

## **Minutes of January 5, 2026 Special Council Meeting**

Meeting of the Clayton, Ohio City Council  
Clayton Government Center  
January 5, 2026

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 7:30 PM. Present were Mayor Farmer and Councilmembers Henning, Gorman, McDowell, Kelly and York.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

The Honorable Barbara Gorman performed the Swearing-In Ceremony for Clayton's newly elected Mayor, Ryan Farmer, re-elected Councilmember Tina Kelly, and newly elected Councilmembers Misty McDowell and Dana York.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Seim presented the minutes of the December 18, 2025 Council meeting. Motion by Gorman to approve the minutes as presented, Kelly seconded the motion. Voting: Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, McDowell-abstain, Kelly-yes, York-abstain, and Farmer-yes. Motion passed 4-0 with two abstentions.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Law Director Deitering advised an Executive Session is needed this evening for matters pertaining to the appointment of personnel. Motion by Henning to go into Executive Session, motion was seconded by Gorman. Voting: Henning-yes, Gorman-yes, McDowell-yes, Kelly-yes, York-yes, and Farmer-yes. Motion passed 6-0. Council broke at 7:37 PM. Council returned at 8:29 PM and Gorman moved to go back into regular session; motion was seconded by Henning. All yeas, motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 01 A Resolution Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Clayton Planning Commission. Motion by Gorman to Table this Resolution, motion was seconded by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 02 A Resolution Appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Motion by Henning to Table this Resolution, motion was seconded by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 03 A Resolution to Appoint Clayton Representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium for the Year 2026. Motion by Henning to appoint Gorman and McDowell as our representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium, motion was seconded by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 04 A Resolution Appointing Clayton Representatives to the Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund Board for the Year 2026. Motion by Kelly to appoint York as a representative, motion was seconded by McDowell. Motion by Henning to appoint Kelly as our second representative, motion was seconded by York. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 05 A Resolution to Appoint a Clayton Representative and an Alternate to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee for the Year 2026. Motion by Henning to appoint Gorman as our representative and Farmer as our alternate on the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Transportation Committee. Motion was seconded by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 06 A Resolution Appointing Members to the Cost Recovery/Impact Fee Appeals Board. Motion by Henning to appoint Kelly as a representative on the Cost Recovery/Impact Fee Appeals Board, motion was seconded by Gorman. Motion by Kelly to appoint Farmer as our second representative on the Cost Recovery/Impact Fee Appeals Board, motion was seconded by York. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 07 A Resolution Appointing Jennifer Dawn as a Member of the Parks Advisory Commission. Motion by Kelly to appoint Jennifer Dawn to the Parks Advisory Commission, motion was seconded by Gorman. All yeas, motion carried.

Resolution No. R – 01 – 26 – 08 A Resolution Appointing \_\_\_\_ as a Member of the Parks Advisory Commission. Motion by Henning to Table this Resolution due to inadequate applications, motion was seconded by Kelly. All yeas, motion carried.

#### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Elaine Wittman, Interim City Manager, advised I wish to remind everyone that the gas aggregation public hearing will be taking place this Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. One session is going to be at 12:00 p.m. and the other public hearing is going to be at 6 p.m. here in the Council Chambers to gather public input on the MVCC plan of operation and governance for the gas aggregation. Also, last year council requested a joint workshop with the Planning Commission for the residential zoning districts. After talking with the Planning Commission, it appears the best date that works for them is Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. before our regular meeting. I want to see if you are good with this date and time and schedule that this evening. Council all agreed that date works for them. Wittman stated we will plan a work session at 6:30 p.m. on February 5<sup>th</sup> with the Planning Commission. We received our renewal for the public access DATV where we broadcast our meetings. The annual cost has increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 due to needing to do closed caption. Is this something that we still wanted to put on DATV since we have YouTube. These meetings are broadcasts on YouTube live and the recordings are on our website. After discussion, Council agreed to continue with DATV at the increased price.

#### **VISITOR’S COMMENTS**

Bill Seiter there is a now vacant council seat that represents our Ward and I would like Council to be consistent with the representative that we had. We voted a certain way, and we would like that to be respected.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Henning stated I just want to say to the students, I hope you had a nice restful break. I was giving Mr. York's children who are here tonight a little grief because they got a bonus day off after being off for two weeks. Eat breakfast, study, do good on your tests, and continue to do well. Northmont is a great school, great community, have a great second half of the school year. Mr. Farmer, Mr. York, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. McDowell I'm very much looking forward to working with you and I'm ready for this new chapter for the City of Clayton. I know we have a busy couple of months coming up, I think it would be wise for us as a group to all get in a vehicle, and go around the city and see where we could improve upon some things. You will start to see emails from residents about concerns, and I think we need to start looking at things in that way. Gorman welcomed the new people to their new positions and hopefully we can all work together and get something done for the city in the years to come. I'd also like to wish all our residents a happy New Year, and the children a good time in the school year. McDowell thanked the residents in the City of Clayton for voting for me. I look forward to working with all the council members and the new Mayor as well. I would like to say happy New Year and thank you all. Kelly wished happy New Year to everyone. 2026 has to be better than last year for me personally. I would like to thank the voters that came out to vote for me, I appreciate it, I hold this job very serious. I also would like to thank everyone that contributed into my campaign, my friends and family, but I want to definitely mention to my Father who has funded me from day one for my campaign. I also want to make a mention to Joyce Deitering who talked me into getting into politics in the first place, thank you so much. I've known Misty, Ryan and Dana for a long time, and I am looking forward to working with them moving forward. York thanked the residents as well for coming out and voting for me, I really appreciate it. Also thanks to my friends and family who helped me on my campaign, especially my parents, my wife and my kids, going out and putting up signs and then picking them all up after the election. I look forward to working with Council. I think we can turn over a new leaf and work together, to come together as a team. I never thought I'd be sitting here, but it's where the road takes you. Farmer wished everyone a happy New Year. I'm excited about taking on this center seat. It's exciting and daunting at the same time, a tremendous responsibility for the city. I look forward to leading this council. We had a long executive session this evening, but I think that it is a good thing that we were willing to talk. We talked through a lot of things, and we'll see where all that goes. Thank you for coming out, I always value residents coming to these meetings and I would encourage those that are watching, if you can ever come to a meeting, to do so. If you can't make it, at least read the agenda and see if there's anything that catches your eye that you might want to keep track of.

Motion by Gorman, second by McDowell to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.