

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

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

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session on Monday, May 4, 2026 in Mayfield Village Reserve 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. Gall, Mr. Girbino,
Mrs. Jucisek, Mr. Marquardt,
Mr. Murphy and Mr. Schutt

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Ms. Rich, Ms. Calta
Chief Carcioppolo, Mr. Cappello,
Lieutenant Manypenny, Mr. McAvinew, Mr. Russell,
Mr. Stupczy, Ms. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: Mr. Marquart

Council President Schutt stated, please let the record reflect that Mr. Marquart is absent and excused from this evening's meeting.

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I have a few things this evening. I'll start out with some sad news today. Chief Carcioppolo reported to me that our longtime friend, citizen, and volunteer, Mary Singer, passed away over the weekend at her home. She was 95 years old. If you knew Mary, she was your friend, and she was the kindest, most generous person you probably have ever met. She volunteered for us for many years, for many different occasions, but I think she's probably most notable for all of the years that she orchestrated our Memorial Day services. So please keep Mary and her family in your thoughts and your prayers. We don't know what the funeral arrangements will be yet, and as soon as we get those, we will pass those along to everybody.

Second thing, I'm sure everybody knows, but I'll say it anyways, voting is tomorrow in the Civic Center. Please, if you haven't already voted, please come on up and vote.

The last thing I wanted to report on is last week, on Friday, Ms. Wolgamuth and I met with our new representatives from First Energy, David Turner and Charles Cicco. If you know the name Charles Cicco, you may remember him. He was with the Sewer District, and he was wonderful to work with there, so we're looking forward to him being on the team. We basically sat down for about an hour and went over the whole history of some of the issues we've been having. They took a lot of notes. They were very receptive. The way we left it is they are going to be taking a look at everything. They will come back to us with sort of a preliminary report. Then we will schedule them to come to Council soon, maybe June, I'm hoping, either the Caucus or Council, so they can report to us, and they can talk with Council members and you can ask any questions that you have. Also, they had indicated that they're going to be going to the PUCO for a gradual rate increase. The purpose of the rate increase will be to pay for the repairs. We don't have much information on that yet. They will send us some more information on that. But, I think we all know it's a pervasive problem. It's not just in Mayfield Village. It's going on everywhere. In fact, my husband reported tonight that they were saying there were utility lines down at Mayfield and SOM, and they were reminding drivers to stay away from that area. So, there will be more reporting, and they will come to Council so that they can report to all of you and answer any questions. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mayor Bodnar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I'd like to wish Councilman Mike Girbino a Happy Early Birthday. His birthday is on the 7th. And then just a reminder that the next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, May 18th at 7 p.m. in Civic Hall.

PENDING LEGISLATION

- **Resolution No. 2026-18**, entitled, "A resolution adopting a cybersecurity program for Mayfield Village, Ohio." Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (First Reading – March 16, 2026; Second Reading – April 20, 2026) (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.) (Law Department)

Council President Schutt asked, are there any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2026-18 will move to Third Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on May 18th.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION
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1) Sale of 691 SOM Center Road (Ordinance 2026-08) (Administration)

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you, Council President. I think you all got a memo e-mailed to you last week talking about the listing and the offers that came in. Patty Gaeta did a great job, and we ended up with our best offer going over the actual price. I think the listing price was \$249,000 and we have someone who offered \$271,000. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have on that. There is a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for this evening after Caucus seeking approval of that Agreement.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

2) New COG Agreement with Community Partnership on Aging (Administration)

Council President Schutt asked, Mayor Bodnar?

Mayor Bodnar stated, we will need to be approving a new COG agreement recognizing Gates Mills as a new member. Also, I have another meeting with them this week where we will be voting to include University Heights. What I anticipate is there will be one amended agreement to include Gates Mills and University Heights, and that will come before Council as soon as we have it.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor.

**3) Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund with Cuyahoga County Public Works –
Legislation to return property tax assessment to \$4.00 per foot of frontage
(Administration)**

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Wolgamuth?

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, thank you, Council President. We provided Council with a memo that I hope was pretty comprehensive about the status of our sewer maintenance fund with the County and our recommendation that we return the assessment to \$4 a foot from the decrease to \$2 that we did in 2021. The one thing I didn't mention was the intention is that the legislation would go

through three reads, so we wouldn't be asking Council to approve it this month, and we would approve it in July. We've all been pretty involved in the discussions with the County, so if anybody has questions, hopefully we can answer them. There's still time if you come up with questions between now and when we pass the legislation.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Mr. Gall asked, I have a question. In the memo, how come our operating expenses almost doubled?

Ms. Wolgamuth replied, I think there's a variety of reasons. I would say the major one is they've been working on the Hickory Hill pump station, and so there's about \$200,000 in that, and we have another \$300,000 that we owe this year when they complete the station. A lot of it is that in prior years, it was the County's capital that we helped cover and it increased because they got a lot of new trucks and equipment following COVID, is what they said. So, yes, our expenses have increased a lot.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

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

**4) Replacement of LED sign display (Signarama – not to exceed \$30,000)
(Administration)**

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Wolgamuth?

Ms. Wolgamuth replied, yes, thank you. Jeff Thomas provided a memo on this one. He was trying to replace the LED sign at the corner. I know that Councilman Girbino reached out to him. He had questions about the warranty. I believe Jeff said he would come to the Regular Meeting, but if anybody has other questions, you can let me know or just call him directly.

Mr. Gall stated, I had a question about the warranty, too. Is a two-year warranty worth a \$1,000 or \$1,500 differential? Any thoughts? One's a seven-year warranty and one's a five-year warranty.

Mr. Girbino replied, I believe the Signarama bid had a five-year parts, one-year labor warranty, and the other one, the other bid, which was actually by the contractor, according to Jeff, that did our existing sign, Jeff explained that that came with a seven-year parts and labor warranty, and it was a little over \$2,000 more. Jeff explained that he was going to get some additional information about that and present it. I just spoke with him briefly about what his thoughts were about the one proposal over the other. What I gathered from him is that either vendor would be acceptable. He has experience with the one that we've been working with, and that's been good experience. That's what he explained to me.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

There were none.

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

5) Update to MV Codified Ordinances re: enforcement of National Electric Code (Law Dept.)

Council President Schutt asked, Ms. Calta?

Ms. Calta stated, actually, it's not a change on the National Electric Code, so to speak. It was a question that came in on the National Electric Code and Dan's authority on it. With that, we found that Codified Ordinance 1105.02(d), has a modification that we need to make as a result of the Charter Amendments that were passed back in November. If you guys remember, the use variance provision in the Charter was removed. That was passed. So this section still references the use variance process, so we just need to update that. It's really a cleanup. We thought we had caught everything but we have one more section to update.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

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

6) Purchase of Firefighter Structural Personal Protective Equipment (Fire Force \$46,800) (Resolution 2026-29) (Fire Dept.)

Council President Schutt asked, Chief Carcioppolo?

Chief Carcioppolo stated, yes. Basically, what my memo says is the reason why we need to replace those sets of gear. The increased price of gear from the last time we purchased it came to be a lot more, so that's what I'm requesting approval for to replace two sets of gear that are currently expired and to fit the new part-time people I have hired with gear because we don't have any more sets that are current.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

Any Other Matters

Council President Schutt asked, 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 7:12 p.m. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC
Clerk of Council