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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, November 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting of Dublin City Council to order at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Vice Mayor Alutto, Mayor Amorose Groomes, Ms. De Rosa, Ms. Fox, Mr. Keeler, Ms. Kramb and Mr. Reiner.

Staff members present were Ms. O'Callaghan, Mr. Boggs, Chief Paez, Mr. Rubino, Ms. Weisenauer, Ms. Rauch, Ms. Noble, Ms. Willis, Ms. Wawszkiewicz, Deputy Chief Tabernik, Deputy Chief Lattanzi, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Murray, Mr. Urbancsik, Mr. Rayburn, Ms. Goliver, Mr. Barker, Mr. Gracia, Mr. Jiang, Ms. Blake and Ms. Hunter.

Others present were Chris Hermann, MKSK; Cathy Axccl, CSAC Vice Chair; Jeff Noble, Veterans Advisory Committee Chair; Imran Malik, CIAC Chair; Kimberly Hollie and Emmet Apolinario, Chair and Vice Chair of Chief's Advisory Committee.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Personnel Matters: Considering the Employment of a Public Employee.

Vice Mayor Alutto seconded.

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

RECONVENED: 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Mayor Amorose Groomes invited the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the City's advisory committees to come forward to provide their annual reports to Council.

- Community Services Advisory Committee Annual Report
Ms. Axccl, Vice Chair of the Community Services Advisory Committee, addressed Council on behalf of CSAC. She began by thanking Council for the opportunity to represent the committee and discuss their work this year.

Early in the year, they discussed the deer management program, which was referred by City Council. The committee also received updates on the Forever Dublin Aging in Place initiative. Additionally, CSAC provided input on resident and visitor centered services, including improvements to front desk operations, the Go Dublin app, digital check-in procedures, and live translation services.

Ms. Axccl highlighted their role as a sounding board for city staff, noting their engagement with the speed management program and the tactical urbanism pilot. They worked closely with staff to clarify program details and ensure decisions were informed by both resident feedback and data.

The committee was excited to learn about the Dublin Wellness Alliance and its efforts to address health care navigation, transportation, youth behavioral health, and community connectivity.

Looking ahead, at an upcoming meeting, CSAC will participate in the review of the Dublin sustainability plan, recently adopted by City Council.

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- **Veterans Advisory Committee Annual Report**
Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Noble presented the annual report on behalf of the Veterans Advisory Committee explaining that the committee continues to advise City Council on programs, events, and initiatives that honor and support Dublin's veterans.

Mr. Noble highlighted that the committee brings together members from multiple branches of the military who offer valuable experience and perspective. This year, they focused on strengthening veteran participation in major city events, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Memorial Day ceremony, July Fourth Parade, and Veterans Day ceremony. The committee supported the Defenders Den at the Dublin Irish Festival and assisted with bringing the Eyes of Freedom exhibit to River Crossing Park. They continue promoting the military roundtable series and monitoring federal and state updates affecting veterans in the community.

The committee also recommended forming a veteran peer-to-peer support group in relation to the Dublin Wellness Alliance, to be led by VAC member Sean Clifton.

- **Chief's Advisory Committee 2025 Annual Report**
Kimberly Hollie, Chair of the Chief's Advisory Committee, along with Vice Chair Emmet Apolinario, presented their annual report. Ms. Hollie reported that since the last update in November 2024, CAC has met 10 times with Dublin police leadership to discuss topics aligned with priority area 4, public safety in the city's diversity, equity, and inclusion DEI Framework. The committee's work centers on four key goals: promoting public safety and a sense of security, cultivating community engagement and public trust, ensuring transparency and accountability, and diversifying police personnel.

She detailed how the committee worked closely with Dublin Police to review key policies and programs that impact community safety, including the vehicle pursuit policy, crisis communications plan, and the school resource officer program.

Mr. Apolinario then explained how building trust remains a cornerstone of the committee's efforts. He detailed how CAC members received updates on several initiatives designed to strengthen community connections, including the safety ambassadors program, the business district unit, the advanced crisis intervention team, and the drone as a first responder program.

Mr. Apolinario highlighted that CAC members reviewed and provided feedback on the department's annual administrative analysis, including vehicle pursuits, responses to resistance incidents, and non-biased policing reviews. He also mentioned that community partners actively participated in the CALEA accreditation process by meeting with assessors and offering valuable input during on-site evaluations.

Ms. Hollie discussed the committee's support for efforts to diversify police personnel.

Ms. Hollie concluded her presentation by stating CAC remains committed to fostering trust, transparency, and diversity in Dublin's public safety efforts.

- **Community Inclusion Advisory Committee Annual Report**
Imran Malik, Chair of the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee, presented their annual report. Mr. Malik thanked Council for the opportunity to present their activities and programs from the past year.

The committee kicked off the year by participating in the MLK Services Sunday Supper, an evening co-hosted by the Dublin parents of black students to discuss outreach to each and every neighbor in the community. They weighed in on numerous topics including cyberbullying presented by Syntero, an overview from communications and marketing on the impact and reach of social media and citywide communication efforts, and inclusion as it relates to volunteers in the city,

particularly those that are intergenerational and inclusive of cultures, languages, and perspectives.

Mr. Malik highlighted several programs they learned about, such as those regarding Aging in Place and the Community Health Needs Assessment, now known as the Dublin Wellness Alliance.

A major highlight of the year was participating in the naturalization ceremony when their own Isao Shoji spoke as a guest speaker to about a hundred new Americans.

He noted that staff gives regular updates to CIAC highlighting the rich diversity of events happening in the community, from the inclusion of Native American history in programming to JASCO's contributions and celebrations, and from intergenerational programs to the importance of mobility.

He concluded by thanking Council for their leadership and guidance.

