

AGENDA

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING** August 12, 2026-5:30 P.M.

FRANCIS J. McLAUGHLIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Quorum is Present - Meeting is in Session.
4. Proclamations & Presentations.
5. Approval of Minutes.
6. Reading of Communications.
7. Reports of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.
8. Public questions from residents (or representative) related to the above-referenced reports. Questions may be limited to three (3) minutes.
9. Recognition of Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council.
10. OLD BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.
11. NEW BUSINESS
Note: After each item is placed on the table for action, public comments from residents (or representative) as to that business item are received. May be limited to three (3) minutes per person and thirty (30) minutes total.
 - A. An **Ordinance** Modifying the Design Review Historical Preservation District of the City of Canfield.

Public Comments
 - B. An **Ordinance** Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Canfield to Enter into A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) With the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Public Comments
 - C. A **Motion** Ratifying a Contract Between the City of Canfield and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Police Officers, Unit A; Dispatchers, Unit B; Lieutenants and Sergeants, Unit C) For Years, 2027, 2028 and 2029.

Public Comments
12. Council Comments.
13. Adjournment

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE
DESIGN REVIEW HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD**

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from the Zoning Inspector, Law Director and the City Manager, the Council of the City of Canfield has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City and therefore necessary to modify the Design Review Historical Preservation District of the City of Canfield, and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that Talsman Drive shall be removed from the Design Review Area of the City as construction and development of said area lacks the characteristics necessary to be included in such District with regards to the construction, architecture or historical value.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF CANFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:**

Section 1. That Talsman Dr. shall no longer be part of the Design Review Area of the city, and the City Manager is authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to amend the Zoning Map of the City in accordance with Canfield Ordinance Section 1123.01(f).

Section 2. That the Comprehensive Plan of the City shall be amended to remove Talsman Dr. from the Design Review Area in accordance with Codified Canfield Ordinance 1129.06.

Section 3. That this Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ day of _____, 2026.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio,
hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was posted in a prominent
place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days,
to-wit:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Introduced by: _____
First Reading: _____

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE
CITY OF CANFIELD TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
(MOU) WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the City of Canfield desires to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association in the form and manner of the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Council of the City of Canfield authorizes the City Manager to enter into the attached MOU between the City of Canfield and the Ohio Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association.

Section 2: This Ordinance and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Ordinance were held in open meetings of this council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY

Memorandum of Understanding

Now comes the City of Canfield (City) and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and enter into this Memorandum of Understanding concerning additional language added to the 2024 – 2026 collective bargaining agreement.

Whereas, the City and the OPBA would like to memorialize the terms and conditions in which the following language changes and additions would apply.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- 1) **Section 12. Donation of Sick Leave.** Any member from bargaining Unit A (Full Time Police), Unit B (Full Time Dispatchers) and Unit C (Lieutenants and Sergeants) is permitted to donate sick leave to a Dispatcher or Officer in need up to a maximum of 80 hours per calendar year provided the receiving employee(s) has exhausted all leave balances including sick leave, vacation, compensatory time, and personal day(s). The donating Dispatcher or Police officer will not forfeit the opportunity to receive sick bonus as a result of donating the time. The need for sick leave cannot be work related injury. Donated time shall not be eligible for cash out or transfer and shall not be returned to the donating member and will be used first in the future.
- 2) **ARTICLE 30 COMPENSATION.** Public Safety Lead Dispatcher 2026 - \$71,677
- 3) **ARTICLE 49 Public Safety Lead Dispatcher.**
 - Section 1. The Employer will maintain one (1) Public Safety Lead Dispatcher.
 - Section 2. The classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall be maintained within the Bargaining Unit B.
 - Section 3. The classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit B and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police following the guidelines for Promotion outlined in Article 29.
 - Section 4. The Bargaining Unit Member classified as Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall relinquish said classification upon written resignation, retirement, promotion or by appropriate revocation action by the Employer for just cause. If at any point in time the Employee resigns, is demoted, or removed from the specific classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher, the Employee shall maintain full rights under the contract based on "seniority" (i.e., hiring date for the original bargaining unit position as a Public Safety Dispatcher).

FOR THE CITY

City Manager, David A. D'Apolito

Date: July 20, 2026

David A. D'Apolito

Police Chief, Charles S. Colucci

Date: 7/20/26

FOR THE UNION

OPBA, Jeff Perry

Date: 7/23/26

Josh Zmuda

Officer, Josh Zmuda

Date: 7/20/26

MOTION

A MOTION RATIFYING A CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF CANFIELD AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (POLICE OFFICERS, UNIT A, DISPATCHERS,
UNIT B; LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS, UNIT C)
FOR YEARS 2027,2028 AND 2029

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Canfield have negotiated a three-year (3 year) agreement with The Ohio Benevolent Association (Police Officers, Unit A; Dispatchers, Unit B; Lieutenants and Sergeants, Unit C) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4117; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to ratify said action of the City of Canfield.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANFIELD, OHIO:

Section 1: The Council of the City of Canfield hereby ratifies the execution of an agreement by and between the City of Canfield and The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Patrol Officers, Unit A; Dispatchers, Unit B; Lieutenants and Sergeants, Unit C), a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2: That this Motion and all deliberations relating to the passage of this Motion were held in open meetings of this Council, all pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and Section 3.11 of the Charter of the Municipality of Canfield.

