On Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Joseph Galea opened the Council meeting with a word of prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

The regular meeting for the Council of the Village of Monroeville was then called to order.

Present at roll call:		
Chris Raftery	and	Joseph Galea, Mayor
Mark Miller		Eunice Collene, Fiscal Officer
Sue Rogers		Jim Barney, Solicitor
Tammy Schachter		Chief Jon Earl, MPD
Andrew Brown		
Jim Ehrman		

Also attending: Paul Skidmore; Niqua Speer; HRJFD Chief Curt Stang; Scott Summerlin; Melissa Zehnder; Elisa Brown; Cassandra Fryman; and Jim & Kathy Pocock.

The July 2026 financial reports, bank statements, balance sheets, check reports, and bank reconciliations were previously distributed to the Council via e-mail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The Mayor asked for Council's approval of the agenda. Ms. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tammy Schlachter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the July 2026 financial reports. Ms. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Ms. Sue Rogers. Motion carried with no discussion.

APPROVAL OF THE MONTHLY CREDIT CARD REPORT
The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the July 2026 credit card report. Ms. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Mr. Andrew Brown. Motion carried with no further discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Fiscal Officer – Ms. Eunice Collene presented her report, which had previously been submitted to Council. She advised that the village ended July with a cash balance of $5,834,850.25 across all funds. The July revenue was $1,563,200.50, with expenses totaling $1,667,695.99. The year-to-date revenue is $8,279,395.73, with year-to-date expenses totaling $8,266,451.89. That's activity recorded across 39 individual funds. This gave the Village a net month decrease of $104,495.49 in the cash position.

During July, the Administrative Office generated 912 utility invoices. Last month, three of these invoices were unpaid. The office has collected the balance on one of those accounts and is still pursuing the other two.

The work on Hamilton Street is complete.

Overnight, storm damage was reported at Clark Park. A tree fell onto the girls' softball field fence. Village staff will handle the cleanup and repairs.

The MMC lobby door is currently under construction and will be completed in the next two weeks. A new door has been ordered and is expected to arrive tomorrow. It will require preparation and painting.

The village is still collaborating with ES Consulting on the IT conversion. ES Consulting is implementing changes for the village to switch to .gov. These updates will be reflected in both the village email and the village website. Additionally, ES Consulting helped install iView for the HVAC system at the MMC (Monroeville Municipal Complex).

The Huron County Board of Elections received the legislation for the advisory ballot question, and they confirmed its receipt.

The 2025 audit should be completed in the next two to three weeks by the Ohio Auditor of State. Ms. Collene is still working to select the audit for 2026 and 2030.

The village is working with JD Alarm Systems to arrange testing for the fire alarms at the MMC. This will likely require upgrades to the phone system. Ms. Collene contacted OmniFiber to look at various options. ES Consulting is also participating to navigate the firewall and ensure that communications are

functioning. Currently, if the alarm activates, no phone call is made. This issue needs to be addressed. Their records indicate that the system has not been tested before.

Ms. Collene has started addressing the complaints about tall grass in various parts of the village. She aims to send out letters by mail early next week.

The first planning meeting for the Village Christmas 2026 is scheduled for tomorrow evening, August 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at Pean's Pizza.

On Thursday, MainLite will finish their work for the solar field connection. A walkthrough with D3 Energy is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, to resolve any outstanding issues. A list will be made to note anything that needs to be completed on both sides to finalize the project.

A Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026.

Next Thursday, August 20, 2026, Ms. Collene and Ms. Ann Beck are scheduled to attend OP&F (Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund) training in Perrysburg, Ohio. OP&F is currently updating their website and software, which impacts village payroll.

A Huron County Budget Commission meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2026. This meeting will mark the beginning of the 2027 budget process.

There have been many challenges in the Administrative Office. Ms. Collene thanked everyone for their patience as staff members utilize their vacation time. This has left the office shorthanded at times. Ashley Hankins has been great at providing coverage.

The Huron County Fair kicks off next week and runs from August 16 through August 22, 2026.

