

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND HILLS, OHIO
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Cassandra Pride in Room No. 14 of Village Hall. It was also broadcast via Zoom Video Communications.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council President Cassandra Pride and Councilpersons Robert L. Wright II, Geavona Greene, James McManus and David Mills. Also present: Mayor Michael L. Booker, Community Development Director Larry Finch, Mayor's Executive Assistant Lekuicia Collins, Mayor's Administrative Assistant Kiara Pyles and Senior Department Coordinator Adrienne Goodson.

DISCUSSION BY PUBLIC: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine. Each item will be read individually into the record and the Consent Agenda will then be enacted as a whole by one motion and one roll call. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion by Council is desired on any item on the Consent Agenda, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council motion and considered in its normal sequence under the Regular Order of Business.

- a. Approval of May 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of May 18, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McManus to accept the Consent Agenda. All voted aye and the Consent Agenda was **approved 5 – 0**.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Michael Booker reported that he attended the home goings of two former residents, Sandra Vodanoff and Linda Moses. Both exceptional women have been dedicated to the community for over 50 years. As Clerk of Mayor's Court, Linda Moses was the face of the Village and treated everyone with kindness and

respect. Sandra Vodanoff knew more history about the Village than anyone, was passionate about it and especially Village dealings with Cleveland. They were definitely pillars of the community and will be sorely missed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Community Development Director Larry Finch reported that they are in the process of applying for Community Development Block Grant funds. A good discussion was had with County officials yesterday and they gave us a couple of ideas as to what we can do to make our applications stronger, especially for the Council Chambers/Mayor's Court relocation. We can assume it is still a viable project for both the CDBG and CDSG grants.

Mr. Finch continued that he, Mayor Booker, Law Director O'Donnell, our Bond Counsel and President Pride met with School Superintendent Jolly yesterday on the TIF, and it went well. There is another meeting on Monday, and they are hopeful an agreement can be reached on the revenue sharing. The Village also shares revenue with the City of Cleveland in the Joint Development District. While we are not anxious to share income tax, State law requires it when revenue is over a million dollars.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: President Cassandra Pride added to Mr. Finch's report by advising that Village officials have been invited to the Warrensville School Board meeting on June 24th at 6:00 p.m. They are supposed to be discussing the TIF at that time; she plans to attend and encouraged other Council members to attend, to show support.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Finance	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
Properties/Buildings	David Mills – met and a report is on file
Public Works	James McManus – met and a report is on file
Rules	Geavona Greene – did not meet
Safety	Robert L. Wright, II – met and a report is on file
Committee of Whole	Cassandra Pride – did not meet

REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO REGULATORY OR OTHER BOARDS:

Audit	Geavona Greene – met and a report is on file
Board of Control	Cassandra Pride – did not meet
Board of Zoning Appeals	Robert L. Wright, II – did not meet
Fair Housing Commission	Geavona Greene – did not meet
Human Resources Committee	David Mills – did not meet
Planning Commission	James McManus – did not meet
Senior Advisory Board	Cassandra Pride – did not meet
Tax Incentive Review Council	Geavona Greene – did not meet

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

a. **THIRD READING CONSIDERATION:** None

b. **SECOND READING CONSIDERATION:**

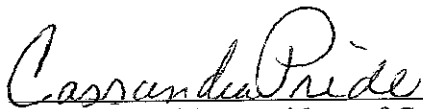
Ordinance No. 2026-28: An Ordinance Declaring Certain Improvements to Real Property to be a Public Purpose, Authorizing the Exemption of Real Property Taxes on said Improvements Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.41, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with MJB Development 2 LLC, and Creating an Urban Redevelopment Tax Increment Equivalent Fund.

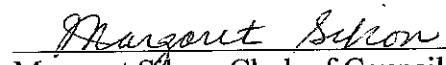
President Pride announced that Ordinance No. 2026-28 will be **moved to Third Reading.**

c. **FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:** None

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT: Randolph Howard, Magistrate in the Bedford Municipal Court was in attendance. Mayor Booker announced that Bedford Clerk of Court Tom Day called yesterday to advise he is retiring after 40 years and that Mr. Howard will be taking his place. Everyone offered congratulations. Mr. Howard said he has big shoes to fill, and will do his best to serve.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the meeting concluded at 6:28 p.m.


Cassandra Pride, President of Council


Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council