area should remain high quality single family homes with more than 2,300 sq feet and on at least 0.2 acres per lot. Not retail, not warehouses, not apartments, not manufacturing, and certainly not data centers.

Zak Kassas, 5760 Ballantrae Circle, Dublin, wrote:

Dear Mayor Chris Amorose Groomes and Members of Dublin City Council:

Why did I choose to move to Dublin?

Four years ago, when my family relocated to Central Ohio, we had a choice between several communities, including Upper Arlington, New Albany, and Dublin. We toured more than fifty properties, studied neighborhoods, evaluated schools and amenities, and carefully considered where we wanted to build our future.

We ultimately chose Ballantrae.

That decision was intentional. Ballantrae stood out because of its quiet character, thoughtful design, low traffic, minimal noise and light pollution, abundant green space, and strong sense of community. Just as importantly, it offered convenient access to retail, grocery stores, restaurants, parks, recreation, and everyday services without sacrificing its residential identity. It represented the balance we were looking for.

Which brings me to the proposed ID-6 rezoning.

I am writing to strongly oppose this proposal because it threatens the very qualities that made Ballantrae, and Dublin as a whole, such a desirable place to live.

My concern is informed by lived experience, not speculation.

Before moving to Ohio, I lived in Austin, Texas for ten years. During that time, I witnessed rapid growth and repeated rezonings adjacent to established residential neighborhoods.

These projects were consistently presented with assurances of compatibility: buffers, setbacks, landscaping, traffic mitigation, and careful planning.

The promises sounded reasonable.

Over time, the reality proved very different.

Commercial, office, and employment-oriented uses were introduced near residential neighborhoods. Traffic increased significantly. Roads that once primarily served residents became commuter corridors. Noise and light pollution increased. The presence of non-residents changed the daily character of the community. Safety became a concern. What had once been a quiet, stable, and safe residential neighborhood gradually became more congested, more transient, and less safe and connected.

These changes did not occur overnight. They accumulated over time. And once established, they were effectively irreversible.

I also lived in Southern California for nearly a decade, where I observed how different planning approaches produce very different long-term outcomes.

Communities such as Irvine, Newport Beach, Laguna Beach, and Dana Point prioritized residential quality of life, neighborhood character, parks and open space, and the careful

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separation of commercial and employment uses from residential areas. These communities remain among the most desirable in the country, with strong property values, low turnover, and sustained long-term investment.

Other cities in Orange County took a more permissive approach to mixing industrial, commercial, and residential adjacency. While those decisions supported short-term development activity, they often came with long-term tradeoffs: congestion, reduced neighborhood character, safety concerns, and diminished residential stability and desirability.

Across both regions I have lived in, the pattern is consistent: land-use decisions have consequences that extend far beyond the project being approved. The cumulative effect determines what a community becomes decades later.

That is why ID-6 raises serious concern.

The proposed district would introduce office, research, laboratory, manufacturing, warehousing-supporting, and other employment-oriented uses directly adjacent to established residential neighborhoods. While the proposal includes buffers, setbacks, landscaping, and screening, those measures do not address the fundamental issue. Trees do not reduce traffic. Buffers do not eliminate operational noise. Screening does not prevent lighting impacts, delivery activity, or long-term intensification of uses.

I also attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in May regarding this proposal. I appreciate the time and effort invested by the Commission in reviewing it and engaging with residents.

However, I was left with concern about how several significant issues were ultimately addressed. Questions related to hazardous materials, biohazard considerations, noise, lighting, and safety impacts were raised as serious concerns. In response, it appeared that portions of the ID-6 text were adjusted in real time through relatively brief language additions and definitional refinements.

My concern is not with the intent to address these issues, but rather that complex, long-term land-use impacts may not yet have been fully resolved through detailed, real-world operational analysis. In my experience in other rapidly growing regions, similar reliance on high-level textual mitigation—without fully tested implementation in practice—has not always prevented unintended long-term impacts.