Mr. Andrew Brown thanked Ms. Collene for all she had done for the village in her first year of employment. She has helped him navigate issues with downtown sidewalk repairs and with record requests. He feels she has done a great job and needs to be recognized. The mayor agreed and said that Ms. Collene is long overdue for a thank-you. Ms. Collene has exceeded his expectations of her since she was hired with the village.

Police – Chief Jon Earl presented his report, which had previously been submitted to Council. As schools prepare to reopen, the Police Department will step up enforcement in school zones, leading to more citations being issued.

Officer Sirse, the new SRO (School Resource Officer), has started his employment with the village. He's currently going through a field training program and is scheduled to complete his orientation with the school on Friday. Officer Sirse has brought a lot of experience to the position and is doing a great job.

Safety Town was held at the schools, with 23 graduates in total. Lieutenant Kimball, Officer Mercereau, Officer Henderson, and Officer Sirse took part. Pictures were posted online, and the program was a success.

Officer Meyer has been doing an excellent job this summer with OVI traffic stops. Due to his proactive enforcement, local kids were caught at the park in the middle of the night doing donuts.

Chief is still working on a federal grant proposal through Homeland Security for FLOCK Safety camera fees. He believes he has everything covered at 100% for next year. He's aware there's been talk on social media about the funding.

Chief said he hasn't been able to utilize all of his vacation hours, and respectfully requested to carry over 24-hours of vacation time. His second anniversary with the village is tomorrow, August 12, 2026.

Ms. Sue Rogers asked about the possible installation of cameras in the parks. The Chief replied that he has chosen cameras that the Police Department would like to use. These cameras serve as a "force-multiplier," monitoring movement and providing both audio and video. They can also send alerts to the on-duty officer. Chief has submitted a grant proposal that includes cameras for the reservoir, both parks, and the athletic track facility. These areas are often prone to vandalism. Since the Police Department has only one officer on duty at night, having these cameras would be very beneficial. The camera settings can be adjusted for evening hours. When an alert is received, the camera will monitor the activity until the officer arrives. It provides a real-time view as the officer approaches the scene. Mr.

Jim Ehrman said that he has heard from the community about their confusion regarding the use of the current FLOCK Safety cameras. He requested Chief clarify that camera data is not kept for more than 30 days and that it serves as a tool for law enforcement. The Chief replied that FLOCK Safety has introduced transparency portals, which can be tailored to specific needs. He stated that he has shared as much information as possible about the FLOCK Safety cameras. The cameras were discussed in several Council meetings before their installation in the village. The existing cameras do not record audio or video; they only capture images of vehicle license plates. These plate numbers are checked against the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) database, which looks for stolen vehicles, missing persons, wanted individuals, those on supervised release from prison, AMBER alerts for children, and Silver alerts for seniors. Alerts are then sent to the on-duty officer. Last week, the Chief received a FLOCK Safety alert for a driver with an outstanding warrant. He has worked with Huron County to ensure that warrants are accurately entered into the system. The driver had a local warrant for an unpaid ticket issued in Monroeville. After receiving the alert that the driver had entered Monroeville, Chief was able to stop the vehicle and execute the warrant. Two months ago, a man kidnapped a woman at knifepoint and stole her car. The stolen vehicle was flagged in the FLOCK Safety system. It entered the village and then headed toward Norwalk, with the weapon still in the vehicle. The suspect was pulled over, arrested, and taken to jail. In another incident, a child was hit while riding a scooter on the sidewalk. A vehicle side-swiped the child and fled the scene, leaving town. The Police Department only had the vehicle description as information. Within a matter of minutes, Chief was able to access the FLOCK Safety system, locate the vehicle's license plate, and identify the driver. This represents the preventative and investigative capabilities of the Police Department. There are alerts that help prevent issues by tracking who is entering the area, as well as alerts related to warrants, individuals on supervised release, and protected parties. Regarding data storage, Chief can only search for information within a 30-day period. If he submits a search warrant, the information is no longer available. Through the transparency portal, the Chief reviews all officers' search histories. Officers must provide a valid law enforcement reason to search a vehicle's license plate. A search cannot be conducted without entering a legitimate law enforcement reason. FLOCK Safety requires a case number if the Chief requests it. Officers must enter both a law enforcement reason and a case number to perform a search. Chief can see the search history of anyone in his department who has conducted a search, as well as those outside his department who have permission to use his cameras. It is more difficult for the Chief to confirm the reasons for searches requested by others. However, new technology has been implemented to address immigration concerns, as the FLOCK Safety system cannot be used for that purpose. There has been a lot of misinformation on social media about the FLOCK Safety cameras. Chief has noticed individuals from outside the community making claims about what the cameras can capture and how they infringe on people's rights. Chief said that the cameras are a tool for enhancing community safety. Ms. Chris Raftery said that a recent article in the Norwalk Reflector had valuable information about FLOCK Safety, which relates to what Chief just discussed. Chief noted that Mr. Ehrman visited the Police Department recently, where the Chief demonstrated how the FLOCK Safety program operates.

