

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

May 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Highland Hills, Ohio was called to order at 6:00 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, Law Director Thomas P. O'Donnell 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 April 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of April 27, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Nathan Biviano, Branch Services Librarian with the Warrensville Heights Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library addressed Council and explained the numerous programs and services the Library offers, including passport applications, an innovation center and crafts, as well as summer youth programs.

Mayor Booker related that he is a big advocate of the Library and they recently assisted him with a passport application. He said the Library is a good resource for our seniors, and they will be getting the word out.

REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR: Mayor Michael Booker reported that he and Councilwoman Geavona Greene participated in the WHHS Senior Breakfast this morning. Councilwoman Greene presented Nicholas Parker with the 2026 Council Scholarship Award.

A second flyer for Memorial Day is going out. Events include the Tri-City Parade, a tribute and Key to the City presented to Larry Finch and dedication of the park. Festivities will also include live music, free food and fun for all.

The Mayor advised he was at a meeting last night where the conversation included relationships between the Mayor and Council. He thanked Village Council Members for their communication and working with the Administration. He also noted that our use of Ready Notify is a great benefit and keeps the community informed.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Senior Department Coordinator Adrienne Goodson reported that the seniors do plan a visit to the Library the first Friday of the month. They have enjoyed taking part in many of the programs and crafts offered.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: None.

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 – met and a report is on file
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

Audit	Geavona Greene – did not meet
Board of Control	Cassandra Pride – met and a report is on file
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 – met and report is on file
Tax Incentive Review Council	Geavona Greene – did not meet

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

a. **THIRD READING CONSIDERATION:** None

b. **SECOND READING CONSIDERATION:** None

c. FIRST READING CONSIDERATION:

Resolution No. 2026-23: A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Darlene Horton as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Resolution No. 2026-23. All voted aye and the resolution was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Resolution No. 2026-24: A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of Lekeicia Collins as Director of the Department of Human Resource, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve Resolution No. 2026-24. All voted aye and the resolution was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Resolution No. 2026-25: A Resolution Expressing the Full Support of Village Council for the Village's Application to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission for the 2026 Community Planning Services Program Assistance, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman McManus to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Resolution No. 2026-25. All voted aye and the resolution was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-26: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute an Agreement with Tim Daggs Asphalt and Sealcoat for the Shaker House North Parking Lot Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve Ordinance No. 2026-26. All voted aye and the ordinance was **adopted 5 – 0.**

Ordinance No. 2026-27: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter and Execute an Agreement with Ripstone Concrete LLC for the Shaker House North Parking Lot Improvement Project, and Declaring an Emergency.

Moved by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Wright to waive the three reading rule and referral to committee. All voted aye and the **motion carried.**

Moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded by Councilman McManus to approve Ordinance No. 2026-27.

Discussion: President Cassandra Pride advised that she participated in the recent Board of Control meeting. Director Tyrone Conard explained the two phases of the project, one for asphalt and one for the concrete. The north parking lot to the circle will be done; it will include additional parking spaces and be an upgrade to the parking lot.

There being no further discussion, all voted aye and Ordinance No. 2026-27 was **adopted 5 – 0.**

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.

Law Director Thomas O'Donnell requested Council move this ordinance to Second Reading on June 10, 2026.

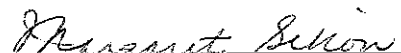
There being no further discussion, President Pride announced that Ordinance No. 2026-28 will be **moved to Second Reading**.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC COMMENT: Randolph Howard, Magistrate with the Bedford Municipal Court addressed Council Members. He detailed his education, extensive professional experience and background. Mr. Howard is considering a run for Judge in the Bedford Municipal Court in 2027 and would appreciate support.

Mayor Michael Booker said he appreciates Council's cooperation in moving projects along in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, it was moved by Councilwoman Greene and seconded b Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye and the meeting concluded at 6:32 p.m.


Cassandra Pride, President of Council


Margaret Sikon, Clerk of Council