

COUNCIL MEETING

Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Opening Prayer:** Jason Betts, SPAN Ministries, Tallmadge.
Pledge of Allegiance:
3. **Roll Call:** Mr. Bollas, Mrs. Cipa, Mrs. Epstein, Mr. Pavlik, Mrs. Pletcher, Mr. Roy, Mr. Rubino – present.
4. **Correcting and Adopting Previous Meeting Minutes**
8-14-25 Meeting Minutes
Mr. Pavlik moved to approve the 8-14-25 Council meeting minutes. Seconded Mr. Rubino. Roll Call: Mrs. Cipa, Mrs. Epstein, Mr. Pavlik, Mrs. Pletcher, Mr. Roy, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Bollas – unanimous. **The 8-14-25 Council meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.**
5. **Financial Reports:** None.
7. **Community Input:**
Pres. of Council: This is the point in the meeting where you can speak on something that is not on the agenda, and you will have 2 minutes to speak. If it is on the agenda, we request you to humbly wait until it comes to committee. So, at this time does anyone wish to speak? Yes. Please state your name and address and you will have 2 minutes. Thank you.
Lee Giddon, 1602 Timbertop Drive, Tallmadge. I am here representing Alpha 11 Veteran Logistics and I want to ask City Council . . . first of all, the Tallmadge High School is throwing a **Military Appreciation Night on September 19th** and we would like to have permission to have the signs be put up on the Circle and the Rec Center to advertise the Military Appreciation Night at the Tallmadge against Barberton game; that is a home game. Who do we need to talk to or what do we need to do to get this possibly done.
The second thing I would like to say is my charity is very young here in Tallmadge and we are looking for places to hear our roundtables and I called Ward 2 Councilman, Don Pavlik, about the Lions Park and I asked what it would take to be able to use that and he said there was a charge but he would take care of it for us. So, in February, we are going to have a **Veteran's Round Table at Lions Park.** Thank you to Ward 2 Councilman Pavlik. I appreciate it.
Pres. of Council: Thank you very much. Alright, again, is there anyone else in the audience that would like to speak to something not on the agenda?
Anthony Guinta, 451 Blossom Circle, Tallmadge. I want to be clear from the start this is an issue that we have been dealing with you know, myself, since I moved here you know in the beginning of December of 2024. This is an issue that we have been having as residents on the circle with a home that operates a . . . as a **group home.** So, I want to be clear from the start that this is not about who lives at this residence of 448 Blossom. We welcome every resident to our neighborhood including those with disabilities. This is how the property is being operated by the operator having Marvel and Summit Housing and the impact that we are having on our small cul-de-sac.
What we see every day; every day, multiple staff rotate in and out. This is not a quiet residence; it is a shift work with cars coming and going. A corporate van is regularly parked in the driveway and sometimes on our cul-de-sac honking for pickups. Staff meetings bring clusters of cars, sometimes 5 to 8 vehicles, on this cul-de-sac. Neighbors have documented speeding and tailgating by the staff. One incident nearly struck a child on a bicycle requiring Police involvement. We have had trash pickups missed and there has been a concern that the emergency vehicles could be blocked by the overflow of parking. The design of the cul-de-sac is for low traffic, safe play and easy access not for a commercial level of traffic and meetings.
One of the reasons I moved to Tallmadge was for family planning and specifically on a cul-de-sac to plan to have small kids and they be able to enjoy riding bikes and all that in a safe environment. Now we understand that group homes under the Ohio Revised Code 5119 – One to five residents are treated and can be in single family households, but when you start considering daily staff shifts and vans and meetings that dominate the home takes on an institutional character.
Tallmadge Code 1189 – Conditional Uses should be on a collector or arterial road and proper

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Mr. Guinta (Cont'd.) access not on cul-de-sacs. That is for a conditional use. City Code 351.03 of illegal parking that blocks driveways, hydrants and mailboxes. I believe 351.03 also includes a 25 ft. distance from mailboxes as well. Chapter 717 – Local law requires group homes to register and allow inspections and if this property has not been licensed, it is out of compliance, and we fully expect the operator to say we cannot deny housing for people with disabilities. Federal law protects that, and we understand that and that is absolutely true. Again, we respect that, but ADA and FHA protect residents and the right to live in the community. They do not give corporations the right to run business-like operations without following the zoning, traffic and safety codes. Courts have recognized this distinction in *Bryant Woods vs. Howard County* in 1997. A group home expansion was denied because of traffic and parking concerns. Mutual rules like parking, fire access and safety are fair game for enforcement. City of Edmunds and Oxford Homes, 1995, the Supreme Court made clear that while you cannot use zoning to exclude group homes, cities can enforce neutral regulations that apply to all homes.