Chief announced the new SRO, Frank Sirse. Officer Sirse said that he began his career in 2014 as a part-time SRO in a municipality comparable in size to Monroeville. In 2016, he moved to Bellevue to serve as a full-time SRO until he was recently hired by the village.

The mayor asked Council for a motion regarding Chief’s request to carry over unused vacation time. Ms. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jim Ehrman, to allow Chief Jon Earl to carry over 24 hours of vacation time. Motion carried with no discussion.

Solicitor – Mr. Jim Barney had no information to report.

Mayor – The mayor had no information to report.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

HRJFD

The Huron River Joint Fire District convened on August 5, 2026: Mr. Jim Ehrman reported that Peru Township had two fire calls, Ridgefield Township had four, Sherman Township had three, and the Village of Monroeville had five. The HRJFD updated its policy manual. Adam Meyers was promoted to Captain. The state auditor’s office completed the HRJFD’s audit, and everything went well. The department has 24 certified firefighters and several cadets in training. Training is done consistently every month. This month’s training was on ventilation.

The Utility Committee convened on August 10, 2026: Ms. Chris Raftery said that there are plans to increase tap-in fees. The conversation about these fees relates to the new technology being suggested compared to what is realistic. Tap-in fees have not been increased since 2005. For example, the current fee for a

three-quarter-inch tap is $800, while the proposed new fee is $3,250. Ms. Raftery believes the increase is justifiable due to the increased cost of material and labor. This proposed increase will be presented in legislation at the next regular Council meeting. The mayor asked if this increase pertains to water tap-ins, and Ms. Raftery confirmed. Mr. Jim Ehrman asked for documentation on these figures, noting that it is a significant increase. Ms. Raftery said that Ms. Eunice Collene is handling that. Ms. Collene said she has already asked Water/Wastewater Superintendent Don Clark for that information.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Ms. Cassandra Fryman introduced herself as the mayor of Plymouth, Ohio. She is running for the seat of Huron County Commissioner. She aims to apply the knowledge gained from her two terms in office across two counties to Huron County. Currently, she is a member of the Richland County Regional Planning Board, where she is learning about long-term planning and infrastructure. She believes that Huron County can benefit from improvements based on the practices in Richland County. Ms. Fryman is dedicated to ensuring that every community has a stronger voice and better representation. While Huron County is already a great county, she believes it can thrive even more with increased energy and a proactive approach to change. Ms. Fryman thanked everyone for their time before leaving the meeting.