Mayor Amorose Groomes thanked the presenters on behalf of Council and expressed gratitude for their work this past year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Prasad Malisetty, 7055 Celtic Crossing Drive, Dublin, addressed Council regarding a serious electrical line damage incident caused by altafiber digging on August 21, 2024 and the prolonged impact on his home and family. He detailed the issues he has experienced this past year. Multiple professionals including a handyman, electrician, and AEP pointed to an underground line issue. He contacted several contractors who gave him repair estimates ranging from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

He eventually located an altafiber project manager whose crew performed a quick splice repair on May 27—after 17 days. However, they did not obtain a Dublin permit, and the City of Dublin did not inspect the repair despite his repeated requests. He noted that another neighbor had a similar issue, and when the City of Dublin inspected that repair, it failed inspection and had to be redone properly. Mr. Malisetty requested City Council's help with oversight and enforcement. Mayor Amorose Groomes asked Mr. Barker to exchange contact information with Mr. Malisetty.

Theresa Collins, 5619 Ballantrae Castle Loop, highlighted three recent examples from Dublin City staff that she said reveal a clear systemic failure in transparency and resident communication. First, she cited an unannounced traffic pattern change on Woerner Temple Road. She noted it took a car accident for new signage and lines to be painted, calling it a broken system that repeatedly makes major decisions affecting daily life and public safety without any meaningful resident input or notice.

Second, she described issues with the public records process and a request she had recently made that she felt had gone untouched for seven weeks. She received a fulfillment email on November 11, but every document was backdated to October 11, a Saturday. She added that the only listed contact email for legislative services has actively blocked outside emails for over a month even after residents reported it on October 15. Whether this was unintentional or by design, she expressed that the result is the same.

Third, regarding requests for meetings, Ms. Collins stated that residents have repeatedly requested collaboration on code language since August 11. Ms. O'Callaghan made promises to schedule meetings that remained unfulfilled. She thanked Mayor Amorose Groomes for giving staff direction to get the meeting scheduled at the November 3 meeting, but noted, it has not been scheduled.

She concluded by asking Council to help guide city staff in implementing a plan to rebuild trust and show residents that they are valued by restoring a functional email for legislative services and providing it to the community and schedule and confirm a voluntary meeting.

Scott Haring, 3280 Lillie Mar Court, addressed Council about the Planning and Zoning meeting from Thursday, November 6, particularly regarding the preliminary development plan on the Block Y. He asked if Council could call that a mistrial.

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Mr. Haring stated he did not want to make it personal and appreciated the volunteer service of planning and zoning commissioners, but procedurally, the meeting was a mess. He reflected on how the Bridge Street concept is now 15 years in the making with all the careful planning and legislation.

He expressed particular concern about limits on the number of stories, which was reiterated during the rezoning in 2022, but at this hearing the whole process was "sloppy."

Understanding that the Planning and Zoning Commission is an advisory board, he encouraged Council to fix this and declare a mistrial on Block Y. The city's done wonderful things, but this was not one of them.

Sandy McIntosh, 5792 Trafalger Lane in Ballantrae, began by expressing gratitude for living in Dublin, She asked Council to reconsider plans to rezone the land along Cosgray Road adjacent to Ballantrae to any version of industrial.

Ms. McIntosh noted that she understood City Council had their retreat recently and spent time discussing a transportation hub in the West Innovation District, including housing nearby so people could walk to the transportation hub. She pointed out the contradiction: city staff has commented that there cannot be residential along railroad tracks, but if residential is appropriate next to two sets of train tracks as proposed by Council at the retreat, certainly it is appropriate next to the Ballantrae community.

She also shared her experience from a Planning and Zoning Commission tour in September where the chair made comments about why we would never put apartments or housing along US 33 near OU in the West Innovation District because of noise and pollution concerns.

Speaking also as a member of the Ballantrae Community Association Board and its Planning and Zoning Committee, she noted that on October 28, the city manager stated they would meet with them in mid-November to discuss code changes. As volunteers with full-time jobs and holidays approaching, she expressed concern about their ability to provide timely input.

Tom Kromer, 6450 Martin Place, a 32-year resident of the Martin Road corridor, concurred with Mr. Haring's comments about the PZC meeting. He stated that his 3 minutes to speak was insufficient at the PZC meeting on November 6.

Mr. Kromer expressed alarm that after the height restriction was changed from 3 stories to 6 stories in March 2022, the current proposal approaches 11 to 12 stories which would be the largest structure in Dublin.

He challenged the use of the term "gateway property," arguing that the buildings are only gateways when leaving Dublin, not entering it. He stressed that the development is "woefully too tall" at 11 to 12 stories from the Riverside Drive landscape to the top.

Mr. Kromer stated that gateway is not an excuse to do away with zoning ordinances, and that the zoning is not being enforced. He concluded by stating the developer can make money with a 4 to 6 story building and asked Council to scale it back.

Ms. Weisenauer read several comments submitted before the meeting into the record:

Matt Connolly, 6000 Houchard Road, wrote:

*My name is Matt Connolly. I live at 6000 Houchard Rd.
I was in attendance at the Dublin City Council Goal Setting Retreat on Friday 11/14 at which the new Premier Athletic Complex (PAC) was a topic of discussion with 3 separate proposals that were shared for Council feedback.
I am writing with deep concern regarding the proposed four-lane commuter road (new road 4), which as currently planned would run directly through properties and homes along Houchard Rd. A 4-lane commuter road is at minimum 102 ft in width, which with the routes shown, is not feasible without the elimination of homes west of the railroad.
I can fully understand the City's responsibility to plan for growth, improve transportation, and ensure the safety and mobility of residents. However, we respectfully ask that the City*

give serious reconsideration to this route. A project of this scale should not come at the expense of forcing families from their homes when other alternatives may exist. Our homes are not just structure; they represent years of hard work and memories. Losing them would mean much more than the loss of a home. The impact of displacing families in the country is far more severe when you consider the requirements and equipment needed to upkeep the land and green space that we cherish. These properties are irreplaceable.

I urge you to please request that staff explore adjustments to the proposed alignment that would minimize the displacement of families and preserve existing homes and the land that we have worked so hard to preserve. Doing so would demonstrate the City's commitment to not only growth and infrastructure, but also compassion, fairness, and respect for residents who already call Dublin home.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and hope that our voices will be taken into account as you make decisions that affect the lives of those who live here today.