In *Veltare vs. Horras* (spelling)? the court affirmed that cities can preserve the quiet character of single-family neighborhoods. In short, we are not asking you to remove residents, we are asking you to enforce the same mutual safety and zoning rules that apply to every household. Our request verifies that 448 Blossom is licensed locally under Chapter 717 and recognize that staff rotations and corporate vans and meetings are institutional activities inconsistent with single family households. Require the operator to apply for a conditional use permit so the community can provide input and appropriate safeguards can be set. We respect fair housing, and we respect ADA protections, but those laws do not excuse daily traffic hazards, watch services or institute institutional operation in the middle of a cul-de-sac. All we are asking is that the City apply the same safety, parking and zoning rules that every neighbor must follow. Conditional use permits exist for exactly this reason to balance special uses with neighborhood safety and character. We are looking to restore balance to our neighborhood.

Pres. of Council: Thank you very much. Would the Law Department or our Administration like to respond to that?

Dir. of Law: I will just say that we were presented with your complaints today and so we will take a look at the ones that we can take action on which some of them we will be able to such as the parking and things like that that is applicable and other things we will further review. You know, we will refer to the appropriate department if we can't take action. Thank you.

Pres. of Council: I will continue to follow up. Yes, go ahead.

Colleen Warzinski, 454 Blossom Circle, directly next to the home that is in question at the moment. I didn't know I would have a chance to speak but what I wanted to share with you is that we have a couple of neighbors that weren't able to make it tonight so they are in full support of what we are doing as well, kids' programs and things like that that are going on. But the homeowner that lives on the corner of Jennifer Trail and Blossom Circle, when I talked to her today, she said oh my goodness, would you please be sure to tell Council that the school bus picks up her kids and other kids right there at that corner and she specifically goes there every morning. They are little kids; they are 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade, so they are not older elementary kids. The cars come flying around the corner going into the home that is in question that we are talking about. So, she approached them and asked them to slow down. The challenge you are going to have when you have employees going in and out, you are going to have change of employment, you are going to have people dropping off a wife or a husband dropping them off there and they really have no skin in the game because they are just coming in and leaving. So, it is a lot different than us who are homeowners that are going to be more respectful of the neighborhood. I also just wanted to share that I am one of the original owners. When Tallmadge decided to parcel this land off residentially I was part of that conversation where we decided to parcel it off and build homes back there and I do remember at that time when we were building that there was some type of bi-law restriction that everybody in that area had to follow. This was pretty much before HOA's became popular. This was in 1988 – 1991. It was a term I don't recall hearing so before that they had some type of

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Mrs. Warzinski (Cont'd.) a bylaw that the Old Orchard Estates had and the reason I remember it is some of the homeowners were on top of everything. I can remember things like a satellite dish, if you remember back then they were rather large and you know, God forbid if anybody put one of those in front of their yard on Old Orchard because somebody in that group would be knocking on their door and saying you are in violation. So, I did reach out to Heather, who is an Admin I think for the City Planning maybe, Zoning and Planning, and she was very helpful. I asked her would it be possible for her to find those archived records possibly of what were those bi-laws and restrictions and unfortunately, she was not able to find that information and I certainly don't have it. So, we went from a highly restricted area to a group home. So, somewhere in that mix we have lost something on how we are . . . any neighborhood in Tallmadge especially cul-de-sacs. I think the biggest thing if you don't live on one just to notice that there is hardly any curb space. OK, if you are building a large . . . we just had a tree removed from the front of our home and when a big truck comes in, we shut the cul-de-sac down. I mean, you can't get a big truck in to remove a tree without it interrupting the few neighbors. I think there are 5 houses on our cul-de-sac. You are going to interrupt it. So, that is a one-time thing but when this is going on constantly with larger vehicles picking up patients, clients, or whatever you want to call them or what Hattie Larlham would refer to them as. It becomes more than a home with a family. So, that is I think what I would love to share. Thank you.