Ms. Kathy Pocock said that she had talked to Fiscal Officer Eunice Collene about her concerns regarding a section of Herrick Alley being converted to a one-way street. Ms. Pocock's house is at the corner of Broad Street and Herrick Alley. She knows that two cars might struggle to pass each other on Herrick Alley. However, she believes that making Herrick Alley a one-way street is unnecessary just because one individual claimed their driveway was being damaged. There are six homes in that vicinity, and as far as she knows, only one resident has raised a complaint to Council. This led to Council's decision to convert part of the alley into a one-way street. This situation reminded her of when another resident from the same area complained and requested speed bumps be added. Speed bumps were quickly installed in the summer but removed in the winter for snow removal. Now, the resident who requested the speed bumps has moved away, and the speed bumps have been removed. Mr. Miller asked if Ms. Pocock's yard was being damaged by cars using Herrick Alley. Ms. Pocock said no and stated that there is no proof that any yards have been damaged by vehicles. She questioned the timing of converting the alley to a one-way street, since it happened just before Hamilton Street closed for upgrades. Drivers turning off Route 20 expect to use the alley, but they can't, leading them to drive through anyway. After the alley became a one-way street, she has seen a Village of Monroeville employee driving a lawn mower the wrong way down the alley multiple times. It's questionable that the change was made because of just one complaint. Ms. Collene stated she got a call from the Monroeville Post Office, and they also expressed concern about the alley's one-way conversion. Ms. Pocock said that the real risk comes from drivers speeding out of the drive-thru without stopping. She understands that the one-way status of the alley is currently a trial, and she requested Council revert it back to a two-way street once the trial period ends.

Mr. Scott Summerlin asked the Chief to confirm that the FLOCK Safety cameras in Monroeville only read license plates. The Chief confirmed and said that other municipalities have FLOCK Safety cameras with additional features. Mr. Summerlin asked whether the Chief was considering adding additional features to the cameras in Monroeville. Chief explained that based on previous discussions about vandalism at parks and the reservoir, FLOCK Safety offers a force-multiplier camera known as the 'Condor System', which monitors movement and alerts the officer on duty. The Chief believes this would be beneficial during the evenings at the parks, the reservoir, and the athletic track facility, as vandalism usually happens at night when only one officer is present. He thinks the force-multiplier would be more effective than just recording and reviewing the footage later. Mr. Summerlin asked if Chief could share this information on social media. He also said it’s his belief that the cameras infringe on people's Fourth Amendment rights. Chief stated he has shared details about the FLOCK Safety cameras multiple times on social media and clarified that they do not violate the Fourth Amendment since they are placed on public roads. Mr. Summerlin asked if the cameras have breakaway features. Chief replied no. Mr. Summerlin expressed concern about this in relation to accidents. Chief explained that the village does not own the cameras or the poles; they are owned by FLOCK Safety. Mr. Summerlin then asked if Chief could arrange for the cameras to have breakaway features. Chief said he is currently looking into a business that could install the cameras on telephone poles owned by the village. Mr. Summerlin asked whether Chief needs Council's approval to enhance the FLOCK Safety cameras. Chief confirmed, as everything that he does goes through Council. Ms. Eunice Collene said that, from a financial perspective, the village incurs unbelievable costs for repairs due to vandalism in the parks, which often occurs back-to-back. An attendee interrupted with a question (inaudible), to which Chief confirmed. Ms. Elisa Brown asked if major utility sites, such as the water and wastewater treatment plants, have security cameras. Chief replied that they do not, but the wastewater treatment plant would be included in the same grant proposal he submitted for the parks. The Condor System features a larger dual lens that can monitor the wastewater treatment plant, the park, and the football field. Chief said that unless requested, he does not engage in the security matters of village departments, and those matters are the responsibility of the department superintendents.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE 2026-10 *An Ordinance amending and restating the Zoning Ordinance* was presented for second reading. No discussion.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR THIRD READING

ORDINANCE 2026-12 *An Ordinance amending section 141.04 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Monroeville, Ohio, regarding fees and compensation for police special services and mutual aid assignments* was presented for third and final reading. Ms. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Chris Raftery, to pass Ordinance 2026-12 by title only. Motion carried with no discussion.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS FOR PASSAGE

The Mayor asked for a motion to suspend the rules for the following legislation. Ms. Sue Rogers made that motion, seconded by Ms. Chris Raftery. Motion carried with no discussion.