When zoning is approved, these issues move from theoretical discussion into permanent community conditions.

When my family moved to Central Ohio, we evaluated Upper Arlington, New Albany, and Dublin. We ultimately chose Ballantrae because it already provided something rare: a high-quality residential environment with convenient access to retail, restaurants, parks, and services without requiring proximity to industrial or employment-heavy land uses.

Dublin already has the amenities its residents need. Bridge Park, shopping centers, grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, parks, and employment centers are all readily accessible. The success of Dublin is not dependent on placing additional employment or industrial-oriented uses directly adjacent to established neighborhoods.

What makes Ballantrae special is not what it lacks—it is what it has preserved.

If additional development is considered in this area, it should reinforce, not erode, the surrounding residential character: parks, open space, trails, conservation areas, or thoughtfully designed residential development. Those uses strengthen neighborhoods.

Employment and industrial-edge transitions fundamentally change them.

The question before Council is not whether Dublin should grow. Growth is inevitable.

The question is what kind of growth pattern Dublin chooses for the long term.

Do we preserve a clear distinction between established residential neighborhoods and employment-oriented development, or do we gradually blur that distinction in ways that permanently change the character of communities like Ballantrae?

I respectfully urge Council to reject the proposed ID-6 rezoning.

Dublin's reputation as one of Ohio's most desirable communities was built on thoughtful planning and a consistent commitment to protecting neighborhood character. That reputation should not be weakened by decisions that may seem incremental today but are irreversible in their cumulative effect.

Please protect the character of Ballantrae and the long-term integrity of Dublin's residential neighborhoods.

*Once those qualities are lost, they are difficult—if not impossible—to restore.
Respectfully, Dr. Zak Kassas, Dublin Resident, Ballantrae Community*

Dan Mowbray, 6648 Carinlough Place, Dublin, wrote:

Dear Council:

No one begrudges the city's attempts to increase their tax base. The problem is that people are living right next to this proposed development. The questions you all should be asking yourselves are 1. "Would I want this type of industry near my house? And: 2. Would I want this kind of traffic right outside my house?" Dublin created a master plan several years ago but it's only that - a plan. It can be changed to allow minimal disruption and environmental damage. To tell the truth the residents of Ballantrae feel like the poor sisters of Dublin and feel that we are being dumped on when such things would never be considered for the Murfield area of our fair city. Anyway, think of the people first and do no harm. Please choose wisely. Sincerely, Dan and Alta Mowbray.

The following residents provided public comments in opposition of the ordinance. They expressed concerns regarding long-term oversight of businesses operating in the district, increased traffic, potential environmental impacts, and the review process of potential development projects.

- Tim Myers, 5845 Glendavon Court
- Jeff Briner, 7393 Rings Road
- Madi McDonald, 5642 Tynecastle Loop
- Owen O'Brien, 5573 Newtonmore Place
- Jillian Collins, 5619 Tynecastle Loop
- Tara Roe, 5749 Trafalgar Lane
- Daniel Hammill, 5725 Trafalgar Lane
- Todd Hemmert, 5824 Houchard Road
- Sumaya Hamadmad, 6830 Barronsmore Way
- Layan Abu-Romeh, 5589 Newtonmore Place
- Cristian Cooney, 5835 Baronscourt Way
- Salma Khawam, 6830 Barronsmore Way
- Caroline Ali, 5770 Shannon Place Lane
- Matthew Langhals, 5733 Trafalgar Lane
- Zaina Abu-Romeh, 5589 Newtonmore Place

Ms. Johnson opened discussion with appreciation for the public who was in attendance for staying engaged and bringing their concerns forward.