Pres. of Council: Thank you very much. I appreciate you coming in.

Mr. Pavlik: I have one question. Is there a development named to your development or street?

Mrs. Warzinski: There is.

Mr. Pavlik: And it is called Blossom . . .

Mrs. Warzinski: Old Orchard Estates.

Mr. Pavlik: Old Orchard Estates. There is nothing on the plat of the land filed with the County.

Mrs. Warzinski: Yes, there is.

Mr. Pavlik: Does it contain bylaws?

Mrs. Warzinski: Well that I can't answer that. It is on the plat as Old Orchard Estates and down below on Dunbar it is called Creekside Estates because those two were being developed at the same time back then, but we clearly had . . . yes, we did. And we also had deed restrictions and that was another thing I talked to Heather about because I know that this City cannot enforce a deed restriction, but we do have them. One other point I would like to make is that I asked the neighbors if you knew that a group home was in this cul-de-sac before you bought the home; would you have boughten it and their answer was absolutely not. So, I feel on our end that if we sell our homes I feel like the next person coming in should know that there is a group home in this small little area in which we live. I think that it would be a fair thing to tell the next homeowner if they came in. Alright. Thank you.

Pres. of Council: Thank you very much. Is there anyone else who would like to speak on an item not on the agenda this evening?

8. **Agenda Additions:**

- Presentation of a Proclamation to Emma Lindhe for winning the Little League Homerun Derby.

Mayor: It is always my honor when I can recognize a member of our community for representing the City of Tallmadge with honor, grace and integrity in the achievement of something absolutely spectacular. So, today I am very, very proud to **present a proclamation to Emma Lindhe for earning the title of Little League Homerun Derby Champion.** The Mayor went on to read a couple of the WHEREAS clauses, one of which stated, WHEREAS on Thursday, August 25, 2025, at Volunteer Stadium in South Williamsport, Emma Lindhe hit 40 home runs across 3 rounds. That's amazing.

Therefore, I, Carol Siciliano-Kilway, Mayor of the City of Tallmadge, do hereby proudly recognize and congratulate Emma Lindhe for her extraordinary achievement as the 2025 Team Mobile Little

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Mayor (Cont'd.) League Homerun Derby Champion. On behalf of the residents of the City of Tallmadge, I extend my best wishes for continued success both on and off the field and commending her for bringing pride and distinction to our community throughout her exceptional accomplishments.

Pres. of Council: Next we have the presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation.

- Presentation of **Certificate of Appreciation to Charles (Chip), Nathaniel & Stacy Billow.**

Mr. Pavlik: Thank you. Tonight, I want to honor the Billow family with a Certificate of Appreciation from City Council. All of the Billow family members, Nate, Chip, Stacy and Chris all live in Tallmadge. They have operated a successful funeral home for 150 years where Nate and Stacy will be the 5th generation owners and they were just honored by that proclamation of 150 years which is absolutely incredible.

Chip has been a member of the Tallmadge Rotary since its inception and has served as past President. He always finds time to donate services to Rotary whether it is bell ringing, delivering food to the needy or setting up gift bags for kids. He also is the go-to guy for Rotary opening prayer. We haven't asked you to come here yet, but maybe we might. He has been a past member and has served in leadership roles in the Tallmadge Chamber, and he is also a big supporter of the Fire Safety Forces and sits on the Firefighter and Safety Forces Committee. He served as a Treasurer for the late Gene Stalnaker and was a supporter of youth sports and travel ball when his kids were in Tallmadge.

The Billow Rotary in Tallmadge and Akron began with Captain George Billow, which I believe is your Great-Great Grandfather?

Mr. Billow: Yes.

Mr. Pavlik: Who served in the Civil War and founded the first funeral home. Captain George wasn't a Rotary member because Rotarian clubs didn't exist back then, but Captain George had 3 sons who became Rotarians and the lineage from there continued on.

