CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES CORRECTED
July 21, 2026

The regular meeting of the Fairview Heights City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Mark T. Kupsky in the City Council Chambers, 10025 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, IL and also conducted virtually for guest attendees and City Council members per Resolution 4391-2021 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Deputy City Clerk Veronica Gabriel.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of Aldermen present: James Winkeler, Brenda Wagner, Barbara Brumfield, Bill Poletti, Derrick King, Frank Menn, Josh Frawley and Anthony LeFlore. Aldermen Pat Peck was absent – unexcused. Alderman Jeff Harris was absent – excused. City Clerk Karen Kaufhold was absent – excused. Deputy City Clerk Veronica Gabriel and Attorney Andrew Hoerner were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jaymes Dearing – Champions of Lincoln Trail (C.O.L.T.) Economic Development – wanted to introduce himself and discuss a little about C.O.L.T.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brumfield moved to approve the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes and the Finance Director's Report and the bills and invoices presented for the payment in the amount of $ 4,121,649.98. Seconded by Alderman Poletti.
Alderman Frawley objected to the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes because he was marked absent, yet he attended virtually and was allowed to vote.
After a long discussion between the Aldermen, Deputy Clerk, Mayor and City Attorney, Aldermen Brenda Wagner made a motion to separate the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes from Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Alderman Poletti.
Roll call on the motion to separate the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes from Consent Agenda showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas.
Alderman Brenda Wagner made another motion to table the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes until the City Attorney can review the validity of Absentee and votes of Alderman Josh Frawley.
Roll call on the motion to table the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes until the City Attorney can review the validity of Absentee and votes of Alderman Josh Frawley showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas.
Roll call on the Finance Director's Report and the bills and invoices presented for the payment in the amount of $ 4,121,649.98 and the Consent Agenda without the July 7th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor announced that the Community Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Mark starts the meeting reminding everyone the Salute to the Arts will have their Preview Party event at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 in the REC Room at the City Hall building. Mayor stated he will not be able to attend the event, he will be at I.M.L. (Illinois Municipal League). Mayor Kupsky informed everyone there will be a ribbon cutting at 9:00 A.M. on July 28, 2026 for the new Transit Bench by Gabe's next to White Castle. Mayor Mark announced the Fairview Heights Police Department will be hosting a Community Event in cooperation with Pontiac William Holiday School on July 23rd, 2026 at Pontiac School.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance No. 40-'26 an Ordinance adopting the Lincoln Trail Streetscape concepts for the Lincoln Trail Corridor within the City of Fairview Heights, Illinois. Proposed Ordinance No. 40-'26 was read for the second time.
Roll call on Proposed Ordinance No. 40-'26 showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas.
Proposed Ordinance No. 40-'26 passed on 8 yeas.
Proposed Ordinance No. 40-'26 now becomes **ORDINANCE NO. 2027-2026**

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Resolution No. 42-'26 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase agreement with Kansas Highway Patrol, Topeka, Kansas, for the purchase of one (1) 2022 Dodge Durango for use by the Police Department. Motion made by Alderman Wagner. Seconded by Alderman Poletti.
Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 42-'26 showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas
Proposed Resolution No. 42-'26 passed on 8 yeas.
Proposed Resolution No. 42-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4722-2026**

Proposed Resolution No. 43-'26 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction for Longacre Drive. Motion made by Alderman LeFlore. Seconded by Alderman Wagner.
Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 43-'26 showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas
Proposed Resolution No. 43-'26 passed on 8 yeas.
Proposed Resolution No. 43-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4723-2026**

NEW BUSINESS - CONTINUTED

Proposed Resolution No. 44-'26 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into an Engineering Services Agreement with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for the Proposed Overlay of Longacre Drive from Union Hill Road to Illinois Route 159. Motion made by Alderman Brumfield. Seconded by Alderman King.
Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 44-'26 showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote.
Motion passes with 8 yeas
Proposed Resolution No. 44-'26 passed on 8 yeas.
Proposed Resolution No. 44-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4724-2026**

Proposed Resolution No. 45-'26 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with Woolpert Architecture LLC to provide construction administration support for the Renovation of the City's Council Chambers and Court Room. Motion made by Alderman Wagner. Seconded by Alderman Brumfield.
Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 45-'26 showed Aldermen Winkeler, Wagner, Brumfield, Poletti, King, Menn, Frawley and LeFlore voting "Yea". Aldermen Peck and Harris were absent from the vote.
Motion passes with 8 yeas
Proposed Resolution No. 45-'26 passed on 8 yeas.
Proposed Resolution No. 45-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4725-2026**

Motion made by Alderman Poletti to adjourn. Seconded by Alderman Wagner.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Gabriel
DEPUTY CITY CLERK