Ms. Johnson raised a concern about the standard of "no measurable increase" in hazardous emissions used in the development plan application section, questioning what the baseline is and how it would be established and enforced without prior testing. Mr. Hounshell clarified that the applicant bears the burden of demonstrating to the Administrative Review Team (ART) that proposed operations would not exceed current ambient conditions. Ms. Johnson asked for an established baseline and greater specificity about what information the City would require from different types of applicants — for example, biosafety level declarations for biotechnology firms, maximum allowable chemical quantities benchmarked against Ohio fire code thresholds, or air permit requirements. Mr. Dale discussed the difference between quantitative versus qualitative standards, adding that once quantitative standards are communicated, people tend to come in right at those standards. He stated that the system that is proposed within the code creates a more rigorous review process than it would be just applying numeric standards. They must demonstrate that they meet the intent and all development standards. Ms. Johnson acknowledged the value of qualitative versus quantitative standards while suggesting that the City should be developing application checklist frameworks now, in consultation with outside experts,

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rather than waiting until a specific development application arrives. Ms. Johnson confirmed she is comfortable with the intent statement.

Ms. Johnson expressed that while she was not prepared to make all advanced manufacturing a conditional use, she saw merit in identifying subcategories of higher-risk advanced manufacturing — such as biosafety level three and four operations, or chemical-based manufacturing that would require an EPA air permit — that might warrant conditional use designation to provide additional transparency and public review. She suggested that biosafety levels one and two are already present in Dublin and present minimal risk, but that levels three and four would logically merit a heightened review process.

Ms. Johnson suggested that data centers be explicitly listed in the uses table as a blank line with no permitted or conditional designation, to make the City's intent unmistakably clear. She inquired about an earlier draft that had included a definition of data centers in the code, noting that having a clear definition could assist employers who rely on computing and storage as ancillary to their primary operations in understanding what is permissible on site. Mr. Hounshell confirmed that a data center definition currently exists in the broader code and that the amendments document provided was not a comprehensive code reprint.

Ms. Johnson expressed a desire to see the ART's prior review history shared more accessibly with the community to demonstrate the breadth of its review capability, noting that the publicly visible record appeared to consist primarily of minor administrative matters. She also raised a specific question about the showroom size limitation and its relationship to accessory warehousing and distribution uses, which staff clarified was intended to prevent a limited showroom function from growing into a de facto retail operation.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked the team to display the ID-6 intent statement and offered extended remarks on its significance. She observed that the intent statement — developed collaboratively by residents, staff, Planning and Zoning Commission, and outside consultants — was a strong and meaningful document that reflected the City's character and its commitment to balancing innovation with responsible stewardship. She highlighted the specific language stating that land uses "shall not result in adverse impacts to surrounding properties," and characterized the 200-foot setback and screening standards as the most extensive in the City's history. She expressed confidence in the City's track record of engaging consultants and expertise as needed, and committed to addressing the concern raised about the road alignment potentially affecting a historic farm property, stating she would never support a road routing that destroyed a historic home given the availability of vacant land for alternative alignments. She noted that the extensive infrastructure investment accompanying development — including roadway improvements to Cosgray Road — would ultimately produce safer conditions for all users than the current two-lane road with open ditches.

Ms. Kramb expressed general agreement with the quality of the intent statement and endorsed Ms. Johnson's suggestion to develop ART review checklists proactively, noting that the City has analogous precedents such as tree surveys and Historic District application requirements. She acknowledged that noise and air quality studies, as well as permit documentation, would be among the reasonable types of information to request depending on the proposed use. She affirmed the need for the code to allow evolution over time while not attempting to enumerate every possible chemical or scenario. She feels the code and special area plans are coming together. Ms. Kramb asked about not allowing office flex use or customer pick up. Mr. Hounshell stated that staff was concerned that office flex puts a requirement on how much office much be included, but then it also allows for the remaining space to be used for any combination of research and laboratory space, clean manufacturing, assembly, wholesale, related showroom warehousing and or distribution purposes. It does not put limitations on something like a warehouse wholesale distribution which staff felt would be problematic and not in alignment with the other code sections. In response to Ms. Kramb's question regrading customer pick-up, Mr. Hounshell confirmed that traffic concerns led staff to feel customer pick-up options should be excluded.