Thank you for your time, your service to our community, and your consideration of the human impact this will have on our homes.

Jennifer Hamill, 5725 Trafalgar Lane, wrote:

Several residents of Ballantrae have mentioned the idea of having businesses in the WID parcels next to our homes that align with and support the sports complex that will be built. Those suggestions continue to fall on deaf ears. Now I am deeply concerned to learn that some of the Houchard Rd residents may have their homes torn down to make way for a road to service this sports complex.

The notion that here in Dublin Ohio we need to tear someone's home down to achieve "progress" is asinine. Can no one think of a different solution? Yet, you continue to consider further adding to congestion and noise in the area by rezoning for industrial options, This IS NOT progress and innovation. It's limited thinking and poor problem-solving skills. This lack of innovative solutions is hindering Council from growing income for our community without damaging the quality of life and even the homes of Dublin's residents.

Amy Swank, 5945 Vandaleur Place, wrote:

I provided this summary to the 656 members of Protect Ballantrae and Beyond. The purpose of the meeting was to review progress on the 2025 goals, update Council on related projects and set new goals for 2026. Our new ward representative attended, as it was a public meeting, but she was not allowed to participate in any way (as was the case for the rest of the public).

My observations:

(1) Unlike in a corporate setting, the 2025 goal progress report just focused on the "good" and didn't look at what could or should be improved - which is sort of the bare minimum standard for an annual review.

(2) The 2026 goals were presented by staff to Council - not the other way around. They spent less than 15 minutes discussing them. Council did wordsmith them a bit, but there wasn't meaningful discussion about what Council wants staff to focus on. Relevant to us, the goal this year is to "Catalyze economic development in the West Innovation District" (previously "accelerate...")

(3) The discussion of the West Innovation District was limited to (i) the passenger rail area (what the station should and could look like, what was the appropriate mix of retail and industrial around it, whether housing should be included, how freight and passengers would share the line, etc.) and (ii) the sports complex (whether the driving range should be more like Top Golf, how far apart soccer fields should be, how to find them, workout facilities for parents during practices, etc.) Ms. DeRosa did mention that they would need to pay for this through development funds - but they never really deep dived into that - and instead focused on what the development should look like.

I was literally sitting next to a man whose home - and that of his neighbors - may be torn down to make way for a road to the new sports complex. They weren't talking about options on where the road could go to save his house or the apple orchard next to it

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(which there isn't an easy fix) - but had time to talk about the distance between soccer fields during tournaments and how people like to watch their golf ball fly at the driving range. Every single slide had a road through the gray shape that is his neighbor's house visible on the slide...and no one even mentioned that. At best, it was tone deaf and shows that they've lost the view of the forest through the trees.

Tim Myers, 5845 Glen Daven Court, came forward and addressed the WID (West Innovation District) and shared that he finally received backup spreadsheets with calculations for land use scenarios. He highlighted population projections showing Dublin rising from 49,000 to 129,000 residents by 2050 (164% increase), households rising from 17,700 to 54,000 (205% increase), and employment rising from 49,000 to 113,000 (131% increase). "To me, these numbers are staggering," he said, doubting most residents would support this level of growth.

Mr. Myers noted that despite being told calculations don't exist, the spreadsheet proved they do exist, making it possible to evaluate different zoning options. He attended the Friday retreat and found it ironic that a Council member expressed concern about having no-say in what Madison County could put on land, while Ballantrae residents face the same situation. He requested staff collaborate with residents on zoning revisions.

Deborah Swaner, 8975 Portofino Place in Corazon, stated she has called police multiple times about speeding on Tuscany, with her main windows facing the street where she observes traffic and children on bikes and e-bikes.

Ms. Swaner noted heavy traffic from 6 AM until school starts at Jerome Dublin, with parents chasing school buses and new drivers. She expressed concern about growth on Hyland Croy Road and questioned whether traffic lights are needed at intersections, possibly with speed bumps despite their unpopularity.

She highlighted particular concerns about riders of e-bikes and e-scooters not wearing headgear. While some children stay on sidewalks, they do not look behind them and just plow through the streets and the intersections.

Mayor Amorose Groomes directed Chief Paez to obtain Ms. Swaner's contact information to address her concerns.

Todd Hemmert, 5824 Houchard Road, returned to discuss the WID, specifically a quiet zone proposal he has submitted to Franklin County engineers as well as the City of Dublin. The proposal was well received by Franklin County engineers, who were looking forward to working with the City of Dublin as the lead. He has not heard back from city staff on progress but hopes to hear soon.

Mr. Hemmert expressed concern about the latest information appearing to divide east and west sides of the tracks with all information focused on the east side. This leads him to assume current zoning proposals for the west side will proceed as proposed, which he finds unacceptable. He noted there is no discussion about ID-6 zoning or the west side, leaving no information for Houchard Road residents. He requested again that ID-6 still be studied and considered.

Mayor Amorose Groomes noted that Ms. Rauch would meet with residents in the lobby to discuss pending communications. She explained that draft language was taking longer to work with consultants but is getting closer to fruition. She clarified that Planning and Zoning consideration would likely be in January not December.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the November 3, 2025 Council Work Session
- Minutes of the November 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
- Excuse the Absence of Council Member Fox from the November 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

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

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

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

SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES

Ordinance 47-25 (Amended)
To Establish Appropriations Based on the 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets of the City of Dublin, State of Ohio, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026

Mr. Rubino presented the second reading of the 2026 appropriations measure. He explained this ordinance establishes appropriations for the operating and capital budgets and budget transfers for the 2026 fiscal year. The ordinance was revised to remove a budget allocation that had been proposed for a parking ticket decriminalization study—the only change made. The appropriations will be effective January 1, 2026. Staff recommended approval.

