

**CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 17, 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 City Clerk Karen Kaufhold

ROLL CALL

Roll call of Aldermen present: Jeff Harris, Brenda Wagner, Pat Peck, Bill Poletti, Frank Menn, Derrick King, James Winkeler and Barbara Brumfield. Alderman Anthony LeFlore was absent – excused. Alderman Josh Frawley excused to attend virtually (arrived virtually at 7:05 P.M.). City Clerk Karen Kaufhold and Attorney Andrew Hoerner were present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Sharon Zajac – complimented the City’s Parks & Recreation and Public Works Department for the snow removal. She also discussed her concerns with Data Centers

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Brenda Wagner moved to approve the February 03, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes and Finance Director’s Report and the bills and invoices presented for the payment in the amount of \$2,202,490.44. Seconded by Alderman Pat Peck.

Roll call on the February 03, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes and Finance Director’s Report and the bills and invoices presented for the payment in the amount of \$2,202,490.44 showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, King, Winkeler and Brumfield voting “Yea”. Aldermen Anthony LeFlore and Josh Frawley were absent from the vote. Motion passes with 8 yeas and 2 absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Mayor announced that the Community Committee Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. has been canceled due to lack of Agenda items.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Mark Kupsky began the by asking for a moment of silence for Former Mayor George Lanxon and his family. Mayor announced a ground breaking will take place at The REC on March 21, 2026 at 10:30 A.M. for the Field House and renovations at Pleasant Ridge Park. Mayor notified us that there will be traffic disruptions due to the I-64 Enhancement Project for possibly 4 to 6 weeks. Mayor announced that he received a Thank You Card from Alderman Brenda Wagner for all of the City’s support during the family’s time of need.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Alderman Frank Menn – discussed safety concerns about Bunkum Road Bridge and the upcoming construction on Pleasant Ridge Park. Alderman Menn cautioned about the fence on Bunkum Road coming down leaving one side open.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS – CONTINUED

Alderman Pat Peck wanted to commend the Police Department's assistance during the funeral for Former Mayor George Lanxon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Ordinance No. 33-26 an Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers Occupation Tax by adding Article XI Under Chapter 36 (Taxation) of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Fairview Heights. Motion by Alderman Peck. Seconded by Alderman Wagner. Proposed Ordinance No. 33-'26 was read for the first time.

Motion by Alderman Peck to advance Proposed Ordinance 33-'26 to the second reading. Seconded by Alderman Wagner.

Roll call to advance Proposed Ordinance No. 33-'26 to the second reading showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman Poletti voted "Nay". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 8 yeas, 1 nay, and 1 absent.

Roll call on Proposed Ordinance No. 33-'26 showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 9 yeas and 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance No. 33-'26 passed on 9 yeas and 1 absent.

Proposed Ordinance No. 33-'26 now becomes **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2026**

Proposed Resolution No. 14-'26 a Resolution amending Resolution No. 4603-2024, approved by City Council December 18, 2024; A resolution Adopting a capital Improvement Priority List. Motion was made by Alderman Poletti. Seconded by Alderman Brumfield.

Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 14-'26 showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 9 yeas 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 14-'26 passed on 9 yeas and 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 14-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4695-2026**

Proposed Resolution No. 15-'26 a Resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into a Joint Funding Agreement for State participation for Phase II Design Engineering Costs Associated with Longacre Drive, Section Number 20-00044-00-RS, State Job Number D-98-048-26. Motion was made by Alderman Brumfield. Seconded by Alderman Wagner.

Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 15-'26 showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 9 yeas 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 15-'26 passed on 9 yeas and 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 15-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4696-2026**

Proposed Resolution No. 16-'26 a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Motion was made by Alderman Winkeler. Seconded by Alderman Poletti.

Roll call on Proposed Resolution No. 16-'26 showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 9 yeas 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 16-'26 passed on 9 yeas and 1 absent.

Proposed Resolution No. 16-'26 now becomes **RESOLUTION NO. 4697-2026**

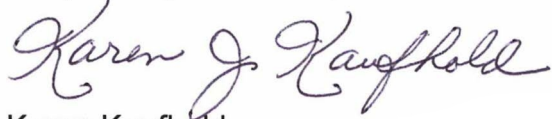
Motion made by Alderman Peck authorizing the force level of sworn officers for the Police Department be increased temporarily from 47-49. Force level will return to 47 through attrition. Seconded by Alderman Poletti.

Roll call on the motion showed Aldermen Harris, Wagner, Peck, Poletti, Menn, Frawley, King, Winkeler, and Brumfield voting "Yea". Alderman LeFlore was absent. Motion passed with 9 yeas 1 absent.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen J. Kaufhold". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Karen Kaufhold
CITY CLERK