



CITY OF PATASKALA

COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2025

The Council of the City of Pataskala met in regular session on August 4, 2025, at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, located at 621 W. Broad Street. The pledge of allegiance was given. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, and Galik – present. Hite and Lee – absent. Mayor Michael W. Compton presiding and Brian Zets, Law Director present.

Citizens Comments

Todd Ward addressed City Council. These comments are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the City's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Reports

Mike Compton mentioned the issue that happened at the swimming pool and gave kudos to the pool management and the quick action of the first responders to help and have learned that the little boy will make a full recovery as well as the mother.

Andy Walther, Council President, wanted to let council know that the reason the pool was built was because there were kids that would swim and drown in the creek. The police constable in the early 70's had earned money to build the pool and took him four year to raise the money. They got some money from the state but also sold corn out on Route 40 and other things to raise the rest of the money so they could offer kids in the area swim lessons. Would like everyone to keep that in mind when things come up in the budget, the reason the pool is there. He also appreciates the training and work of the lifeguards that were there. Congratulations to them.

Tim Hickin, City Administrator, reminded everyone that the Pataskala Street Fair will be August 13th to the 16th this year and we will have a booth if anyone would like to sign up for a shift please let him know, traffic and everything that goes along with the fair, please keep in mind and the parade will start at 11 am not noon this year and accepted questions from Council.

Chris Sharrock, Assistant City Administrator, stated the lifeguard's name was Kaden Ross and the three officers and wanted to public thank them and accepted questions from Council.

Jennifer Dennis, Finance Director, stated there is a first reading for a supplemental on the agenda and wanted to thank council for all of their support and was a privilege to work under Jamie and being

mentored by him the last year and half, the finance will still have the open door policy so please come in and ask any questions and accepted questions from Council.

Jeremy Moore, Utility Director, gave an update on the roof at the booster station and he will be reaching out tomorrow by email to set up a utility meeting the week of August 25th, 2025 and accepted questions from Council.

Alan Haines, Public Service Director, stated there was a meeting with ODOT and they are submitting a safety application for the intersection of 310 and Refugee Rd and needs to have a Streets Committee to talk about the TIF to help ODOT with that project as well as the budget and will be reaching out to get that scheduled and accepted questions from Council.

Scott Fulton, Planning Director, needs to schedule a Development Committee and accepted questions from Council.

Bruce Brooks, Chief of Police, stated that Pelotonia went well and that they changed their routes after years of suggestions from the department, stated he was also going to talk about issue that happened at the pool and the Street Fair Parade change of time that has already been covered by others and accepted questions from Council.

Any questions asked by Council are available by audio recording through the Office of the Clerk of Council or the City's YouTube channel in accordance with the City's record retention schedule.

Committee Chair Reports

There were none.

Discussion and approval of Consent Agenda matters

Walther removed Resolution 2025-062 from the consent agenda and placed it under 8b.

Walther made a motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, and Galik -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

The Consent Agenda included the Administrator's Report, Department Reports, Motion to excuse the absence of Andy Walther from all meetings held on July 21, 2025, Motion to excuse the absence of Brandon Galik from all meetings held on July 21, 2025, July 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes and the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025-059 – A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute a contract to purchase one thousand Itron 500w cellular pit ERTs and one thousand 500w ERT mounting kits

RESOLUTION 2025-060 – A resolution approving a ‘then & now’ fiscal officer’s certification with Munibit by the City Finance Director, pursuant to R.C. 5705.41(d)(2), for the payment of operating expenditures.

RESOLUTION 2025-061 - A resolution confirming the mayor’s appointment of Jennifer Dennis to serve as Finance Director and authorizing and directing the City Administrator to enter into an employment agreement with Jennifer Dennis

Unfinished Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4499 for a third reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2025-4499 – Third Reading - An ordinance to revise section 505.11(c) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala, Licking County, Ohio.

Walther made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-4499. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Hampshire, Galik, Walther, Epperson, and Kohman -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

New Business

Walther made a motion to read Ordinance 2025-4501 for a first reading. Seconded by Epperson. The Clerk read the following:

ORDINANCE 2025-4501 – First Reading - An ordinance to make supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

Compton read Resolution 2025-062.

RESOLUTION 2025-062 - A resolution authorizing and directing the City Administrator to execute an agreement for Economic Development with GROW Licking County Improvement Corporation

Discussion- Walther stated that there has been new information come out that the current Director of GROW Licking County has resigned and will be leaving the organization at the beginning of September. Without understanding the direction that GROW Licking County will be going and who will be in charge, he would like to make a motion to table the resolution 2025-062 until there is more information.

Walther made a motion to table Resolution 2025-062. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Walther, Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, and Galik -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Additional Citizens’ Comments

There were none.

Walther made a Motion to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1), to consider the appointment and compensation of a public employee. To be invited: Mayor Mike Compton, City

Administrator Tim Hickin and Assistant City Administrator Chris Sharrock. Seconded by Epperson. Roll Call: Epperson, Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, and Walther -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and went into executive session at 7:23pm.

Epperson made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:49pm. Seconded by Hampshire. Roll Call: Kohman, Hampshire, Galik, Walther, and Epperson -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed and came out of executive session.

Committee Meeting Announcements, Scheduling Issues & General Comments

Epperson hopes everyone has a great fair week and has fun.

Galik hopes everyone as a great fair week as well and to have fun at the parade and thanked everyone for the hard work they put into it.

Hampshire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Galik. Roll Call: Galik, Walther, Epperson, Kohman and Hampshire -yes. Mayor Compton declared the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes approved Aug 18th, 2025.

ATTEST:

Jessica Cumbo
Jessica M. Cumbo, Clerk of Council

Andrew Walther
Andrew Walther, Council President