

Minutes of the Meeting of Council
May 4, 2026

The Council of the City of Sylvania, Ohio met in regular session on May 4, 2026 at 6:57 p.m. with Mayor Frye in the chair. Roll was called with the following members present: Marcus Hansen, Doug Haynam, Brian McCann, Shawn Murphy, Patrick Richardson, Lyndsey Stough, Mary Westphal; (7) present; (0) absent.

Roll call:
All present

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America led by Mrs. Westphal.

Pledge of
Allegiance.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 3.

Item #6 a. Proposed Ordinance No. 75-2026
Item #6 b. Proposed Resolution No. 4-2026
Item #6 c. Legislation regarding the Initiative Petition

Additions to the
agenda.

Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Richardson seconded to approve the amended agenda; roll call vote being: Westphal, Haynam, Murphy, McCann, Stough, Hansen, Richardson; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Approval of
amended
Agenda.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 4.

Mrs. Westphal presented the April 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Hansen seconded, that since the Mayor, members of Council, and others had been furnished copies of these minutes prior to this meeting, Council dispense with the reading of these minutes at this time, and the journal of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2026 be approved as written; roll call vote being: Westphal, Richardson, Haynam, Hansen, McCann, Murphy, Stough; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Approval of
April 20, 2026
Council meeting
minutes.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 5.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief report on the Parks & Forestry Committee meeting held this date regarding the city's Green Yard Waste Program during which the Service Director gave a presentation on several options. Option 1 – Privatization; Option 2 – the purchase of a toter only truck; and Option 3 – continuation with our current model, plus the purchase of a new truck. Mr. Murphy informed Council that the committee recommended that Option 3 was the best solution for the city at this time, but the committee did not vote on this option.

Report on Parks
& Forestry
Comm. held this
date.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 6.

Mrs. Westphal reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting held this date regarding proposed Ordinance No. 75-2026 and proposed Resolution 4-2026 with the Initiative Petition having been added to the committee agenda. Ms. Westphal further reported that the committee advanced proposed Ordinance No. 75-2026 and proposed Resolution 4-2026 to this evening's Council meeting. The signatures for the Initiative Petition have been submitted to the Board of Election for certification. Due to the primary elections, this certification will most likely not occur until the last week of May. Council has until May 30, 2026 to notify the Board whether it will pass, reject or amend the legislation. The committee decided to ask administration to draft legislation

Report on
C.O.W. meeting
held this date.

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for consideration rejecting the Initiative Petition. The administration will not act on the legislation until the signatures have been certified as provided for in the charter.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider added agenda item 6 a.

Mr. Westphal presented and read aloud by title only, proposed amended Ordinance No. 75-2026, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “An ordinance affirming the City of Sylvania Police Department’s policies; requiring notice to City Council of certain policy changes and re-affirming the City of Sylvania’s commitment to community safety, professional law enforcement and non-discriminatory policing; and declaring an emergency”. Mrs. Westphal moved; Mr. McCann seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 75-2026 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: Hansen (yes), Haynam (no), McCann (yes), Murphy (yes), Richardson (yes), Stough (yes), Westphal (yes); (6) yeas; (1) nays. The motion carried.

Amended
Ordinance No.
75-2026 ”...
affirming ...
policy...
community
safety... non-
discriminatory
policing...”

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider added agenda item 6 b.

Mr. Westphal presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Resolution No. 4-2026, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “A Resolution affirming the City of Sylvania’s commitment to respecting and valuing all people; and declaring an emergency”. Mrs. Westphal moved; Mr. Murphy seconded for passage of Resolution 4-2026 as an emergency measure; roll call vote being: McCann, Hansen, Westphal, Murphy, Haynam, Stough, Richardson; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Resolution No.
4-2026
“...respecting
and valuing all
people ...”

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider added agenda item 6 c.

Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. McCann seconded to reject the Initiative Petition proposed ordinance for the City of Sylvania, Ohio titled Sylvania Resource Conservation and Equal Access Ordinance and ask the administration to prepare legislation; roll call vote being: Stough, Haynam, Hansen, Richardson, McCann, Murphy, Westphal; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Motion to reject
Initiative
Petition.

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 7.

Mr. Westphal presented and read aloud by title only, proposed Ordinance No. 81-2026,

Ordinance No.
81-2026 “....

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a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to enter into an agreement, on behalf of the City of Sylvania, Ohio, with the Board of Lucas County Commissioners, for the provision of public defender services to the Sylvania Municipal Court for the year 2026; and declaring an emergency”. Mrs. Westphal moved; Ms. Stough seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 81-2026 as an emergency measure; roll call being: Hansen, Richardson, Murphy, McCann, Stough, Haynam, Westphal; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

agreement ...
public defender
services ...”

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 8.

Service Director’s letter recommending approval of Change Order No. 2 (Final) was placed on file. Mr. Richardson presented and read aloud by title only, proposed ordinance No. 82-2026, a written copy of same having been previously furnished to each member of Council “Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Finance to approve Change Order No. 2 (Final) to this City’s agreement with Helms and Sons Excavating, Inc. for the Harroun Road and Ravine Drive Intersection Improvement Project; decreasing the contract amount by \$140,474.98; and declaring an emergency”. Mr. Richardson moved; Mr. McCann seconded for passage of Ordinance No. 82-2026 as an emergency measure; roll call being: Westphal, Haynam, Murphy, McCann, Stough, Hansen, Richardson; (7) yeas; (0) nays. The motion carried.

Ordinance No.
82-2026 “...
C.O. 2 (Final)...
Helms & Sons ...
Harroun &
Ravine...”

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 9.

There are no additional committee reports

Committee
Reports

Mayor Frye stated that Council will now consider agenda item 10 a.

At the request of the committee chair, Mayor Frye moved the scheduling of an Annexation & Zoning Committee meeting to the next Council meeting on May 18, 2026.

Annexation &
Zoning
Committee
meeting schedule

Mayor Frye stated that all items have been addressed.

Mrs. Westphal moved, Mr. Murphy seconded to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Roll call vote being: Stough, Hansen, McCann, Murphy, Richardson, Haynam, Mrs. Westphal; (7) yeas; (0) nays.

Adjournment.

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Clerk of Council

Mayor