

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

**Mayfield Village Civic Hall -Mayfield Village Civic Center
6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Monday, January 5, 2026 in Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council President Schutt asked, Mrs. Betsa, may I have a Roll Call, please?

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mr. Gall, Mr. Girbino, Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Marquardt, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Schutt

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Ms. Rich, Ms. Calta, Ms. Weber, Chief Carcioppolo, Chief Matias, Mr. McAviney, Mr. Cappello, Mr. Marquart, Mr. Russell, Mr. Stupczy, Ms. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: None

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I'll just repeat what I said earlier. I want to wish everybody a healthy, happy New Year. I've heard on the news that the flu is going around big time this year, so please be careful, everybody. I also want to thank everybody. It's been a great team to work with here. We had a great year last year, and I'm looking forward to working with you all again this year.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President stated, we have some birthdays for January. First, we have Mr. Cappello. His birthday is on January 16th. Ms. Rich, her birthday is on January 18th. And Mr. Bill Marquardt, his birthday is on January 23rd. So, happy early birthday to all of you.

Our next regular meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th at 7 p.m. We are meeting on Tuesday with the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday the 19th. As the Mayor mentioned, we had a very successful 2025 and are looking forward to another successful year in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Renewal of Building Inspector Services – 2026 (not to exceed \$36,000) (Ordinance 2015-27) (Administration)

Council President asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you, Council President. We have been working with Mr. Carbone as an independent contractor since 2015. The rate has remained the same at \$45 an hour. This is simply a renewal of that agreement.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

2) Appropriations for period from January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 (in title only) (Ordinance 2026-04) (Finance) (in title only)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Rich?

Ms. Rich stated, thank you. This is for January 1st of 2026, through December 31st, 2026. This is the expense side of the budget that will be presented formally to Council for approval at the March meeting.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Rich.

3) Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2026 (Resolution 2026-02) (in title only) (Finance)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Rich?

Thank you, Council President. This is the revenue side of the budget, and again, this will be approved at the March Council meeting.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

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Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Rich.

4) Annual Fee for use of water from Fire Hydrants (Division of Water - \$11,753.72) (Fire)

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Carcioppolo?

Chief Carcioppolo replied, thank you, Council President. This is our annual fee for Cleveland Water. We have a dispute about the amount of hydrants. There's two hydrants they're saying we have, but I've asked them to point them out to me, and I think we've decided that it would be easier to just pay them \$120 and have their finance department reimburse us, because I've sent them three e-mails and they haven't responded.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Mr. Gall stated, I have a question, do we really have 355 hydrants?

Chief Carcioppolo replied, I didn't bring my hydrant count with me. I think there's a dispute with two of the hydrants. I've done this multiple times with Cleveland Water. I went and physically viewed every hydrant and marked them. And then they send the same thing. And I would send the same response e-mail and copy the one from the previous year that this is what we agreed upon, and this is how many we have. But it just seems to keep happening. So we're down to a two hydrant disparity this year. So that's not that bad.

Mr. Girbino asked, so the two that are in dispute, are they the two that are listed here on the third high service?

Chief Carcioppolo replied, no, those are the two hydrants that are further down Wilson Mills' hill.

Mr. Girbino stated, okay.

Chief Carcioppolo stated, I wrote back that we agreed last year that this is how many we have. So show me the two new hydrants, because I'm not aware of any new hydrants. But I don't have time to go out and count them all again. So I'm waiting for them to respond.

Mr. Girbino stated, thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

5) Agreement for payment of counsel fees for indigent criminal defendants (Law)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Calta?

Ms. Calta replied, thank you, Mr. President. If you all remember, we did a similar agreement for 2025. This is for the representation in the Municipal Courts. And it allows the County to apply for funding through the State. If the services are used, there's a reimbursement process. And I think you might remember it was kind of - yes, Mr. Gall remembers. The path of how the money flows is long and tortured. But it is the way that it needs to be so that the funds can be applied for. So this is that same agreement. It's just a new agreement for calendar year 2026.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Calta.

6) Legislation expressing the intent of Mayfield Village in 2026 to sell by internet auction personal property, including motor vehicles and other property referenced in R.C. 721.15 which are no longer needed for public use or are obsolete or unfit for the use for which they were acquired. (Resolution 2026-01) (Finance)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Rich?

Ms. Rich stated, thank you, Council President. This is the annual legislation that we ask Council to approve so that we could sell unneeded property on *Govdeals*. We've been doing that for the last several years.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Rich.

7) Ohio Geese Control – 2026 (14,696.00) – geese control at recreational areas (Parks and Recreation)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. McAvinew?