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Ms. Kramb asked about the 90% opacity requirement in the buffer study noting that it was a very high requirement. She questioned whether this standard was attainable. Mayor Amorose Groomes clarified that the question is whether the requirement is 90% at installation or 90% at maturity.

Mr. Hounshell stated that within the landscape planning guidelines, there are requirements about how many trees per 100 linear feet. The idea is to have trees sporadically naturally that will achieve the 90%. Mr. Clark appreciated the comments and agreed it should be stated clearly what the requirements are for installation sizes. The 90% is thought to be at maturity which may occur after the first five years.

Ms. Alutto thanked the residents for their engagement and helpful feedback. She is in agreement with having a better understanding of the checklists and engaging some experts early on in the process. She expressed openness to the concept of tiered conditional use designations for certain categories of advanced manufacturing and echoed the need to articulate what recourse exists for residents who believe operations have deviated from approved parameters. She also asked about enforcement of the requirements regarding noise, chemicals or opacity. Mr. Hounshell stated that the development review process, building code requirements, site building code requirements and fire requirements that go along with the process will make sure compliance is achieved. Inspections that are required would ensure that the requirements are in compliance. He confirmed that post-approval changes to building operations or physical configurations require updated permitting, building code inspections, and fire department review, and that complaints trigger code enforcement investigations. Ms. Alutto expressed her support for the intent statement.

Dr. Lam expressed appreciation for the sustained community engagement throughout the process and noted that the code represented a genuine collaborative effort. He complimented staff on the work that has been done and drafting the design manual. He also agreed that the intent statement was good and balances the need for flexibility with the concerns of the residents. He noted that concerns regarding the use of hazardous materials have been a recurring theme throughout public feedback and acknowledged that such concerns are understandable from a neighborhood perspective. While recognizing that the proposed clean production principles and emissions testing requirements are intended to provide safeguards, he expressed a desire for greater clarity regarding what constitutes "clean production principles" and how terms such as "minimize" and "measurable increases" would be defined and evaluated. Dr. Lam emphasized the importance of establishing clear standards while maintaining flexibility for future industries whose operations may not yet be known.

Dr. Lam also expressed support for a tiered review process, suggesting that higher-impact uses should receive review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, while lower-impact uses could continue to be reviewed administratively.

Additionally, he raised questions about the long-term oversight of companies that use hazardous materials. Specifically, he asked whether ongoing monitoring and enforcement should be addressed through local zoning regulations or whether those responsibilities are more appropriately handled by regulatory agencies such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). He noted the challenge of establishing detailed requirements in advance when the specific materials and quantities that future companies may use are not yet known.

Mr. Hounshell stated that the standard practice of zoning is not to regulate the types of materials that are used within that space which is why staff leaned so heavily on the intent statement and the definitions to create parameters. The building code governs how certain materials are stored and what are acceptable limits to remain in compliance with the Ohio Building Code. Dr. Lam reiterated that "clean production principles" and "minimal" need to be defined and clear.

Dr. Lam noted that traffic was one of the most frequently cited concerns in the public feedback and expressed concern that the ongoing Cosgray Road traffic study will not

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be completed before a decision on the code amendments is required. He asked how the study's findings could be incorporated into the code in the future and what assurances could be provided that traffic impacts will continue to be addressed.

Dr. Lam also suggested exploring additional traffic-related standards within the code, such as designated truck routes, restrictions on delivery times, and requirements for the orientation of service and loading areas. He noted that these types of measures could help address resident concerns regarding traffic volume, air quality, and roadway safety.

Mr. Hounshell explained that the City's ability to address traffic through zoning is primarily related to site access and circulation rather than regulating overall traffic volumes. Because access must be provided to all properties within the area, individual developments may require their own access points if they proceed independently. However, through the Cosgray Road study and broader planning efforts, the City has been working to encourage an interconnected street network that directs traffic internally rather than creating multiple direct access points onto Cosgray Road.