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

INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING – ORDINANCES

Ordinance 48-25
Amending the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025 (Q4)

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Rubino presented this legislation for fourth-quarter budget adjustments to the 2025 budget. The ordinance includes routine year-end adjustments including allocation for annual vacancy credit, adjusting budgets for year-end payments for county auditor fees, distribution of hotel motel tax revenue, new community authority payments, and debt service payments related to bond refunding that occurred in late summer.
He explained there is also a budget adjustment to move previously budgeted funds to the appropriate project account for proper accounting and reporting of capital project expenditures related to community center projects and other infrastructure projects already in the approved capital plan. Additionally, they are appropriating the first half of the City's payment for the U.S. 33/State Route 161/Eiterman Road interchange project per the local public agency agreement with ODOT. This will come from the fund balance of the Perimeter Center TIF, with the second payment budgeted for 2026.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Kramb clarified that this ordinance is moving money and inquired whether there were new appropriations. Mr. Rubino explained they are moving appropriations between accounts, mostly budget neutral except for the first few sections, which increase appropriations to track with the projected revenue, such as hotel motel tax distributions that came in higher than expected. Regarding Section 6, he clarified they are splitting up community center improvements that were lumped with infrastructure improvements for more accurate future reporting.

Ms. De Rosa asked about Section 8 regarding the interchange completion amount and whether it had changed from the original budget. Mr. Rubino said he would follow up at second reading but confirmed this is the proposed amount ODOT communicated. When asked if this was the final payment, he clarified it is the final payment divided in half—they are appropriating the first half for this year with one equal payment next year.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

Ordinance 49-25
Amending the Location and Amount of Cash on Hand for Change Funds

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Rubino presented routine legislation removing two change funds at police and events administration and a petty cash fund in the finance department. These are no longer used as the City has continued shifting toward cashless payments. He noted it is also a good internal control measure to eliminate unused funds. Staff recommended approval at the December 8 meeting.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

Ordinance 50-25
Declaring the Improvement to Certain Parcels of Real Property in the City's Bridge Street District to be a Public Purpose and Exempt from Taxation; Providing for the Collection and Deposit of Service Payments and Specifying the Purposes for which those Service Payments May Be Expended; and Authorizing Compensation Payments to the Dublin City School District and the Tolles Career and Technical Center

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Rubino presented the commercial TIF ordinance for the J Block development. He stated that on October 20 the residential incentive district TIF ordinance was introduced, and this is the second TIF ordinance for the J Block development.
The J Block district includes construction of 4 buildings: 2 condominiums in 2 separate phases, an office building, and a 508-space parking garage. The office building is 109,000 square feet with 193 units between the 2 condo buildings. He emphasized that all agreements are drafted in accordance with the cooperative agreement between Dublin City Schools and the City of Dublin, with the city continuing to remit annual required payments per that agreement.

Related ordinances previously approved by Council included the development agreement for J Block between the city and Crawford Hoying (approved in April), the economic incentive agreement with Cenovus Energy to occupy most of the office building, and the October 20 TIF ordinance creating 2 residential incentive districts (second reading/public hearing on December 8).

This ordinance authorizes the TIF agreement for development parcels used for the office building. It exempts parcels from property taxes and requires the developer to make service payments. Annual service payments are estimated to bring in \$29.6 million over 30 years. Because this uses section 5709.41 of the Ohio Revised Code, the city must hold title to parcels prior to passage, then transfer them to the developer per the approved development agreement. The ordinance also authorizes the city manager and appropriate officers to prepare and sign documentation.

Mr. Daniels, Squire Patton Boggs, was present to answer questions. When asked about the timeline, Council members inquired about Cenovus's status. Mr. Daniels confirmed Cenovus had consented to the NCA petition evidencing their intent, but it had not received confirmation of the signed purchase contract yet. Mayor Amorose Groomes noted the parking structure construction sequence—they will build the new structure while leaving the surface lot in place, then relocate parking and develop where the surface lot currently exists.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

Ordinance 51-25
Approving the Expansion of the Bridge Park New Community Authority and Method of Selecting Successor Developer Members of the Board Of Trustees

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Ordinance.
Mr. Rubino presented legislation for the expansion of the Bridge Park New Community Authority area. He explained this is a two-step legislative process to expand the NCA area in Bridge Park, noting this is the first expansion since the original petition was approved on March 19, 2015—more than 10 years ago.

The original area comprised 8 existing blocks (7 in the Bridge Park main area and 1 across the river in the historic district). Two development agreements related to J Block and Y Block seek to add parcels within both developable blocks to the authority area. The city, Crawford Hoying development partners, and Cotter provided written consent to add both blocks and amend the original petition.

Additional changes include ratification of original district parcels (cleanup of parcels that existed before the NCA was formed) and modification of how one of the three developer members of the NCA is selected. The city will be able to appoint an alternate developer who can then appoint one of the three developer seats on the NCA board.

Resolution 63-25 to be heard later in this meeting’s agenda, determines the written consents are in good form and sets a public hearing date for December 8. The ordinance approves the expansion and amends the original NCA petition. When asked why Bridge North parcels were not included, Mr. Rubino explained the timelines differ—J Block and Y Block are much further ahead, and Bridge North developers indicated they were not ready to move forward with expansion on this timeline.

Ms. De Rosa asked about the process for changing board configuration. Mr. Daniels clarified that by statute, the NCA board itself has no input on its makeup or boundaries—City Council makes both decisions. The developer has a statutory right to appoint 3 members, and they negotiated with Crawford Hoying to give up one seat, likely for the Bridge Street North developer. Council would determine the assignment, probably in connection with Bridge North development.

There were no public comments.

Second reading/public hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

INTRODUCTION/PUBLIC HEARING/VOTE – RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to waive the Council Rules of Order and consider Resolutions 56-25 through 61-25 together.
Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 56-25
Intent to Appropriate a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from NWP IV, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, from the Property Located at 16-18 Bridge Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall Be Open to the Public without Charge.

Resolution 57-25
Intent to Appropriate Permanent Right-of-Way and a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from PapiBriones LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, from the Property Located at 16 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall be Open to the Public without Charge.

Resolution 58-25
Intent to Appropriate Permanent Right-of-Way and a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from Fadhil Abbousy and Najla Abbousy, from the Property Located at 24-26-28 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall Be Open to the Public without Charge.