Interesting bit of history, Captain George, Chip's Great-Great Grandfather, worked as a blacksmith and carriage maker on the Sperry family farm. If the word, Sperry reminds you of anything, the Sperry farm was located on West Avenue and Sperry. That was back in the late 1860's, 1870's. Although Chip was not hailed from Tallmadge, Chip's wife, Tricia, is from Tallmadge where once married they bought a turkey farm off of Washburn before settling on Maple Street in Tallmadge.

Chip and the remainder of the Billow family thank you for your service and dedication to the City of Tallmadge. I would like you to step up to the podium if you wish to say a few words.

Mr. Billow: He briefly mentioned my Great-Great Grandpa and the fact that he was a carriage maker for Oviatt and Sperry. That was one of the principal businesses in Tallmadge in the 1860's and 1870's and you can put that together and think of the origin of funeral service. Most people who were funeral directors back then were either coffin makers or carriage drivers or carriage manufacturers. That was the history of our business over 150 years ago. It didn't take much talent to back a cart up to a home and then from there to go on to the cemetery. The reality is the fact that he has done that with excellence through multiple generations for over 150 years. I am really grateful to be . . . to have had the opportunity to have met Patty on the steps of Akron U over 50 years ago and the fact that we became engaged, married, raised a family and have had 3 kids go through the Tallmadge Public Schools; two of which were Valedictorians. They all have post baccalaureate degrees, and they all live right here in Tallmadge, and I can't think of many people in my generation that can share that time with lineage and history in a community. Don, thank you. I am touched and honored by this very much and it is a great place to be and great place to be from and a great place to come back to.

- Confirmation of Rachel Osborne as the new Council Clerk.

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Pres. of Council (Cont'd.) Pres. of Council: Next we have the confirmation of Rachel Osborne as the new Clerk of Council. Rachel, if you could come up to the podium. I just want to kick things off by saying this is a bittersweet moment. Our Clerk, Sue Burton, who has served our City for over 30 years, is retiring and she was a pillar of this process. Rachel survived a very thorough and extremely thorough recruiting process and I just want to thank Sue and Allie in H.R., our working group that we formed, a bi-partisan working group to vet out all of our candidates and go through our screening process and also thank you to Council for helping us to evaluate this through our Executive Session last meeting. So, with that said, I just want to take this opportunity to introduce Rachel and allow her to address Council prior to her confirmation.

Rachel Osborne: Good evening, everyone. First, I want to start and say that I am excited to be here tonight with you all. My current position: I am the Clerk-Treasurer at the Village of Mogadore. I have been there for 5 years, a little over 5 years now. For a year I was the Office Manager before taking over my current position as Assistant Clerk. I wear many different hats in that position. The duties that I carry out not only fall under Council and the role of Clerk of Council but under Administration, Cemetery and Zoning as well.

Pres. of Council: Excellent. Any comments by anyone on City Council?

Mr. Pavlik: We look forward to you starting September 15th and replacing Sue. Bittersweet.

Rachel Osborne: I am eager to get started with all of you.

Mr. Rubino: Welcome.

Rachel Osborne: Thank you.

Mayor: Welcome to Tallmadge.

Pres. of Council: Then we will need to vote to confirm this new position of Rachel. So, Clerk, please call the roll.

Mr. Pavlik: I will make a motion to approve Rachel Osborne as our Clerk of Council. Seconded Mr. Roy. Roll Call: Mrs. Epstein, Mr. Pavlik, Mrs. Pletcher, Mr. Roy, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Bollas, Mrs. Cipa – unanimous. **Rachel Osborne has been confirmed to the role of Clerk of Council by a vote of 7-0.**

Pres. of Council: Congratulations.

Rachel Osborne: Thank you so much.