Mr. McAvinew replied, thank you, Council President. This is a yearly program that we deal with. We get geese control all over the park, the Grove, the soccer fields, the softball fields, because geese will migrate. If you only treat one area, they're going to migrate to the next area and keep on going. Ohio Geese Control is the only one in our region that supplies this service. We

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researched it last year. And there's other companies out there, but there's no company that supplies the dog service in our region. It is a good service.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. McAvine.

8) Rookie Sports – 2026 (not to exceed \$88,000) – pass-thru for sports programming (Parks and Recreation)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. McAvine?

Mr. McAvine replied, I believe this is our seventh or eighth year working with Rookie Sports. And it's continuing to grow. It's definitely slowed down, but the growth has gone from, I think the first year we did around \$20,000 of activities with them. Now we're at about \$110,000. They control all the staffing costs, insurance costs. We just advertise and promote them. And they're really keeping that \$20,000 difference. It's a great program for the little kids.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. McAvine.

9) Sound and lighting for Grove, Gazebo and Special Events in 2026 (Clear Gold Audio & Lighting – not to exceed \$26,300) (Parks and Recreation)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. McAvine?

Mr. McAvine stated, this is year three of three for this group. We went out and got proposals three years ago with an option of three more years. They've done a phenomenal job. I'd say in my 30 years of working, 20-plus years of working in the concert side of things, I've never worked with a better company, hands down. Hopefully, we can use them in the future as we move forward because they've made my life a lot smoother since a couple of years ago.

Council President Schutt stated, sounds good. Any questions?

Mr. Girbino asked, I have a quick question. The fees here that are proposed for this year, how do they compare with the previous years?

Mr. McAvine replied, they started at \$18,000, I think. And I think they have gone up \$100 to \$150 each year. They've been very modest increases for each year, especially with all the inflation

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and stuff going on. But that's also why I worked with three years so I know what we will be paying for those three years. I think we started at \$18,000 and I think we're at \$21,000. And that's for lights and for sound. I've gotten quotes for sound and lighting in the past that companies have quoted over \$10,000 per show because of the size and volume. This company gives a lot for the money you're paying. And it's kept that increase down to 5% a year. So it's been very smooth.

Mr. Girbino stated, okay. Thank you.

Mrs. Jurcisek asked, do you think that they would want to extend it? Do you think that they have interest on their end?

Mr. McAviney replied, yes. I would offer new proposals. I do have to bet that companies come in for multiple reasons. We don't want this scenario where the music's so loud that I lose my hearing, and so do the neighbors. And this company has done a great job of keeping that under control. There's some other companies out there that might come back in. Like the previous company, I would disqualify them because of the service they had. But there are companies that might come in that have a reputation of pushing that limit. I don't want to go back there. So I would not ask for a proposal from that company. But they may come in lower, but you get what you pay for.

Mrs. Jurcisek replied, thanks.

Mr. McAviney stated, I hope to have them for seven more years.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

10) 2026 Fireworks (American Fireworks, LLC – not to exceed \$20,000) (Parks and Recreation)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. McAviney?

Mr. McAviney replied, this is year two of three of this agreement. When we entered the agreement last year, we did lose a little bit of shell counts at \$20,000 just because of the time. But we're locked in. We're not going to lose additional shell counts this year or next year. Because I even talked to the company about this that we locked in early January before the tariffs hit for the fireworks. Most of the fireworks come from China. That's where they're always going to come from. And so we are not going to lose any additional shell counts moving forward.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

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Mr. Girbino stated, I have one question for Chief Carcioppolo. As far as the vendor goes, American, are you good with them? Have you had any issues with them in the past?

Chief Carcioppolo replied, no, I'm pretty good with them. I have a good relationship. And we've been getting the same shooter every year. So we have a good working relationship with the actual display of the fireworks and working together.

Mr. Girbino stated, okay. Thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. McAvine.

11) SPAN Contributions for 2026 (\$32,085.00) (Police)

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Matias?

Chief Matias stated, thank you, Council President. This is our annual renewal for our SPAN dues that supports all the special units, the bomb squad, drug unit negotiators, and accident investigation units. Again, it's actually a little bit less than last year. So again, it's pretty much just a renewal.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Mr. Girbino asked, I had one quick question. Chief, it's mentioned here that the drug enforcement budget is self-funded.

Chief Matias replied, yes.

Mr. Girbino asked, how is that accomplished?

Chief Matias replied, through seizure money.

Mr. Girbino stated, okay.

Chief Matias stated, so anytime the DEU is active in a case, and usually they lag a couple of years because of just stuff being in the courts and stuff being held. And so it's just from their past activity over the past few years that they're able to bring in that seizure money that we keep in the DEU so that we can keep self-funding it.

Mr. Girbino asked, thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

Mr. Gall stated, I do have a question. It says there's five communities in the SPAN. And how do you determine how much you pay?

Chief Matias replied, the amount is divided by five.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

12) TAC Software and Hardware – annual renewal of agreement for Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, and IT services. (\$20,322.48) (Police)

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Matias?