Resolution 59-25
Intent to Appropriate a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from Ralco Properties, LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, from the Property Located at 36-38 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall Be Open to the Public without Charge.

Resolution 60-25
Intent to Appropriate a Permanent Utility Easement and a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from STJ319 Holdings LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, from the Property Located at 40 North High Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall Be Open to the Public without Charge.

Resolution 61-25
Intent to Appropriate Permanent Right-of-Way, a Permanent Utility Easement, and a Temporary Right-of-Way Easement from 72 Dublin LLC, an Ohio Limited Liability Company, from the Property Located at 20 North Street for the Public Purpose of Constructing and Improving Roadway Infrastructure, which Shall Be Open to the Public without Charge.

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolutions.
Ms. Willis presented these six resolutions for property acquisitions needed for the Northern Historic District Infrastructure Improvements Project. The improvements are included in the current capital improvements program and development agreement with Crawford Hoying. The project includes improved intersections, new sidewalks and plaza areas, upgraded lighting, ADA accommodations, burial of overhead utilities, and use of historically appropriate materials like brick paver sidewalks and granite curbs.
The project requires acquisition from 6 parcels. Good faith offer letters, appraisal reports, and associated information were provided by the city to property owners in November. While staff continues working with property owners to reach mutually agreeable resolutions, these resolutions begin the appropriations process to keep the project on schedule.

Ms. Willis detailed each parcel:

- Parcel 1 (NWP 4 LLC, 16-18 East Bridge Street): Two temporary construction easements
- Parcel 2 (PapiBriones LLC, 16 North High Street): Warranty deed and temporary easement
- Parcel 3 (Fadhil and Najla Abbousy, 24-26 North High Street): Warranty deed and temporary easement
- Parcel 4 (Ralco Properties, 36-38 North High Street): Temporary construction easement only
- Parcel 5 (STJ319 Holdings LLC, 40 North High Street): Permanent utility easement and temporary easement
- Parcel 7 (72 Dublin LLC, 20 North High Street): Warranty deed, permanent utility easement, and temporary easement

There were no public comments.

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

Resolution 62-25

Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Christkindlmarkt Consulting, LLC for the Management of Christkindlmarkt Dublin, Ohio

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.

Ms. Goliver presented a resolution to enter into an agreement with Christkindlmarkt Consulting LLC for management of Christkindlmarkt Dublin, Ohio. This furthers Council's 2025 goal to reimagine and launch Dublin's community events program.

Following Council's unanimous approval of the holiday market feasibility study earlier this year, staff issued an RFP for a traditional European-style Christmas market operator. A selection committee comprising representatives from various city departments, Visit Dublin Ohio, and the Downtown Dublin Strategic Alliance reviewed responses and interviewed respondents. They recommended Christkindlmarkt Consulting based on experience and alignment with the project scope. The CEO previously led planning and execution of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt from 2017-2025, which is known nationally for authenticity and is consistently considered the top holiday market in the United States.

Key contract terms include:

- Initial 5-year term concluding April 2031, with option to renew for additional 5 years
- Operator responsible for day-to-day operations and event permit fees
- Protected revenue share beginning in year 2 that increases annually
- Total projected revenue to city over 10 years: \$542,000
- Operator responsible for purchasing huts, setup/teardown, storage, hiring staff, entertainment, vendors, security and decorating
- City provides bathrooms, existing park decorations, power/water and continues ice rink operations
- Intellectual property: Operator owns logo/branding materials; City owns name and has final approval on branding
- Non-compete provision within 90-mile radius
- Emergency action plan in partnership with Dublin Police
- Annual reporting requirements for transparency

Recent additions to the agreement based on Council questions include specifications for decorations and lights beyond city provisions, ensuring huts align with traditional standards (no tents), minimum 40 vendors (with allowance for fewer in year 1 if infrastructure is not ready), and city assistance with volunteer procurement.

Maria Adela Rosenfeld, CEO of Christkindlmarkt Consulting, shared her personal connection to Christmas markets, having experienced her first Christmas in Germany as an exchange student. She brought those traditions home and later became founding CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. Under her leadership, the market brought the first Glühwein Pyramid to the US and was named #1 in the US by USA Today in only its third year.

When asked about her vision for Dublin, Ms. Rosenfeld outlined plans including Saint Nicholas Tag procession, character meet-and-greets, entertainment throughout the market, eventual workshops with German artisans demonstrating glassblowing and woodworking, a kids corner with crafts, and a scholarship program for young women to portray the angel character. She emphasized opportunities for volunteer greeters and community engagement.

Council members expressed enthusiasm for the project. Ms. Fox asked about physical asset ownership, noting original discussions about the city purchasing huts for potential

other uses. Ms. Goliver explained the operator will own all infrastructure for cleaner liability and responsibility divisions. The operator's expertise and handling of setup, teardown, and storage made this arrangement most practical.

Mr. Keeler asked about Ms. Rosenfeld's background, noting the significant difference between her Carmel experience (with heavy city support including labor from street departments) and Dublin's model where she will operate independently. Ms. Rosenfeld acknowledged the challenge but expressed confidence based on her network of vendors, suppliers, international Christkindlmarkt board connections, and consultants she has already engaged.

Council members uniformly supported the proposal with Vice Mayor Alutto emphasizing the importance of early branding development and Ms. De Rosa thanking staff for their tremendous amount of work over a long period.

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

Resolution 63-25
Determining that the Consents to the Expansion of the Bridge Park New Community Authority Comply with the Requirements of Section 349.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and to Fix a Date and Place for a Public Hearing on the Expansion

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Mr. Rubino presented this resolution which accepts written consents to expand the Bridge Park NCA and sets a public hearing date of December 8. This is the procedural first step that does not approve anything but accepts the consents and schedules the public hearing. Staff recommended approval.

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

Resolution 64-25
Acceptance of a Preliminary Plat for the Subdivision of 12.79 acres into 7 Single-Family Lots with 0.5 Acres of Open Space and Dedication of Right-of-way for Liu Court (Case 24-128PP)

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Ms. Noble presented the preliminary plat for subdivision of 12.79 acres into 7 single-family lots on Dublin Road. The site is zoned R-1 restricted suburban residential district, located on the east side of Dublin Road just south of Ronning Court near Galloway Estates. The site is surrounded by residential development and is an infill site.