9. Reports of Administrative Officers:

a. Mayor/Dir. of Pub. Safety:

- Just a quick report on updates from our Police Department. On August 21st the Tallmadge Police Night Shift A which includes **Sgt. Fairhurst and Officers Heffner, Godown, Lampley, Wright and Furcsik safely controlled a volatile, high-risk incident** involving an emotionally disturbed person through their calm leadership, smart deployment of resources and the use of advanced technology including drones and flock cameras the suspect was located, disarmed and taken into custody without injury to Police Officers, the public or the individual. Their actions reflect a great credit for the Tallmadge Police Department and the law enforcement profession. Each Officer received a letter of commendation from Chief Bohon.
- I am also pleased to report that **Captain Jeremy McGhee has been awarded the Tallmadge Police Department's Medal of Commendation**. This citation was signed by the Police Chief, and the Dir. of Public Safety recognizing his extraordinary leadership, dedication and professional excellence in safeguarding our community. Captain McGhee was specifically commended for his initiative and command of safety operations during Circle Fest both 2024 and 2025. Each of these events drew more than 10,000 attendees and under his direction they became the safest Circle Fests on record. His ability to anticipate challenges, coordinate resources and lead with vision has set the standard for event safety in our region. Together these commendations highlight the professionalism

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Mayor (Cont'd.) and dedication of our Police Department at every level, from Patrol Officers to Command Staff. Their actions not only kept our community safe in moments of great risk but also exemplified the values of service and integrity that define Tallmadge. We are grateful for their commitment, and I know Council joins me in extending our appreciation and congratulations to each of these Officers. Well done. Thank you.

- Just some quick updates. We did have a ribbon cutting on August 22nd to celebrate the **opening of Butterfly Bargains** located at 1389 Brittain Road, Unit 43 in Tallmadge. It is a retail thrift store offering clothing, furniture, home décor and unique accessories.
- Also, you are all invited to attend the **ribbon cutting for Sheetz Store #901** on Thursday, September 4th. Sheetz will be celebrating on this day from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Grand Opening ceremony beginning at 10:45 a.m.
- Last week I had the privilege of attending the Tallmadge Chamber luncheon where we were able to **hear a presentation from their CEO, Ren Camacho about the state of the Akron/Canton Airport** and the impact that it makes on economic development in our area including Tallmadge. It was a great presentation, and he is a very powerful speaker as well.
- I also want to thank the Tallmadge City Schools Civic Engagement Instructor, Cameron Osborne, for inviting me to **speak to a civic engagement class last week**. It is always nice to talk to our students especially the Juniors and Seniors and just getting their perception of what civil involvement is and how to really plan your life and shape your future by your involvement in your community. So, I did it a little bit differently this year. I gave a short, little talk about how I got to where I am today but then I opened it up to questions like what do you want to hear about? What do you think civil engagement means and how do we go about being good stewards to our community? So, it was a really great conversation that we had.
- Then I finally just want to address the sign issue that is circulating around on social media really quick and **dispel some false narratives that are circulating**. All of you on Council along with the school administration were forwarded the e-mail that was addressed to me from First Energy in regard to the signs placed on the utility poles in the City of Tallmadge and how they are not permitted. I would like to thank Councilman Rubino for reaching out to me to see how we could assist this group and using signs properly and I did suggest to him to get permission from property owners along East Avenue and Munroe Road to place the signs properly in their yards. I want to thank you for going out on Saturday morning and doing that. It was really nice to see, however, a number of those signs were placed on the utility poles, and they were removed, and they were returned to the schools first thing on Monday morning. I want to make sure that that is very clear. All of the signs were returned.

So, the suggestion that I am anti-Tallmadge Sports is inconsistent with my long-time support of our athletic programs. As a Tallmadge graduate and the spouse of a former Tallmadge High School player and a youth football coach and the parents of both Tallmadge and collegiate student athletes, I have always supported all of our teams, and I will continue to do so. Athletics are a source of pride in Tallmadge and I along with the City will continue to support our teams, athletes and their families and we want to thank our residents, our schools and our coaches and everyone who helps to celebrate and support our community athletic programs. That is all that I have, so any questions or comments from Council?

Pres. of Council: I had meant to mention this in Community Input, but just for the record, Council was in receipt of multiple written correspondences regarding the school spirit signage and I have made the decision that we will discuss it more in the Rules ordinance specifically around the concept of correspondences and when and when not to read them into the record.

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Mayor: OK. Thank you. It would be nice if you could share them with me. I would appreciate it too. Thank you.