Mr. Hounshell noted that a coordinated development approach would make it easier to establish internal connections and reduce reliance on direct access from Cosgray Road. The overall goal is to route traffic through the planned internal street network and toward existing roadways, such as Shier Rings Road, rather than increasing independent access points along Cosgray Road. He acknowledged that addressing traffic concerns through zoning can be challenging and stated that these issues are being addressed through a combination of zoning provisions and transportation planning studies.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked residents for their participation and emphasized the value of public input in shaping the discussion. Drawing on her long-term experience in the community, she expressed confidence that future development would lead to improvements in infrastructure, safety, and connectivity, noting that other roadways in the City have evolved from rural two-lane roads into safer, more functional transportation corridors. She used Frantz Road and Avery-Muirfield Drive as examples of those improvements and added that they expect similar improvements along Cosgray Road, which would enhance safety for residents, including students traveling to and from school.

She also suggested that development could help address longstanding drainage challenges in the area by facilitating infrastructure improvements. Regarding concerns about hazardous materials, she noted that the proposed code already requires such materials to be stored indoors and expressed confidence that ongoing oversight is appropriately handled by specialized regulatory agencies, including environmental and agricultural regulators. However, she indicated openness to exploring additional limitations on the most hazardous materials that could be present on-site.

Mayor Amorose Groomes highlighted the proposed 200-foot setback and buffering requirements, noting that they represent some of the most substantial adjacency protections in the City and demonstrate a strong commitment to protecting nearby neighborhoods. She also expressed strong support for preserving historic properties and stated that they would not support roadway alignments that would adversely affect historic homes, particularly when alternative routes are available.

Additionally, she supported limiting retail and customer pick-up activities within warehouse or distribution uses to avoid generating excessive traffic. She emphasized that future roadway planning should be informed by the results of the Cosgray Road corridor study and designed to appropriately accommodate anticipated traffic patterns. In closing, Mayor Amorose Groomes commended both residents and staff for their engagement and stated that the proposed setbacks, landscaping, and buffering measures reflect a significant commitment to compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.

Ms. Krumb requested that the word noise be added to the development plan application section's language regarding "no measurable increase of hazardous

emissions," since noise is listed in the intent statement but not in that specific clause. Staff agreed to review that addition. In response to Ms. Kramb's question about the definition of data centers remaining in the code, Mr. Hounshell confirmed that the definition remains in the code, but was not provided to Council as there were no amendments proposed to the definition.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for July 1, 2026.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 27-26

Accepting the Lowest and Best Bid for the Mobility Infrastructure Improvements Program: Avery Road Shared Use Path, Cramers Crossing to Woerner Temple Project (24-018-CIP)

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Mr. Gable reported that a competitive bid process was conducted for approximately 1,300 feet of shared path along the west side of Avery Road from Cramers Crossing Drive to the existing path at 5745 Avery Road, approximately 360 feet south of Woerner Temple Road. The project is funded through the 2026–2030 Capital Improvements Program at \$350,000. On May 7, 2026, Capstone and Associates Incorporated submitted the lowest and best bid of \$282,391.25 against an estimate of \$335,000. Construction is expected to commence in July 2026 and be completed by September 2026.

Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation for this project and its completion.

Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Alutto, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes.

Resolution 28-26

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into Contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Wildlife Services

Ms. Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. Goliver presented a comprehensive staff report on the proposed deer management program. She noted that deer-related matters had been the subject of approximately 20 public meeting touchpoints since February 2022.

She summarized the program's goals across three areas: public safety (including reducing aggressive deer encounters, deer-vehicle collisions, dead deer pickups, property damage, and resident complaints), environment (reducing the deer population as informed by an annual population index), and ethics. She reviewed three definitions of carrying capacity — biological, sociological, and biological benchmark — and noted that the Ohio Division of Wildlife has advised Dublin is not at biological carrying capacity, as there is no widespread disease, starvation, or sustained rise in deer-vehicle collisions. However, sociological carrying capacity has been reached, as evidenced by increasing resident reports: 20 instances of dog attacks, 35 reports of stalking and chasing in 2025 compared to three and four in 2023 and 2024 respectively, and survey data reflecting 120 reports of deer injuring pets and 45 distinct references to deer chasing or stalking people. Over 3,600 survey responses were received, with 59% indicating the population is increasing and should be managed.