RESOLUTION 2026-09 *A Resolution approving and ratifying the prior acts of the Village and approving a "Then and Now" certificate for said expenditure, and declaring an emergency* was presented for adoption. Ms. Chris Raftery said she had never seen the term "then and now" before, and asked for clarification. Ms. Eunice Collene said Council has previously approved then-and-now purchase orders. Per the ORC (Ohio Revised Codes), with audits, the village is required to have purchase orders in place prior to a purchase being made. If a purchase order is not in place before a purchase is made, it's called a then-and-now. By code, any purchases over $3000 require Council's approval. The list that Ms. Collene provided in Resolution 2026-09 is over the $3000 threshold and requires Council approval. Mr. Andrew Brown asked if the original expenditures were already approved, but didn't have a purchase order. Ms. Collene confirmed that can be the case. A waterline break would be a good example of a then-and-now. If a waterline break occurs on a Sunday, the repair would need to occur immediately, and the purchase order would be approved afterwards. The mayor confirmed that Council had approved then-and-now purchase orders previously. Ms. Sue Rogers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Tammy Schlachter, to adopt Resolution 2026-09 by title only. Motion carried with no further discussion.

APPROVAL OF BILL SUMMARY

The Mayor asked Council for a motion to approve the July 2026 bill summary. Ms. Tammy Schlachter made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sue Rogers, to approve the bill summary as presented, which included memo expenses and check # 047810 to check # 047869, for a total of $1,254,082.52. Motion carried with no discussion.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

The mayor stated the first order of business is the sewer backup that occurred at 143 N Ridge Street, which damaged the homeowner's basement. Ms. Eunice Collene reported that the backup happened on a Sunday morning. She was informed via telephone by a village employee about the incident, which took place near the lift station and is part of the village's sewer system. The village employee told Ms. Collene that the basement needed immediate cleanup, or the resident wouldn't be able to stay in their home. The resident is now requesting the village to cover the cleanup cost, which totaled $5,729.57. Ms. Collene noted that if Council approves this expense and the village pays the bill, there will be a then-and-now request next month since there is no purchase order in place. Ms. Chris Raftery asked if this could be claimed through the homeowner's insurance or the village's insurance. Ms. Collene stated that she contacted the village's insurance and confirmed there is no deductible. If it were submitted to the homeowner's insurance and the village was found liable, it would still need to go through the village's insurance, or the village insurance would cover the homeowner's deductible. The situation remains unclear until Ms. Collene investigates further with the village's insurance company. Mr. Miller asked if she knew what the homeowner's deductible was. Ms. Collene replied that she did not know who the homeowner's insurance provider was or what the deductible was. Mr. Andrew Brown questioned the cause of the sewer backup. Ms. Collene said that she didn't know. Mr. Brown then asked if she could confirm whether the sewer backup originated from the village's side. Ms. Collene said that this was what the village employee had communicated to her during their conversation. The mayor and Mr. Miller said that they had a conversation with Water/Wastewater Superintendent Don Clark, and Mr. Miller added that he had visited the site with Mr. Clark. The mayor asked Ms. Collene whether she had filed a claim with the village's insurance company when she spoke to them. Ms. Collene indicated that a claim had not been submitted yet, as it was on the agenda for discussion that evening, and she needed to know how Council wished to proceed. She was uncertain if the homeowner needed to file a claim with their own insurance. The mayor suggested that the situation might be similar to what occurred with Mr. David Luna, and that a claim might need to be filed with the village's insurance first. If that claim is denied, Council could then determine the next steps. Ms. Collene asked if she should go ahead and submit it to the village's insurance, to which the mayor confirmed.