Pres. of Council: Is there anything else?

b. Director of Administration:

- The only update that I have this evening is that the **budget process** is underway. The full timeline and process were e-mailed out to everyone on July 25th. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call and we can schedule a time to go over that also. The budget process is definitely a team effort here in Tallmadge and I would like to thank Finance Director Mollie Gilbride for her guidance and support as well as all the members of Team Tallmadge and all of the leadership for all of their hard work and dedication as we work through this process. It is ongoing and I look forward to working with everyone as we continue and this is my second time to go through this process and I look forward to meeting with Council as outlined in the timeline and pending any questions, that concludes my report this evening.

c. Economic Developer: Absent

Dir. of Administration: The only report was on the opening of Sheetz, and I apologize for the multiple e-mails but the Sheetz opening, and the actual ribbon cutting has been interesting. We are looking forward to it and we are very happy to have the business.

Mr. Pavlik: I have one question. On the BRE visits, have we visited with Summit Racing?

Dir. of Administration: Prior to my arrival, we visited Summit Racing. Recently we have not. Mr. Peterson was a part of our strategic planning team and group and so we did have input and talked informally with him during several strategic planning sessions, and he did participate and was an active member of the team during that time.

Mr. Pavlik: Is it my understanding that the buildings at the end of Kennedy Drive, which is off of Gilchrist; are they for sale?

Dir. of Administration: I am familiar with the area that you are talking about in Tallmadge. I would have to check to see what is particularly for sale. I know there were some businesses in that area that have been for sale recently but I'm not sure which ones are in Tallmadge. I can check the Zoom Prospector as we are going through reports and see if we have something listed there now. I know we are keeping that updated as we become aware of properties in Tallmadge.

Mr. Pavlik: Thank you.

d. Director of Public Service: I have no report.

e. Director of Finance: Absent.

f. Director of Law: No report this evening.

10. Reports of Standing Committees of Council of the Whole:

a. PLANNING AND ZONING

Tracy Pletcher, Chair

Jessica Epstein, Vice Chair

The Planning & Zoning Committee deals with land use, zoning, conditional uses, planning, economic and community development, and public property.

Mrs. Pletcher: I call the Planning & Zoning Committee to order. Currently we have no items on the agenda this evening. Are there any items that anyone would like to discuss? Hearing none, I will close committee.

i. Additional Items: None.

b. FINANCE

Donald Pavlik, Chair

Christine Cipa, Vice Chair

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The Finance Committee deals with budget, appropriations, reappropriations, bonds, franchises, investments, and expenditures.

i. **First Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions**

A. Ord 2025-72~Exhibit A – Tracked Exhibit A – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Summit and other political subdivisions for job creation, retention, and tax revenue sharing and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kilway

Mr. Pavlik: I call the Finance Committee to order. We have Ord. 2025-72 at 1st Reading this evening. The ordinance was read into the record. This is sponsored by Mayor Kilway. Do you have anything on this?

Mayor: So, this is the same Memorandum of Understanding for Job Creation, Retention and Tax Revenue Sharing that this Council passed last year. However, it did go through some revisions so you should have the red-lined there as to what the revisions are. There was a lot of discussion over the last year on certain items. If anyone has any questions, you can reach out to myself or Finance Director Gilbride on these as well. We are not asking for 1st Reading adoption, but we would like to have this adopted by the October 1st deadline. This is very important for some of the grant funding that we receive is to have this sharing agreement in place.

Mr. Pavlik: I think Ms. Gilbride e-mailed everyone saying that it did not have to be approved tonight.

Mayor: Right.

Mr. Pavlik: So, we can move it to 2nd Reading.

Mayor: As I said, you have the red line so you can see the changes that were made and that was with group discussions and meetings of all the parties involved.

Mr. Pavlik: With that we will move Ord. 2025-72 to 2nd Reading and that concludes 1st Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions. Is there anything else that needs to be brought up to Finance? Hearing none, I will close committee.

ii. **Additional Items:** None.

c. **PERSONNEL**

Christine Cipa, Chair

Donald Pavlik, Vice Chair

The Personnel Committee deals with personnel, labor relations, insurance claims, Rules of Council and State Statutes.

i. **Third Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.**

A. Ord. 2024-75 – Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2764 and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Mayor Kilway

Mrs. Cipa: I call Personnel to order. We have Ord. 2024-75 before us this evening. The ordinance was read into the record. The sponsor is Mayor Kilway.