Drone surveys using high-resolution thermal imaging were conducted April 25–27 and counted 528 deer, establishing a baseline population estimate. Staff reviewed non-lethal management options including the outdoor feeding prohibition adopted in 2023, relocation (which is illegal under Ohio law), and contraceptive programs (which are approved only for research purposes, have limited effectiveness on open herds, and do not reduce existing populations) and concluded that targeted removal and archery are the available management tools in Ohio.

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Ms. Goliver described the proposed USDA Wildlife Services contract, under which trained professionals would conduct removal activities between November 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027. The target is removal of 100 deer, with an option to remove an additional 25 if contract funds remain. Operations would occur after dark when parks are closed, with Dublin Police Department present for safety and drone monitoring. Exact dates, times, and locations would not be made public in advance for resident safety, though signs would be posted at affected parks several days prior and nearby residents would receive direct mail notification. Field dressing would be performed by USDA staff, with processed meat donated to the Dublin Food Pantry through Thurn's Specialty Meats, a family-run South Franklinton business that also processes deer for Metro Parks programs. The estimated program cost is \$168,263, including USDA contract costs of \$110,608, Dublin Police Department overtime, a processing fee estimated at \$16,250 for 125 deer, and composting costs for field dressing waste.

Subject matter expert Dr. Greg Hitzhusen, 5433 Haven Hill Drive, who served as an advisor during the Worthington deer management program, provided supplemental remarks. He commended the process Dublin had undertaken and shared lessons learned from the Worthington program, including the unexpected role of severe winter weather in shifting deer behavior toward private yards rather than public parks, the potential efficiency of higher per-night removal volumes on the first night of operations before deer become wary of predator presence, and the value of flexibility regarding private property use when public park density of deer does not support sufficient removal. He noted that Worthington ultimately used far more private land than anticipated due to weather conditions and deer distribution, and that 22 out of 80 eligible private properties ultimately signed contracts and only 10 were actually used.

Ms. Kramb offered several communications-related suggestions: that the messaging framework should lead with ecological need, public health, and sustainability rather than with complaint volume; that the ethics statement should be central to all outreach materials; that programming should explicitly clarify that removal activities will occur on city land; that the first public education session be moved from June or July to August or early September to capture better attendance after the summer break; and that information about the deer management program be included in the fall HOA Leadership meeting and on the City's website as a reference point for residents.

Dr. Lam expressed support for the program and reinforced the need to articulate post-approval enforcement mechanisms clearly. He raised a concern about the adequacy of 100 to 125 deer as a sufficient reduction given Dublin's geographic size, noting that Dublin is approximately four and a half times the size of Worthington. Staff noted that the contracted number reflects USDA staff availability and operational capacity, and that the volume is conservative by design to ensure delivery on the contracted commitment. Dr. Hitzhusen added that the first night of operations generally offers the greatest single-night removal opportunity before deer behavior adapts. In response to Dr. Lam's question about baiting attracting more deer, Dr. Hitzhusen stated that the use of baiting is very temporary and the local deer will discover it.

In response to Mayor Amorose Groomes' question regarding daily bag limits, Ms. Goliver stated that the City does not have limits as this is a deer damage permit.

Mayor Amorose Groomes echoed concern about the adequacy of the contracted number and noted that the areas north of Brand Road, west of Dublin Road, and east of Avery Road have very limited public land, making that high-deer-density quadrant effectively inaccessible under a parks-only removal approach. She advocated for including flexibility for private property use in that area when necessary.

Ms. Alutto noted a recent personal incident with a deer on one of the trails. She also suggested that the total removal number be treated as a floor rather than a ceiling.