The mayor said that the next item on the agenda is funding options for a consultant on zoning regulations for data centers. He said that everyone knows part of the moratorium on the data center involves creating regulations for any projects that come to the village. Some homeowners have approached the village about hiring a lawyer. When discussing the zoning ordinance for data centers, Council needs expert help in these matters. The mayor said he had received proposals, but they are not ready to be presented to the Council for a vote. He wants Council to be aware of the firms that can advise the village. If Council decides to proceed, they can ask Ms. Eunice Collene to draft legislation. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled, and then canceled, so this topic needs to be addressed tonight. Ms. Collene said that, based on her discussions with the mayor, the funding should come from the General Fund. Funds will need to be appropriated for this expense. The mayor confirmed there is money available in the General Fund for this appropriation. It's up to Council to investigate this further, create a budget, and request legislation to be drafted. The mayor wanted to formalize this with a motion. He requested a motion from Council to instruct Fiscal Officer Eunice Collene to draft legislation and appropriate funds for a data center consultant and legal services. Mr. Jim Erman made that motion, seconded by Ms. Chris Raftery. Mr. Mark Miller asked if this would include zoning. The mayor replied that it would include zoning and any related issues. Mr. Andrew Brown asked if this also covers a development agreement. The mayor confirmed and said that litigation would be included as well. Motion carried with no further discussion.

The mayor said that the third agenda item is about a new cyber policy. Ms. Eunice Collene said that the village had a prior cyber policy. However, the new policy will better meet the requirements and revisions from the Ohio Auditor of State. Ms. Collene had sent the new policy to Council members a few weeks ago and is now seeking their official approval. Mr. Mark Miller asked if ES Consulting was involved in this process. Ms. Collene clarified that ES Consulting did not contribute to the policy's development, but they helped the village comply with the firewall and similar matters. Mr. Andrew Brown pointed out that one section of the policy stated a 90-day password reset, while another section cited 120 days. Ms. Collene said she would look into that. She noted that the village's insurance provider, The Ohio Plan, helped create the policy, and she used their template for reference. The mayor requested a motion from Council to approve the new cyber policy. Ms. Sue Rogers made the motion, seconded by Ms. Tammy Schlachter. Mr. Andrew Brown asked if this also includes the correction of any discrepancies in the policy. Ms. Collene confirmed. Motion carried with no further discussion.

The mayor asked if there was any other Council business that needed to be discussed. Ms. Tammy Schlachter made a motion to revert a portion of Herrick Alley back to a two-way street, seconded by Ms. Chris Raftery. Ms. Schlachter felt that Council shouldn't have agreed on converting a portion of Herrick Alley to a one-way street based on one person's complaint. Mr. Mark Miller asked if the trial basis of Herrick Alley as a one-way street had expired, and if all of the temporary signage had been installed. The mayor said he wasn't sure. Ms. Eunice Collene confirmed the signage had been installed. Ms. Schlachter asked how long the trial period was supposed to last. Ms. Collene said she didn't know if the signage said 60 or 90 days. Ms. Kathy Pocock asked if it were possible to widen the berm in the alley to prevent further complaints from the person who originally asked for the street to be converted to a one-way street. Mr. Andrew Brown said that his tipping point was when the Chief previously stated that the alley was not wide enough for two vehicles. He didn't cast his vote off of one person's say, but rather based on what the Chief had advised. He asked if it would be better to make the street a one-way, but in the opposite direction, or if another compromise could be reached. Ms. Mindy Gies said it's no different than Williams Street being changed into a one-way street. Mr. Brown said that Williams Street runs behind his residence, and his children had almost been hit multiple times by drivers speeding down the street. Ms. Gies said she meant that the width of that street is no different than the width of Herrick Alley. (Several attendees were speaking simultaneously, preventing proper transcription of the minutes.) Mr. Miller suggested widening the berm on Herrick Alley. Ms. Elisa Brown said now that Hamilton Street has reopened, perhaps that would help with traffic. Mr. Brown asked if Ms. Schlachter's motion could be amended to include a timeline, now that Hamilton Street has reopened. Mr. Miller asked if the Street Department could see about widening the berm in the meantime. Mr. Brown agreed, and said he wants to make sure Council makes the right decision since one person complained in the first place, and now a second person is making the opposite complaint. Chief said he isn't sure what would need to be done to widen the berm, as that ties in with the right-of-way. Ms. Collene said that could be investigated. (Several attendees were speaking simultaneously, preventing proper transcription of the minutes.) Mr. Andrew Brown asked that Ms. Schlachter's motion be amended to include a 30-day extension for the village to investigate the issue, and for Council to further review the matter after the 30-day extension expires. Ms. Chris Raftery asked Ms. Collene to re-read the motion. Ms. Collene said the motion is to review the one-way on Herrick Alley in 30-days, while the Street Department and Administration investigate the right-of-way. Ms. Schlachter said that wasn't what she stated in her motion. Ms. Collene said that Mr. Brown asked to amend Ms. Schlachter's motion. Mr. Brown asked Ms. Raftery if she was asking Ms. Collene to re-read Ms. Schlachter's original motion or to re-read his amended motion. Ms. Raftery said she wasn't sure. The mayor explained that the original motion from Ms. Schlachter was to revert Herrick Alley back to a two-