The application originally came before the Planning and Zoning Commission in April 2025 for preliminary development plan review, discussing site design, layout, building orientation, contour modifications, and infrastructure needs. It was tabled by PZC to address commission comments and returned in October 2025 when the preliminary and final development plans proceeded with similar discussions.

This is being developed under standard zoning district (R-1) rather than a PUD, which provides limited authority. The proposal includes 7 single-family residential lots with an existing home in the central portion being retained. Open space is provided in the eastern portion, a left turn lane is required based on traffic analysis, and a shared use path will extend along Dublin Road.

Modifications were made based on PZC input including requirements for general development standards, public roadway and shared use path design, landscape easement modifications along Dublin Road, and driveway allocations moved as far as possible from intersections. Lots are slightly under an acre with frontage requirements of 60 feet along right-of-way and 150 feet for buildable area.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with the conditions of including more landscaping along Dublin Road, driveway location restrictions on lots 1 and 7, and continued work with engineering for the shared use path design.

There were no public comments.

Council discussion focused extensively on the open space provision. Ms. Fox questioned whether the open space location, partially in floodplain, met the intent of land dedication requirements. The applicant, Jason Liu, explained he chose that location so every household could comfortably access the riverfront to see wildlife activity. He acknowledged it was not economically perfect but wanted neighbors to enjoy the overlook without going through others' backyards.

Council members discussed whether this constituted public or private open space. Legal counsel Mr. Boggs clarified that under subdivision regulations, when land dedication is of insufficient size or inappropriate location for public use, the municipality may request privately financed and owned recreational facilities. The plat shows this as private open space owned and maintained by the HOA.

Discussion arose about the proposed gravel path to the overlook area. Mayor Amorose Groomes expressed concern about maintenance and safety on the steep grade, stating she would only support a paved surface not subject to washout. She also asked about parking for public access, noting these waterfront areas are typically very popular. Ms. Kramb suggested ensuring the cul-de-sac could accommodate parking while maintaining emergency vehicle access.

The applicant confirmed the path width at the cul-de-sac is 20 feet, with a gravel path proposed down to a patio with benches overlooking the river. Council discussed setback requirements and ensuring the path meets minimum standards from adjacent property lines.

Regarding architecture, the applicant indicated houses would feature traditional materials like stone and brick rather than siding, as specified in HOA documents. When asked about the existing stone wall along Dublin Road, he confirmed it would be removed to build the shared use path.

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

Resolution 65-25
Acceptance of a Final Plat for the Subdivision of 12.79 acres into 7 Single-Family Lots with 0.5 acres of Open Space and Dedication of Right-of-Way for Liu Court

Vice Mayor Alutto introduced the Resolution.
Ms. Raush stated that this is the final plat for the same subdivision. She recommended approval.

There were no public comments.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

- Finance Committee Recommendation - Awarding Hotel Motel Tax Grants
Ms. Goliver presented the Finance Committee's recommendations for 2026 hotel motel tax grants. The committee reviewed applications at their October 21, 2025 meeting using the formal policy adopted by Council on July 1, 2024.
Council budgeted \$279,500 for grants in 2026. The committee reviewed 30 applications—4 from organizations that have not previously applied and 8 for

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events that have not previously requested funding. Total requests were \$411,788.

The Finance Committee unanimously recommended the funding allocations displayed and asked for Council's acceptance to waive city services fees for the Dublin Jerome High School homecoming parade.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the Finance Committee recommendations awarding hotel-motel award grants. Vice Mayor Alutto seconded the motion.

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

Public Services Committee Recommendation – City of Dublin Cemetery Regulations and Guidelines

Mr. Barker presented the Public Services Committee recommendations. He explained that Council had expressed concern about cemetery capacity, particularly at Dublin Cemetery in the historic town center. Current capacity shows 7,913 plots sold, with approximately 2,800 sold but unoccupied.

Based on Council's concerns, this matter went to Public Services Committee for discussion. Staff presented ideas to extend cemetery life and provide additional capacity. The October 8 committee meeting resulted in unanimous support for recommendations now brought to Council.

The three recommendations are:

- Limit plot and niche sales exclusively to Dublin residents and their families
- Increase allowable cremains interments per plot from 1-2 to maximum of 3 cremain vaults
- Revisit development of a master plan exploring other burial options including memorial garden, scattering garden, and columbarium (subject to land availability from adjacent development)

Ms. Kramb questioned why only three vaults, thinking 4-5 might fit. Mr. Barker explained the vault size is larger than just an urn, and operational considerations for excavation without compromising previously buried items led to the maximum of three. Ms. Kramb suggested differentiating between remains and vaults—multiple remains could fit in one vault depending on container size, maximizing space while charging excavation fees each time a vault is opened.

Ms. Fox found Ohio does not require cremains vaults—it is up to cemetery owners. Many cemeteries do not require vaults for cremains since they do not cause ground settling like caskets. She suggested eliminating vault requirements could allow more cremains burials per plot. She also noted opportunities for cremains in headstones (like her parents' bench with space for two) and questioned the prohibition on scattering cremains since Ohio allows it with permission. She suggested these additional options could expand capacity significantly.

Mayor Amorose Groomes asked about the 2,800+ unoccupied plots and whether anything could be done to identify owners and see if they would offer them back for sale. Mr. Barker acknowledged this would be challenging with records dating to 1814 and ownership issues with deceased owners but agreed it is worth exploring. The Mayor suggested researching whether specialized businesses help old cemeteries with this issue, perhaps working on a percentage of returned plots.

Council emphasized wanting to maximize capacity while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars and respectful of agreements made even 200 years ago. Ms. Fox noted increased interments would generate revenue to help maintain the cemetery.

Ms. De Rosa moved to approve the Public Services Committee recommendation as presented and that the committee work to continue on other suggestions. Mayor Amorose Groomes seconded the motion.