Mayor Amorose Groomes reiterated that this particular quadrant of the City is heavily populated, so flexibility in areas may be needed.

Dr. Lam suggested that handling a larger number of deer in one night could make things more efficient and provide for more deer management within the contract. Dr. Hitzhusen

noted that the weather can be a determining factor as well as the deer behavior in what can be achieved on any given night. Mayor Amorose Groomes suggested that 100 deer should be the floor not the ceiling.

Vice Mayor De Rosa expressed appreciation to Dr. Hitzhusen for his collaboration on the ethical statement. She agreed with Ms. Kramb's sentiments that the messaging should be flipped and the health and ecological reasoning should be the main message with additional information available if they want it. She asked why the number of deer was set at 100 (with 25 more allowed if contract allows). Ms. Goliver stated that staffing is an issue and Dublin is only one of the cities that they will be working in during the timeframe. The 100 deer seemed like a conservative, manageable number. Once the program starts, the deer behavior will change and they will become less bold and avoid the baiting stations.

Vote on the Resolution: Ms. Alutto, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Administrative Committee Recommendation – Proposed Council Recognition Policy

Ms. Delgado presented the draft policy on behalf of the Administrative Committee.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the recommendation of the Administrative Committee and adopt the Council Recognition Policy. Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the Resolution: Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes; Ms. Kramb, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Ms. Alutto, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes.

- Riverside Crossing Park Integrated Perimeter Security

Mr. Earman presented a concept for integrated perimeter security improvements at Riverside Crossing Park on the east side, specifically along Riverside Drive, in advance of the inaugural Christkindlmarkt scheduled for November 2026. The concept proposes extending vehicle-deterrent infrastructure from the southern end near the pavilion to John Shields Parkway, consisting of a series of trees, boulders, benches, and related landscape elements. A complementary steel-backed timber system would extend northward from that point to the existing shared-use path, preventing vehicle encroachment from the north as well. The design was described as flexible and consistent with the original 2018 streetscape master plan for the park, allowing trees and boulders to remain in place through future phases of park development. An additional interior pedestrian walkway is also proposed on the west side of the feature to improve pedestrian safety and circulation. Preliminary cost estimates are within the approximately two million dollars currently budgeted in the CIP for park improvements.

Council expressed unanimous support for both the security concept and the additional pedestrian walkway.

Vice Mayor De Rosa asked about the seating in the illustration with the pedestrians facing the road. She asked if seating could be added on the inside (close to the additional walkway) to reduce the risk of the busy roadway so close. Mr. Earman confirmed that there will be seating on the inside. Vice Mayor De Rosa also asked about the plantings that were visible in the rendering. Mr. Earman confirmed that those are part of the plan as well.

Mayor Amorose Groomes raised a specific concern about the long-standing practice of positioning food trucks along Riverside Drive, describing near-miss pedestrian safety incidents during recent festivals and noting that large food trucks create significant sightline obstructions for pedestrians leaving parked vehicles. She

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encouraged staff to consider how future park development and the new interior sidewalk might be designed to accommodate food trucks within the park itself or off the primary roadway.

Staff acknowledged the concern and noted that as the park continues to develop northward, the same sightline challenges would recur. Staff offered to bring the final design concept to Council before proceeding to bid.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the proposed design concept plan. Ms. Alutto seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, no; Ms. Alutto, yes; Dr. Lam, yes; Ms. Johnson, yes; Vice Mayor De Rosa, yes; Mayor Amorose Groomes, yes.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O’Callaghan had the following staff comments:

- Staff and city partners were recognized for their work in support of the Memorial Tournament's 50th anniversary. Highlights included installation of additional commemorative banners by the sign shop, decorative payment stickers, and a floral display at US-33 and Avery Road featuring 2,800 plants installed by the horticulture team. Saturday's severe weather event required rapid response and coordination between city staff, Dublin Police, regional public safety partners, and tournament staff. As a result of the storm, the City had received 366 service requests for the chipper program as of that afternoon, with crews expected to work through the following week.
- Upcoming summer events were announced, including the Dublin Summer Fun series sponsored by Amazon, which includes: Empower Hour fitness workouts sponsored by Orange Theory Fitness on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June through August, the Midweek Music Series on Wednesdays from June 10 through August 19, and Cinema Saturdays on the last Saturday of the month from June through October. This year's Cinema Saturdays will feature films with Ohio connections as part of the America 250 celebration.
- Renovations to the Ballantrae Spray Park, funded through the 2026 CIP, were also noted. Preliminary engineering has identified necessary infrastructure repairs. The renovations will incorporate safety enhancements meeting updated state codes, improved ADA accessibility, shaded landscaping, and new seating options. Staff will be reaching out to the Ballantrae Community Association board later that week to review concept plans. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026, with completion targeted before the 2027 season.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Administrative Committee Report
 - Vice Mayor De Rosa reported on the June 2, 2026 Administrative Committee meeting, which addressed two topics.
 - On board and commission recruitment and education, staff shared updates on a redesign of the recruitment web page, which has been rebranded from its prior name to "Serve Dublin." The Committee discussed potential enhancements and ideas for additional marketing tools, including a concept for unified landing pages connecting volunteers, boards, and commissions. Staff agreed to evaluate these recommendations and bring proposals to a future meeting.
 - On the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee (CIAC), which had been referred to the Administrative Committee by Council, members discussed the origins and objectives of the committee and recognized that many of its original goals and priorities have since been integrated into the City's ongoing initiatives and programs through the work of committee members.

The Committee discussed the realities and limitations of an advisory committee structure and will evaluate whether alternative organizational structures would better serve its mission. Further discussions are anticipated beginning at the August meeting.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Ms. Kramb thanked city staff for their work at the Memorial Tournament, particularly those operating shuttles, serving at the Villas, and staffing the police presence throughout the week. She encouraged community members to visit the Historical Society's memorial exhibit, which remains open for the rest of the month. She also noted positive community feedback regarding the quality of trail restoration work completed following stream mitigation construction at Thaddeus Koscuiszko Park.

Ms. Johnson expressed admiration for the operational complexity of the Memorial Tournament, noting that the coordination required is of a different magnitude than attending as a patron.

Ms. Alutto thanked staff and partners for a great Memorial Tournament and the quick coordination that became necessary with the severe weather.

Dr. Lam expressed appreciation and pride over the handling of the Memorial Tournament. He recognized May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, noting that one in five Dublin residents identifies as Asian American Pacific Islander, and expressed appreciation for their contributions to the community as students, business owners, and civic participants.

Vice Mayor De Rosa expressed appreciation for the Memorial Tournament and the 50 years of preparation for the event. She congratulated the cast and crew of Place 1776 at the Amphitheater and extended best wishes to Union County Commissioner Dave Lawrence upon his retirement, recognizing his contributions to central Ohio. She also congratulated newly appointed board and commission members and thanked outgoing members for their service.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked all staff for their work across multiple concurrent major events, including the tournament, Fore Miler and associated activities. The Honorary Ceremony was meaningful and a great time of reflection. She acknowledged the visit from Consul General Angley and Vice Consul Ozturk. It was a wonderful visit from them and a great opportunity to talk about our Friendship Cities relationship. She expressed hope for continued progress in that area. She noted the opening of a new piece of public art titled S/Wing and looked forward to a future celebration of that installation.

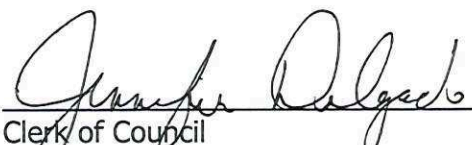
Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed appreciation for the City's preparatory work for the tournament, including the inspection of tents and structures that became very important when severe weather moved into the area. She thanked staff for making the City look so nice and for all the clean-up that came after the storm. She also acknowledged Vice Mayor De Rosa's birthday on June 7 and wished her a happy birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.



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