Chief Matias stated, this is our renewal for our CAD, our RMS system, and our IT support for our network. It's about a 2% increase from last year. So that's kept it pretty reasonable over the years.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

13) Phase II Stormwater Support Services for NEORSD Member Communities (Cuyahoga County Board of Health – 2026-2030) (Service/ Engineer)

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. Stupczy or Mr. Cappello?

Mr. Stupczy stated, this kind of goes hand in hand with the next one, too, the MOU for Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation. Mayfield Village, in order to be compliant with our NPDES stormwater permit through the EPA needs to meet six different criteria outlined within the body of that stormwater permit. This partnership with the Board of Health and the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District satisfies four out of six of those criteria for us. So we utilize their services to be compliant with the EPA. So that's what this is about.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. Stupczy.

14) Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District - 2026 and 2027 (not to exceed \$12,900 in 2026 and not to exceed \$14,150 in 2027) (Service/Engineer)

Council President Schutt stated, this was discussed above. Does Council have any questions on the specific dollar amounts or anything for Mr. Stupczy?

There were none.

Any Other Matters

Council President Schutt asked, are there any other matters to come before Council?

Mr. Arndt stated, I've got something. When you go to Highland Heights or Mayfield Heights they have Hometown Heroes banners hanging up. I didn't know if we've ever had conversations about maybe doing a program like that in Mayfield Village. I think the cost was \$225 for the initial banner. Then whoever the sponsor is, it's \$25 annually. Have there ever been any conversations about doing a Hometown Heroes banner program?

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, I can tell you that Citizen's Advisory has spoken about it. And I know that I have information. Because when they asked about it, I pulled it. And I think it's Highland Heights does it.

Mr. Arndt stated, and Mayfield Heights.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, I have some information about what it costs and all that. So let me gather that up and send it again because I don't remember. But I know we did talk about it. And then it didn't go anywhere.

Mr. Arndt stated, I just think it would look just great for us. I know we have a lot of Veterans within our Village. So it would be nice to see something like that going.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, I think part of the problem is you want to display them on poles and hardware and you have to have a lift truck to get up there. And I think at the time we didn't. But I want to say we have one now. Let me go back and find out.

Mr. Arndt stated, great, thank you.

Thank you, Councilman Arndt and Ms. Wolgamuth. Are there any other matters to come before Council?

Mr. Murphy asked, has anyone thought about a curfew in Mayfield Village? I don't know if there is one right now. But making sure it's accurate with the things have gone down at Skyzone and Highland Heights and Raising Canes and Mayfield Heights, just to make sure we're covered. Chief,

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I don't know if a curfew even does anything for us, but I don't know, it could protect us at some point, I don't know.

Chief Matias stated, we have a curfew.

Mr. Murphy asked, 8:00 p.m.?

Mrs. Jurcisek asked, I was going to ask, what is the curfew?

Chief Matias replied, it depends on your age. I believe it's midnight if you're like 17. Then it goes down to sunset if you're under a certain age. Again, I don't remember the specific numbers.

Mr. Murphy stated, I mean, the 8:00 p.m. wasn't a joke. I mean, does it make sense to make a curfew 8:00 p.m. for anyone under 18 without an adult?

Chief Matias stated, I mean, that's going to be a little bit hard to enforce, and I'm not sure what everybody would feel about that.

Mr. Murphy stated, well, I guess you can enforce it when you need to, right? I mean, I don't know if there would be many calls for someone going into Pizza Roma and picking up a pizza at 8:01 p.m. But if there are 200, 300 juveniles that go up and mob the Shell station at SOM and Wilson Mills, you know, and it's 9:00, and here we are, we've got to wait till 12:00 to do anything. Not that we have to wait to do anything. I don't know.

Chief Matias stated, no, there's other ways we can handle it. I don't think adjusting the curfew would make a difference.

Mr. Murphy stated, perfect. I just wanted to make sure we thought about it.

Mrs. Jurcisek asked, I guess coupled with that, too, has there been any concern with the events, like athletic events or any events up at the high school with all of this? If there is concern that more juveniles will end up coming up there, do you feel like there's a need for a stronger police presence during some of these activities?

Chief Matias replied, no, we already have enough.

Mrs. Jurcisek stated, okay.

Chief Matias stated, I feel confident. again. We have plans for handling all kind of stuff like this. I mean, there are certain things you can't account for. But, you know, since we don't have fast food restaurants or something like Sky Zone, which, by nature, attracts juveniles, it's a little different for us. But we have plans for any type of those incidents. And I think we're handling that adequately.

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Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Chief Matias. Are there any other matters to come before Council?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, since there are no other matters, the meeting is adjourned. It is 7:23 p.m. Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC
Clerk of Council