way street, and her motion was seconded. The amended motion from Mr. Brown, which had not yet been seconded, was to review the one-way on Herrick Alley in 30-days, while the Street Department and Administration investigate the right-of-way. The mayor asked if there was a second to Mr. Brown's amended motion. Ms. Sue Rogers seconded Mr. Brown's amended motion. The mayor asked for a vote. Ms. Collene asked the mayor if he was requesting a vote on Ms. Schlachter's original motion or Mr. Brown's amended motion. The mayor said the vote is to accept the amended motion. Mr. Jim Barney said that to make it clean, Council should vote on Ms. Schlachter's original motion, or withdraw it, or table it. If the original motion passes, it passes. If it doesn't, then a new motion can be made. Ms. Tammy Schlachter stated she will not withdraw her original motion. Ms. Chris Raftery stated she will not withdraw her second on Ms. Schlachter's original motion. Ms. Schlachter and Ms. Raftery both stated they live in that area, and disagree with Herrick Alley being converted to a one-way street, as does the Monroeville Post Office and Ms. Kathy Pocock. Ms. Collene said there is a first and a second on Ms. Schlachter's original motion, and asked the Council members for a vote. Ms. Tammy Schlachter, Mr. Jim Ehrman, and Ms. Chris Raftery voted yea on the original motion. Mr. Mark Miller, Ms. Sue Rogers, and Mr. Andrew Brown voted nay on the original motion. The mayor said that due to the tie vote, his vote is nay on the original motion. Mr. Andrew Brown made a motion to keep Herrick Alley as a one-way street for 30-days, while widening the berm is investigated, or another alternative is reached. Ms. Sue Rogers seconded Mr. Brown's motion. Ms. Schlachter asked when the trial period would begin. Mr. Brown said today, August 11, 2026. Ms. Collene asked if Council plans on revisiting this at the next regular Council meeting. The Council members confirmed. Mr. Andrew Brown, Ms. Sue Rogers, Mr. Mark Miller, Ms. Tammy Schlachter, and Mr. Jim Ehrman voted yea on Mr. Brown's motion. Ms. Raftery said that she didn't answer for her vote yet. Mr. Jim Ehrman said he voted for her by mistake when her name was called. Ms. Collene asked Ms. Chris Raftery for her vote on Mr. Brown's motion. Ms. Chris Raftery voted nay on Mr. Brown's motion. Motion carried with no further discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The mayor asked Council for a motion to enter into executive session due to pending or imminent court action. Ms. Chris Raftery made a motion, seconded by Mr. Andrew Brown, to enter into executive session. Motion carried with no discussion. The regular Council meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:07 p.m., and reconvened on record at 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before them, the Mayor asked Council for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Chris Raftery made that motion, seconded by Mr. Andrew Brown.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Eunice A. Collene, Fiscal Officer

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Joseph Galea, Mayor

The minutes of this meeting were recorded by Administrative Specialist Heather Alicea. Fiscal Officer Eunice A. Collene examined them for both form and content, subsequently approving them as transcribed.

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