

THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Fairview Heights City Hall
Fairview Heights, Illinois

Committee Members in attendance – Alderpersons Jimmy Winkeler – tele/conference, Brenda Wagner, Pat Peck – tele/conference, Bill Poletti

Committee Members absent – Alderperson Josh Frawley

Other Alderpersons and Elected Officials in attendance – Mayor Mark Kupsky, Alderpersons Frank Menn, Anthony LeFlore, Barb Brumfield, Jeff Harris

Staff in attendance – City Attorney Andrew Hoerner, Finance Director Gina Rader, IT User Support and Systems Manager Zach Bartley – tele/conference, Police Chief Steve Johnson – tele/conference, Public Works Director John Harty

Recorder – Jill Huffman

Public Participation

A comment was voiced from Sharon Zajac, a resident of Fairview Heights, regarding the REC stating she has been against building the REC for two reasons: 1) it was an enormous expenditure, and 2) the citizens were not allowed to vote on it and believes they should have had the right to vote. The addition is another shock as more money is being spent. She then commented that it is one of the most beautiful facilities she has seen – gorgeous from the highway and from every view, it is spotless inside and families feel safe at the REC. However, she still opposes the REC and believes the money should have been spent on infrastructure. The resident stated that the REC is the Mayor's project, and that he guided the City through the COVID crisis. The resident is asking that the pavilion that is being constructed be named the Mark Kupsky pavilion in his honor. She believes the Mayor has done a good job in leading the City.

Approval of Minutes, April 15, 2026

Motion and second to approve minutes were made by Alderpersons Wagner/Poletti. Roll call vote: Alderpersons Frawley – absent, Winkeler - yes, Wagner – yes, Peck - yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement Committee

Aldersperson Brenda Wagner, Acting Chairman

STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Chief presented his written report to the elected officials for their review to which there were no questions or comments.

The Chief relayed that this is National Police week which remembers those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for protecting communities. Also, a year ago, May 17, 2025 is when the tragic event happened in Fairview Heights where several officers were critically injured.

Aldersperson Wagner reminded that this Friday is Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin Donuts to raise money for Special Olympics.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/CEO REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding the Code Enforcement Report.

Public Works Committee

Aldersperson Bill Poletti, Chairman

The Mayor presented a Proclamation for National Public Works Week 2026, May 17 – 23.

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE – OLD COLLINSVILLE TURN LANE AT ASHLAND

The Public Works Director presented a Resolution requesting to utilize \$100,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the City's contribution to the Old Collinsville Road turn lane at Ashland Avenue project with St. Clair County.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the Old Collinsville Road/Ashland Avenue Turn Lane project for construction costs by Alderspersons Wagner/Peck. Roll call vote showed Alderspersons Frawley - absent, Winkeler – yes, Wagner – yes, Peck – yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE – ASHLAND AVE. PHASE 1

The Public Works Director presented a Resolution requesting to utilize \$50,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax Funds to reimburse St. Clair County for preliminary engineering and design for the Ashland Avenue, Phase 1 project.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the Ashland Avenue Phase 1 project from Old Collinsville Road to Joseph Drive for preliminary engineering costs by Alderspersons Wagner/Winkeler. Roll call vote showed Alderspersons Frawley - absent, Winkeler – yes, Wagner – yes, Peck – yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

VEHICLE PURCHASE – ONE 1/2 -TON TRUCK – MORROW BROTHERS FORD, INC.

The Director of Public Works stated that this vehicle purchase resides in the Capital Improvements Plan budget. The purchase is for a ½-ton truck, full size with four doors for the Vehicle Maintenance Division of Public Works. This vehicle will replace the 2011 truck which has over 100,000 miles and will be repurposed in Public Works for summer employees.

Motion and second to forward a Resolution to City Council with recommendation of approval the sales agreement with Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for a 2026 Ford ½-ton crew cab (4-door) pickup truck for the price of \$46,687.00 by Alderpersons Wagner/Winkeler. Roll call vote showed Alderpersons Frawley - absent, Winkeler – yes, Wagner – yes, Peck – yes, Poletti – yes. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/PROJECT UPDATES

The Director presented his written report to the elected officials for their review to which there were no questions or comments.

Aldersperson Wagner requested a copy of the Proclamation for National Public Works Week 2026; the Mayor's office will forward to Aldersperson Wagner.

A motion and second was made to adjourn the Operations Meeting by Alderspersons Wagner/Poletti. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Adjournment 7:14 p.m.

Submitted By:


Recorder