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

- Tree Replacement Waiver Request – Liu Court
Ms. Noble presented a tree waiver request for the Liu Court development (the same property from the earlier plat approvals). The heavily wooded, 12-acre site requires tree replacement under city policy. The applicants propose removing 65 trees but would be required to replace 550 trees under standard inch-for-inch requirements (the number increases because replacement trees are smaller).

Under the tree waiver policy allowing reduction but not elimination of requirements, they would still need to replace 373 trees based on the tree species assessment. Staff reviewed the request and believes more trees could be preserved on site, particularly along the northern boundary where larger trees do not impact building footprints. Additionally, most trees being removed are landmark, priority 1, or priority 2 trees (desirable species), unlike previous approvals involving mostly priority 3 (undesirable) trees.

Staff recommended denial of the tree waiver request, believing applicants could do more to preserve trees and meet replacement obligations given the quality of trees being removed.

No public comment was offered.

Ms. Fox noted many large trees appear to be along the northern boundary not impacting conceptual building locations. Ms. Noble confirmed buildings are planned for the central portion, so the observation about northern trees was accurate.

Mayor Amorose Groomes moved to approve the tree replacement waiver request.
Mr. Keeler seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion: Ms. Kramb, no; Mayor Amorose Groomes, no; Ms. Fox, no; Mr. Keeler, no; Mr. Reiner, no; Ms. De Rosa, no; Vice Mayor Alutto, no.

- Addressing Community Noise: Findings, Code Updates and Enforcement Strategies
Ms. Willis introduced a comprehensive presentation on community noise concerns, joined by Emily Dingman from Burgess & Niple, Assistant Law Director Thad Boggs, Deputy Chiefs Greg Lattanzi and Nick Tabernik, and Planning Director Jenny Rauch.

Ms. Dingman presented findings from the 2025 Hard Road Noise Study, which repeated a 2011-2012 study. The monitoring included 4 seasonal events with 2 days each season and 11 hours of readings at the same locations. Key findings:
 - Greatest sound values on Hard Road and Linden Lane did not correlate with traffic or truck quantities
 - Maximum noises came from activities within neighborhoods, not from Hard Road
 - Vegetation between Hard Road and neighborhoods helped buffer noise

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- Results were consistent with the 2011-2012 study
- By Federal Highway Administration standards (67 decibels at closest receptor), noise mitigation would not be recommended, since the neighborhood never exceeded the noise threshold
- Truck traffic increased from 4% (2012) to 9.5% (2024) on Hard Road east of Riverside Drive
- Despite increased truck volume percentage, noise levels remained similar (60-69 decibels range)

Ms. Dingman explained noise is logarithmic—a 10-decibel increase means 10x more sound energy but only perceived as twice as loud. Noise is not additive; two 70-decibel trucks together produce 73 decibels, not 140.

Deputy Chief Lattanzi outlined current enforcement efforts. In 2025, officers conducted over 9,600 traffic stops and issued more than 1,900 speeding citations. The department conducted 26 targeted enforcement operations focusing on excessive speeding, reckless operation, DUI, intentional engine revving, and street racing. These operations on Interstate 270, US Route 33, Bridge Park Avenue, and Riverside Drive resulted in 635 traffic stops and 450 citations. They also partnered with Ohio State Highway Patrol for 10 commercial vehicle operations resulting in 55 stops.

Enforcement challenges include:

- Officers must personally observe and identify both vehicle and operator
- Dense urban areas complicate source identification
- Current code lacks objective noise criteria
- Local courts have not granted judicial notice for noise measuring devices (unlike radar/lidar for speeding)

Mr. Boggs presented proposed code updates adding objective decibel standards while maintaining existing subjective standards. The dual approach would give enforcement two tools, similar to OVI enforcement. Proposed standards:

- Noise amplification/speakers: 80 decibels at 50+ feet
- Engine operation: 86 decibels on streets ≤35 mph, 90 decibels on streets >35 mph
- New prohibition on engine brakes with signage
- Disorderly conduct: Reducing duration from 1 hour to 15 minutes
- Public nuisance: 80-decibel presumption for 15 minutes, plus addressing pervasive noise below decibel limits

Deputy Chief Tabernik reviewed technology options:

- Current: Sarama handheld sound meter (proved difficult for precise officer positioning), Opcity cameras (not real-time)
- Emerging: Flock camera audio detection (still conceptual), SoundVue (includes microphone/camera/license reader), Sarama noise camera (used by other cities for citations), Cirrus handheld meter

Staff posed five discussion questions to Council, all of which received strong support:

- Support for proposed code updates? Yes—Council strongly supported all updates, especially the engine brake prohibition.
- Support for technology options? Yes—Council encouraged testing various options for court credibility.

- Support for consistent noise meter for enforcement? Yes.
- Support for public awareness campaign? Yes—Council emphasized this as a top resident concern, suggesting partnering with schools/SROs for teen education and creating dashboards similar to speed management data.
- Other elements for updates? Council suggested addressing vibration from trucks damaging stone walls and participating in making new technology legally enforceable through organizations like MORPC.

Council members commented that this issue is one of the top resident concerns. Ms. Kramb noted that while the study showed trucks are not causing the noise issue, the 9.5% truck traffic on residential Hard Road with a school remains a safety concern. She suggested considering a HAWK signal for the school crossing. Ms. De Rosa noted the revving violations would not fall under the 15-minute requirement since they are under a different code section. Vice Mayor Alutto recommended partnering with schools for education, since teenagers often contribute to noise issues.

- Dublin Signature Trail Study - Draft
Mr. Rayburn introduced the update, noting Council provided valuable feedback at the August 25 meeting on the signature trail study and preferred alignment concepts. Chris Hermann from MKSK presented the refined draft report.

The project encompasses both route/alignment and trail design. After starting with 10 alignments and conducting analysis, they brought forward 4 preferred alignments. Council, community, and analysis all aligned on the same preference: mixing the "Green Ribbon" in western/central portions with the "Cosgray Connect" in the eastern portion.

