

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES

Tuesday, February 2, 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 Tuesday, February 2, 2026 in Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Absent: Mr. Gall and Mr. McAviney

Council President Schutt stated, please let the record reflect that Councilman Gall and Mr. McAvinew are excused from this evening's meeting.

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I've got a good handful of things to go over with Council tonight.

First of all, a brief update on the Community Partnership on Aging. We will be welcoming Gates Mills to the fold, and at that point there will be seven member communities, Gates Mills, Richmond Heights, Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, us, and South Euclid. The hope is that while the Community Partnership on Aging will be providing services to more members, hopefully that will help us spread out some of the costs. And the hope is also that there will be more grant availability and more bargaining power as we grow. We met with State and County elected officials today and really had a great conversation. Wendy Sattin prepared a great slideshow going over some of the things that the Community Partnership on Aging does and the services and programs they have. It's my hope to get Wendy to come to one of our Council meetings and she can go through that with us. So I'll be working on that.

Congratulations to Samantha Clark-Cartwright, our Recreation Assistant. Samantha gave birth to baby Eloise last Tuesday at 5:56 p.m. Baby Eloise was 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and came in at 19 inches. From what we know, everybody's happy and doing well. So congratulations to them.

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I also want to send our well wishes to our Assistant Law Director, Katie Weber. This may be her last meeting before Katie and her husband become a family of three. We hope you have a very healthy baby and that both of you get through it happily and healthy. And maybe we'll have a new Assistant Law Director or Law Director coming along someday. Good wishes and well wishes to you, Katie.

I also would like to commend some of our Mayfield Village firefighter paramedics. And that would be to the combination of Cameron Green, Tim Byrne, Steve Drop, David Johnson and Benjamin Gruber for their service last Friday. They were called to Jefferson Place to transport a 54-year-old individual to Hillcrest Hospital. It was just going to be a regular transport, but during the process of the transport, the patient became unconscious and had no pulse. CPR was started and the crew administered advanced cardiac life support. Upon arrival at the hospital, the patient began breathing and had a return of her pulse, also known as return of spontaneous circulation. The patient was transferred to the emergency department staff to receive medical care at Hillcrest Hospital. So thanks to those five gentlemen for their lifesaving efforts last Friday.

As you know, or maybe you don't know, Progressive Campus 1 officially went on the auction block today. The minimum bid is \$2 million with bid increments of \$500,000. So if you're in need of \$640,000 plus per feet of office space, please submit your bid. The auction will close Wednesday at noon. I do know that there is some interest in purchasing that space and maintaining it as office space. But we have nothing firm and nothing to hang on to yet. So we'll be watching with interest and we'll report to you when we know more information.

I had an email from NOPEC today about the House Bill 6 Fraud Litigation. NOPEC was a big advocate on the community's behalf. They reported that they reached a \$275 million settlement, which was approved by the Public Utilities Commission. They anticipate that residential customers will be receiving a credit on their bills of approximately \$65.61. It's better than nothing, and at least they got that moved along.

That's all I have for tonight. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

We have a couple of birthdays this month. Happy Belated Birthday to Chief Carcioppolo. His birthday was yesterday. And Happy Early Birthday to Ms. Wolgamuth. Her birthday is on the 21st.

Just a reminder that our next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, February 16th at 7 p.m.

Also, thanks again to the Service Department for all of your services throughout this winter. It seems like it will never end. It is now the 2nd of February. We are pushing through. We at least turned the calendar on January.

Council President Schutt asked, are there any questions?

There were none.

PENDING LEGISLATION

- **Ordinance No. 2026-05**, entitled, “An Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and expenditures of Mayfield Village, Ohio for the period from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (First Read – January 20, 2026 - Read in title only) (Finance Department)

Council President Schutt asked, are there any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance 2026-05 will move to second reading at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 16th.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2026-02**, entitled, “A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to adjust the amended official certificate of estimated resources for 2026.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (First Read – January 20, 2026 - Read in title only) (Finance Department).