Dir. of Administration: Good evening, Councilwoman Cipa. We are in the final stages of this contract, and we would like to keep it at 3rd Reading. It is in the typing phase and red lining if you go back and forth between the two parties to ensure we have what we have agreed to in writing and so I would anticipate everything to be wrapped up within the next one or two Council sessions.

Mrs. Cipa: We will leave Ord. 2024-75 at 3rd Reading.

ii. **Second Readings of Ordinances and Resolutions.**

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- B. Ord. 2025-69~Exhibit A – Exhibit A Tracked – Ord 2025-69 Amended~Exhibit A ~ Ord 2025-69 Amended~Exhibit A Tracked** Amending Tallmadge Codified Ordinance Section 111.01 Rules of Council and providing for immediate enactment.

Sponsor: Council and Administration

Mrs. Cipa: The next ordinance is Ord. 2025-69~Exhibit A – Exhibit A Tracked – Ord. 2025-69 Amended~Exhibit A – Ord. 2025-69 Amended~Exhibit A Tracked. The ordinance was read into the record. Would anyone like to speak on this?

Pres. of Council: Yes, I had one thing. Just in regard to written correspondence from the public, specifically through e-mail or Civil Plus; a good topic for the Rules of Council came up just this week on when or when not to read written correspondences into the record and I think it was applicable to what we are seeing as the new Rule 27 – Council Records. Would we want to add in anything . . . would Council like to add in any language into the Council Rules No. 27 or in another area that may be more applicable to keeping a record of that and maybe calling out when or when not we would read written correspondences into the public meeting? Any comments on that?

Mrs. Epstein: I think it is a good idea to call that out. I know we had a specific example come up this week but I know that there has been other correspondence that have come up in the past where this has been . . . should it be read; should it not be read; is the person present, so I think it would be beneficial to have some clarifying of the rule. Yes.

Mr. Pavlik: I would agree with that. Because you don't want to run into a situation where you have one runoff letter but then one Council meeting you are going to have 500.

Pres. of Council: There is a difference and thank you to the Law Director for clarifying there is a difference with matters of planning and zoning at the Planning & Zoning Commission meetings. They do read those letters into the record but that is not like we just stated, that is not in Council Rules so at times we have been presented with that example, and it is not a good example in this case. I'm in favor of putting some language in there around this. For example, if there is a matter of verification of identity through the Civil Plus portal, so, I'm not sure how we want to tackle that and also in certain situations members of the public request us to read something into the record and others prefer to remain anonymous if it is like a public complaint or something that they just want us to follow up on. So, you want to be respectful of people's privacy, but I am in favor of having something . . . I don't know if Rule 27 made the most sense to me because it may not pertain to an ordinance or resolution now. It could just be like a community issue or something like that as well. So, any suggestions on creation of that rule or just amending that Rule 27?

Mr. Pavlik: Isn't there a rule that talks about public speaking and it is 2 minutes?

Dir. of Law: Yes.

Mr. Pavlik: You could put in there that they have to be present; right? Couldn't you say that?

Dir. of Law: Yes.

Pres. of Council: OK, just for the motion . . .

Dir. of Law: What I could do is look specifically and try to come back with . . . I can circle back with the working group to see what you would like to propose and come back to Council the following week. I know that you want to get this done, but I don't know if it will wait another 2 weeks . . .

Pres. of Council: Is this a straw poll scenario or do we need a formal motion?

Dir. of Law: I don't know that you . . . I mean, I guess having some sense of what people would like would be helpful but again I can look at other samples that are more specifically related to that particular issue and see what other Council Rules from other communities say and how they address that and then bring the suggestion back.

Pres. of Council: Yeah.

Mr. Pavlik: That would be best.

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Pres. of Council: OK, good.

Mr. Pavlik: The only other question I have is in the amended tracked; the ones that we changed from the last meeting, potentially changing the meetings to Monday, we changed all the other dates where ordinances and resolutions have to be in.