Key features of the preferred alignment:
 - Added Metro Center loop per Council feedback
 - Includes interim connections (shown in yellow) where significant infrastructure is not yet built
 - 38 total access points along the trail
 - Average access point every quarter to half mile
 - 21 segments for phasing and cost planning
 - Total cost estimate: \$134 million (2025 dollars)
 - 55% of costs are the trail itself, 42% structures (bridges, walls, tunnels), 3% crossings
 - Does not include costs for major road projects like John Shields Parkway

Trail design features three typologies:

- Nature preserve areas: 36-foot width with separated walking and biking zones
- New development areas: 33-foot width with buffers between uses
- Urban areas: 27-foot width with combined uses

The trail incorporates signature elements throughout (branding, wayfinding, lighting, surface materials) while allowing flexibility for local character in different zones:

- Recreation zone: SportsOhio themes
- Innovation District: Technology and sustainability
- Parkland: Nature and calm spaces

- Historic/Urban cores: Cultural history and entertainment
- Future experience zone: Forward-looking elements

Phasing recommendations suggest starting in the West Innovation District where new connectivity would be most impactful, then working back to enhance existing connections.

Council members expressed unanimous enthusiasm for the vision. Ms. De Rosa emphasized starting where they can demonstrate impact. Vice Mayor Alutto appreciated how it brings together all different parts of the city and emphasized early branding development. Ms. Kramb noted how existing trail connections could link to the signature trail with simple signage.

Ms. Fox suggested opportunities for families and businesses to donate place-making pieces along the trail, creating variety and community investment. Mr. Reiner acknowledged the ambitious scale but suggested starting modestly—perhaps with narrower paths initially that could be expanded later.

Mayor Amorose Groomes characterized it as an "opportunistic document" where the city will capitalize on chances to advance the vision over time, likely never undertaking the entirety at once but knitting it together as opportunities arise.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. O’Callaghan shared the following:

- Dublin Road Shared Use Path: Franklin County Engineers will host a public meeting December 2 at First Community Church for property owners along the 4.5-mile path alignment from Quarry Trails Metro Park to Limestone Ridge Drive. This multi-jurisdictional project involves Dublin, Columbus, Hilliard, and MORPC funding.
- South High Street Utility Burial: Significant progress as AEP crews began removing aerial facilities along Blacksmith Lane and South High Street. They are removing transformers and lines, cutting poles down to communication lines. Each communication company will transfer services underground before AEP removes remaining poles over the next few months. Final plantings and restoration are scheduled for spring.
- Micromobility Devices: Staff is developing materials addressing e-bikes, scooters, mini motorcycles, and variations. Since the September Public Services Committee meeting, staff prepared draft code amendments and matrices explaining regulations for each device type. The draft will clarify which devices are permitted on paths, sidewalks, and streets; establish safety/equipment standards including helmets; and respond to concerns about speed limits and enforcement. Communications will publicize current regulations and seek resident input before returning to Council in mid-January. Mr. Keeler emphasized the need to avoid situations where residents buy electric motorcycles for Christmas then discover they are prohibited.

She also announced the following holiday events:

- Tree lighting ceremony December 4 at Coffman Park, 6-8 PM with Council, Santa, and family activities
- Dublin Historical Society open house 5-7 PM featuring a restored sleigh
- Downtown Dublin unified lighting November 20 including the Historic District, Riverside Crossing Park, and Bridge Park
- Ice rink season begins November 20 with a Dublin Link special light show

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- Finance Committee: Mr. Keeler reported that the Finance Committee met on November 10 to discuss:
 - Nonprofit contribution requests: Staff proposed a resilient community grant program supporting nonprofits focused on basic human needs, following similar guidelines as other city grants. Committee recommended bringing to a Council work session.
 - Investment portfolio review: Meeder and Manning & Napier portfolios performed in line with benchmarks. Staff will refine strategies and bring updates Q2 2026.
 - Capital partner RFP update: Ohio State proposed programming partnerships rather than capital investment. Other medical institutions showed limited interest due to existing Dublin presence. Staff anticipates sponsorship/naming opportunities at SportsOhio and will develop a citywide strategy in 2026.
- **Liaison Reports**
 - Ms. De Rosa (33 Corridor/Planning & Zoning): New P&Z leadership elected—Kim Way as Chair, Gary Alexander as Vice Chair. Commission handling very large agendas including Y Block and Bridge Park North projects.
 - Ms. Fox (33 Corridor/Board of Education): Next 33 Corridor meeting December 12; Board of Education meeting postponed to December 10.
 - Mr. Keeler (Board of Education/LUCCRPC): More single-family homes coming in the Dublin City School District in Jerome Township.
 - Mr. Reiner (Dublin Arts Council): Ceramicist Yasuyuki exhibition through December 19 with demonstration December 20, 11 AM-2 PM. Next generation artist celebration K-12, submissions due December 12. "A Christmas Carol" production is coming to Abbey Theater.
 - Ms. Kramb (Washington Township/ARB): Washington Township meeting postponed to tomorrow due to Veterans Day; ARB is canceled this month.
 - Mayor Amorose Groomes (MORPC): Central Ohio Advance Fund established to help smaller municipalities front costs for LinkUS projects before reimbursement. This matters to Dublin because it enables trail connections by smaller communities that cannot afford upfront costs, improving regional transportation networks.

COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Reiner: Thanked everyone for attending Veterans Day ceremony.

Mr. Keeler: Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Ms. De Rosa: Praised Veterans Day ceremony's youth enthusiasm. Thanked staff for retreat preparation resulting in updated 2026 goals focusing on advancing existing initiatives rather than adding new ones.

Vice Mayor Alutto: Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Amorose Groomes: shared the following:

- Pack 210 Webelos visit on November 5
- Mentioned executive committee meeting, 70/71 interchange tour showing impressive progress, and
- MORPC meeting discussing homelessness/shelter needs for winter.
- Attended Irish Fest honorary chair selection meeting.
- Thanked everyone for productive retreat.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 p.m.



Mayor – Presiding Officer


Clerk of Council