Council President Schutt asked, are there any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2026-02 will move to second reading at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 16th.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

- 1) **Opposition to First Energy’s Request for Longer Restoration Times (Resolution 2026-11) (Administration).**

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you Council President. First Energy has applied to the Public Utilities Commission to lengthen, change, and modify proposed reliability standards so that they can take longer to respond and fix problems that occur in our communities. Mayfield Village and many other communities feel like the response time is long enough. They've already gone to the PUCO to get increased rates so that they can respond faster, and now they're saying, no, we want to respond slower. We are opposed to that, so we are coming before Council, and we will be asking you at the Council meeting this month to approve a Resolution opposing First Energy's request.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

2) Acceptance of NOPEC's Energized Community (NEC) Grant in the amount of \$10,276.00 for 2026 (Resolution 2026-10) (Administration).

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you, Council President. This is a grant we get every year. The grant amount, I believe, is based on the number of gas and electric accounts that go through NOPEC in the community in a given year, and the amount we're showing is very similar from year to year. You can use it for a whole laundry list of energy efficiency improvements. You can use it for lighting, for windows, for doors, and things of that nature, so we are going to be asking Council to approve that grant. We don't have a dedicated use for it, but we usually use it to upgrade our lighting or something like that.

Council President Schutt stated, okay. Discussion on this item?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

3) Recommendation for sodium hypochlorite, muriatic acid and other pool chemicals for 2026 - Parkview Pool Hazardous Materials (Parks and Recreation/Fire Department)

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Carcioppolo?

Chief Carcioppolo stated, so we made some modifications to the hazardous materials area of the pool a few years back, and all of the hazardous materials are bulk shipped and bulk transferred now to help with the transfer process so that the employees weren't dumping acid from smaller

containers into larger containers. Shane wanted me to explain that to you guys. He went through the bid process with different vendors. I don't know anything about that, but this was a requirement of the Fire Code for safety reasons. The bulk shipping is much safer for everyone.

Council President Schutt stated, sounds good. Any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

4) Support and Maintenance of Dispatch Equipment (Motorola Solutions - \$48,580.39) (Resolution 2026-09) (Police Department).

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Matias?

Chief Matias stated, this is our annual Service Agreement with Motorola. They're the ones who keep our dispatch center up and running with the updated equipment, software, any maintenance issues. So, again, this is just our annual contract.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

5) Purchase of Mini Excavator (Murphy Tractor via Sourcewell competitive bid contract - \$73,767.99) (Service Department).

Council President Schutt asked, Mr. Stupczy?

Mr. Stupczy stated, thank you, Council President. This is just a quote for a mini-excavator from Murphy Tractor. It's a piece of equipment that we find ourselves in need of more and more often. We typically rent it now, but it would be an asset to our Service Department to purchase one. This is through Sourcewell's competitive bid process which we are a participant of.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

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

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Any Other Matters

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

Mr. Stupczy stated, I have one thing. Just a report on the salt situation in Mayfield Village. We took delivery of 500 tons of salt towards the end of last week, so that's good news for us. We're going to continue with our more restrictive policies and practices that we've put on line throughout the remainder of the winter, because I don't think production is going to step up anytime soon. So I don't know how long it's going to take to get another delivery. But it is noteworthy, we were never in a critical supply situation in Mayfield Village. There were rumors of production issues back in December, and we started adjusting our practices then. It wasn't until we heard lead time was six to eight weeks that we really dialed back our salt practices. But are in a good position, and we will be for the remainder of the season. So just a report on all of that.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Stupczy. Are there any other matters that come before council?

Ms. Rich stated, I just have one comment, Council President. To piggyback on the Mayor's report about the Community Partnership on Aging, we did receive a credit from them for the transportation costs of \$1,875.84. I know that was a question back in December as to when we get that. So we did get the credit, and we'll apply that to our next bill.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, since there are no other matters, the meeting is adjourned. It is 7:13 p.m. Thank you,

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC
Clerk of Council