

CLYDE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Session – September 1, 2026

Clyde City Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 222 N. Main Street, Clyde, Ohio. Mayor Doug McCauley called the meeting to order.

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Doug McCauley
Vice Mayor Chris Shay
Council Member Cody Browning
Council Member Greg McMaster
Council Member Terri Meek
City Manager Justin LaBenne (Not voting)
Clerk of Council Janet Dickman (Not voting)
Deputy Clerk Jackie Hoppe (Not voting)
Finance Director Frank Weasner (Not voting)
Solicitor Zachary Selvey (Not voting)

Absent/

Excused:

Visitors signing in can be referenced in the Record Book Supplement.

The meeting opened with The Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 18, 2026, regular session of council were distributed for review prior to this meeting. There were no corrections.

Motion: to approve the minutes of August 18, 2026, regular session of council as written

Action: Approve,

Moved by Council Member Cody Browning, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Cody Browning,

Abstain: Council Member Terri Meek

DISCUSSION OF PENDING OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Visitors:

There were no visitors who requested to speak at this time.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

There were none.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

2026-63 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1157.02, 1157.03, AND 1157.06 OF CHAPTER 1157 (SIGNS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CLYDE, OHIO.

By poll of Council, Ordinance No. **2026-63** was read by title only for its second reading.

There were no questions or comments.

Motion: to adopt Ordinance No. **2026-63** **Action:** Adopt,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley.

Mayor McCauley announced that Ordinance No. **2026-63** has been adopted

RESOLUTIONS

2026-70 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

Resolution No. **2026-70** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated this project is for Mr. Paul Fiser. This is an Ohio Public Works grant. Columbia Gas will be moving a lot of utilities before we start. This is for necessary improvements for this area. We are looking into some easements and even land acquisitions.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-70** **Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Greg McMaster, **Seconded** Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-70** passed.

2026-71 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR

BIDS FOR THE EAST SUBSTATION POWER TRANSFORMER AND CIRCUIT BREAKER PROJECTS.

Resolution No. **2026-71** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne stated this is for some very large items. This is something that was done on the West sub quite a while ago, and now it is time for the East. It involves updating the 69KV transformer and all circuits involved. The sub will be taken offline for a while. Funding will be from the Electric Fund, depending on where it is at. Sometimes we cash these, sometimes we borrow from AMP, as they extend a line of credit as part of our membership. This will be discussed at the upcoming budget hearings.

Mr. Browning questioned the cost for the West sub when it was done (the price has gone up, but a ballpark figure was unable to be quoted at this time).

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-71 Action:** Pass,

Moved by Vice Mayor Chris Shay, **Seconded by** Mayor Doug McCauley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-71** passed.

2026-72 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GARY BEAMER TO THE CLYDE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Resolution No. **2026-72** was read in its entirety.

Mr. LaBenne noted that upcoming Charter revisions may eliminate the need for a Civil Service Commission. However, he offered thanks to Mr. Beamer for volunteering to be a part of this Commission at this time.

Council Members also offered thanks to Mr. Beamer for his service to the City.

Motion: to pass Resolution No. **2026-72, Action:** Pass,

Moved by Council Member Cody Browning, **Seconded by** Council Member Terri Meek.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek.

Mayor McCauley announced that Resolution No. **2026-72** passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. LaBenne gave the following report:

- Variety of concerning happenings last week, some related to numerous out of town interactions, active psychosis incident, a naked guy in the fountain, temporary facilities running in places that usually don't allow them, property purchases that were leading to great disappointment as they had no idea what they were buying, and tons of escalating neighbor battles; all issues were very time consuming
- Evergreen buyer still moving forward, working through incentive packages through Jobs Ohio; they are aware they/someone would owe \$1.2 mil in electric and the City would need to be made whole before they could do anything
- Surveying downtown for NCIT connector project as we look to improve the bike trail through downtown, and improve crossings in that area
- Surveying and compliance work has begun related to the nature trail compliance work; project documents have been submitted to ODNR for their review; we are hoping to have their executed agreement by the next meeting so we can submit for our 1/3 funds in advance
- Board of Elections has confirmed our renewal of income tax and Charter Review amendments, which came from our Charter Review Commission and our Administration, as submitted for the ballot this fall; this will clean up some areas and bring issues up to date, as some of the Charter is dated from the 1950's; the last Charter Review amendments went to the voters in 2006; a few changes include public notices to no longer need to be published in a newspaper, eliminate the Civil Service Commission, increase Council Members rate of pay, effective if the current Council member is re-elected; copies of amendments will be made available.
- In follow-up to the wage increases that were applied to the Journeymen, another Apprentice has been hired
- Mr. LaBenne will be on vacation soon for two weeks

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weasner reported the following:

- Terminated contract with OpenGov; a new software program is tailored to our needs and will offer efficiencies for the budget process
- 2024 Audit has been filed
- Citywide cleanup/drop off is scheduled for October 2 from noon to 4 pm, and October 3 from 8 am to noon.

Mayor McCauley questioned the availability of financial statements (these will be emailed to Council members).

COUNCIL REMARKS

Mr. Shay stated it is great to see many visitors at this meeting tonight.

Mr. Shay reviewed Department reports and noticed some promotions within departments and other transfers; he feels these will aid with employee retention.

MOTIONS

Motion to enter into an executive session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee,

Action: Enter,

Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning.

Mayor McCauley announced that no further action will be taken following adjournment of the executive session.

Motion: to adjourn the executive session at 9:39 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Council Member Terri Meek, **Seconded by** Council Member Greg McMaster.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Council Member Greg McMaster, Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley.

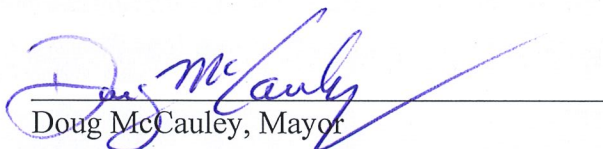
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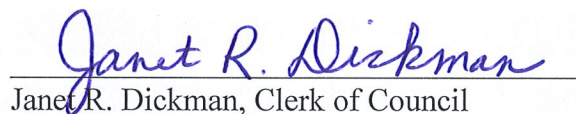
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. **Action:** Adjourn,

Moved by Mayor Doug McCauley, **Seconded by** Council Member Cody Browning.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: Vice Mayor Chris Shay, Council Member Terri Meek, Council Member Cody Browning, Mayor Doug McCauley, Council Member Greg McMaster.


Doug McCauley, Mayor


Janet R. Dickman, Clerk of Council

CITY OF CLYDE
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 Regular Session

Visitors - PLEASE SIGN IN:

1. Auf Barnes

2. Ben Brown

3. Loreli Phillips

4. Tim Willis

5. GENE PAUL

6. Travis Brown

7. Kayleigh Trent

8. Gary Smith

9. Creedence Wiczorek

10. Loey Hartman

11. Elizabeth Musick

12. Trevor Dix

13. Aaron Hamberger

14. _____

15. _____