Mrs. Epstein: I am looking at previous agendas and this is the 2nd Reading. OK. I triple checked myself to make sure I didn't miss a whole meeting.

Pres. of Council: It is at 2nd Reading. OK. Thank you.

Dir. of Law: So, you can do two different things tonight. You could move to amend the ordinance as presented with the amendments that were presented and you can clean that up and then you would only have the remaining issue to again make another amendment or you can wait and not take any action on this and I can come back and present that and we can do that at the next meeting. That's fine; either way.

Mrs. Epstein: Is there any difference because I know with the codifier; does that affect . . .

Dir. of Law: The codifier, that ship has sailed and so we are waiting for that to come back so this will be incorporated; this won't matter; no.

Mr. Pavlik: I would wait.

Mrs. Epstein: Agreed.

Dir. of Law: OK.

Pres. of Council: I had one more thing. On the meetings of Council on the topic of beginning January 1st moving the date and time. Do you want to . . . I didn't see and maybe I missed it, but I didn't see any language around when we set the schedule like in the first meeting like in January when we vote on the official schedule; do we want to add in anything like based on what is confirmed at the first meeting if it is the Organizational Meeting or the second meeting. Do you want to add any language?

Dir. of Law: So, the calendar can be voted on . . . that is not in the Organizational Meeting thing. That is just an annual . . . you guys look at it. Typically, you will get it at the end of the year toward the end of the year in the calendar year before it gets adopted. That is because the Organizational Meeting doesn't necessarily occur annually.

Pres. of Council: OK. Got it.

Mrs. Cipa: OK, so we are moving Ord. 2025-69 to 2nd Reading. Are there any additional items for Personnel? Hearing none, I close committee.

iii. **Additional Items:** None.

d. SAFETY

Nicholas Rubino, Chair

Ted Roy, Vice Chair

The Safety Committee deals with disaster services, communications, fire, and paramedics, police and health.

Mr. Rubino: I call the Safety Committee to order. We have no legislation before us this evening. Does anyone have anything for Safety? Hearing none, I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

e. COMMUNITY ISSUES

Ted Roy, Chair

Tracy Pletcher, Vice Chair

The Community Issues Committee deals with Parks and Recreation, civic affairs, and liaison between Council and the Recreation Board and intergovernmental affairs.

Mr. Roy: I call the Community Issues Committee to order. We have no legislation before us this evening. Is there anything for Community Issues? Hearing none, I will close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

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f. PUBLIC SERVICE

Jessica Epstein, Chair
Nicholas Rubino, Vice Chair

The Public Service Committee deals with streets, highways, sidewalks, buildings, and improvements: water, sewer, electricity, gas, energy resources, recycling, waste, and trash.

Mrs. Epstein: I call the Public Service Committee to order. We have nothing before us this evening. Are there any additional items from Council or the Administration? Hearing none, I close committee.

i. **Additional Items:** None.

11. **Reports of Special Committees:**

a. **Council Operations Committee**

i. **Additional Items:**

12. **Announcements:**

Pres. of Council: I just want to say congratulations sincerely to our Clerk, Sue Burton and thank you for all your years of service. I truly value and appreciate all you do for Council, the Administration and the City and this is just a bittersweet night and I would love to get a celebration on the calendar similar to what we do at Christmas and just do kind of a celebration, you know, a grand finale if you will . . .

Mr. Pavlik: For you and Gina.

Pres. of Council: Yes. Yes and I want to also call that out that our other Clerk, Gina, that I would like to organize some celebration of some kind. So, I thank you and Gina for all you do. Any other announcements? Hearing none, we will go to our motion for adjournment.

13. **Adjournment:** Mr. Pavlik moved to adjourn. Seconded Mrs. Epstein. Roll Call: Mr. Pavlik, Mrs. Pletcher, Mr. Roy, Mr. Rubino, Mr. Bollas, Mrs. Cipa, Mrs. Epstein – unanimous. **The Council meeting of 8-28-25 adjourned at 7:54 p.m.**

Passed: _____

Susan E. Burton, Clerk of Council

Jonathon D. Bollas, Pres. of Council