PASSED IN COUNCIL THIS _____ DAY OF _____ A.D.,2026

CLERK OF COUNCIL

Certification of Publication

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council of the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was posted in a prominent place at the Municipal Building, Canfield, Ohio for seven continuous days, to-wit: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY



An Agreement

between

The City of Canfield

and

The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

Unit A: (Full-time Patrol Officers, School Resource Officers, K-9 Officers, and Detectives)

Unit B: (Full-time Dispatchers)

Unit C: (Full-time Lieutenants and Sergeants)

Effective: January 1, 2027

Expires: December 31, 2029

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ARTICLE I PREAMBLE, DAYS DEFINED

This Agreement is hereby entered into by and between the City of Canfield, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, hereinafter referred to as the "OPBA".

"Days" shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specified throughout this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND INTENT

In an effort to continue harmonious and cooperative relationships with its Employees and to insure its orderly and uninterrupted efficient operations the Employer and Employees desire to enter into this agreement reached through collective bargaining which will have for its purposes, among others, the following:

- 1) To recognize the legitimate interests of the Employees of the Employer to participate though collective bargaining in the determination of the terms and conditions of their employment;
- 2) To promote fair and reasonable working conditions;
- 3) To promote individual efficiency and service the Employer;
- 4) To avoid interruption or interference with the efficient operation of the Employers business; and
- 5) To provide a basis for the adjustment of matters of mutual interest by means of amicable discussion.

ARTICLE 3 RECOGNITION

Section 1. Bargaining Units The Employer agrees that, for the period of this contract it recognizes the OPBA as exclusive representative for negotiating wages and salaries, hours of work, and all other terms and conditions of employment for all regular full-time Patrol Officers, and Detective (Unit A), regular full-time Dispatchers (Unit B), and regular full-time police Sergeants and Lieutenants (Unit C) on the Canfield Police Department. The Employer and the OPBA agree to continue to negotiate with each other in good faith on all matters concerning the employment of said Employees.

Section 2. Officer and Dispatcher Whenever the context so requires the use of the term Officer shall refer to Bargaining Units A & C only. The use of the term Dispatcher shall refer to Bargaining Unit B only. The use of term Employee shall refer to all members of Bargaining Units A, B, & C.

Section 3. List of Employees The Employer will furnish the OPBA with a list of all Employees in the classifications covered by this Agreement indicating their starting date of employment. Such list will be furnished no less than annually and will be supplemented by the names of all new Employees as hired.

ARTICLE 4 DUES DEDUCTION

Section 1. Dues Deductions During the term of this Agreement, the Employer shall deduct initiation fees, assessments levied by the OPBA and the regular monthly OPBA dues from the wages of those Employees who have voluntarily signed dues deduction authorization forms permitting said deductions. No new authorization forms will be required from any Employees in the Canfield Police Department for whom the Employer is currently deducting dues.

Section 2. Union Certification of Fees and Dues The initiation fees, dues or assessments so deducted shall be in the amounts established by the OPBA from time to time in accordance with its Constitution and Bylaws. The OPBA shall certify to the Employer the amounts due and owing from the Employees involved.

Section 3. Deduction by Pay Period The Employer shall deduct dues, initiation fees or assessments from each pay in equal deductions. If an Employee has no pay due on that pay date such amounts shall be deducted from the next or subsequent pay.

Section 4. Submission of Dues to Union A check in the amount of the total dues withheld from those Employees authorizing a dues deduction shall be tendered to the treasurer of the OPBA within thirty (30) days from the date of making said deductions.

Section 5. Indemnification of City by Union The OPBA hereby agrees to hold the Employer harmless from any and all claims, liabilities or damages which may arise from the performance of its obligations under this Article and the OPBA shall indemnify the Employer for any such claims, liabilities or damages that may arise.

ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 1. Management Responsibility to Manage Except to the extent modified in this agreement, the Employer shall have the exclusive right to manage the operations, control the premises, direct the working force and maintain efficiency of operations. Among the Employers management rights are the right to hire, transfer, discipline, and discharge for just cause, lay off and promote; to promulgate and enforce work rules; to introduce new equipment, methods of performing work, or facilities; to determine the size, duties, and qualifications of the work force, and work schedules.

Section 2. Description of Management Rights and Responsibilities Nothing in this Agreement does or shall be interpreted to impair the right and responsibility of the Employer to:

- a) Determine the overall mission of the Employer as a unit of government;
- b) Determine matters of inherent managerial policy which include, but are not limited to areas of discretion or policy such as the functions and programs of the public Employer, standards of services, its overall budget, utilization of technology, and organizational structure.
- c) Direct, supervise, evaluate, or hire Employees;
- d) Maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of governmental operations;
- e) Determine the overall methods, process, means, or personnel by which governmental operations are to be conducted;
- f) Suspend, discipline, demote, or discharge for just cause, or lay off, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain Employees;
- g) Determine the adequacy of the work force;
- h) Effectively manage the work force;
- i) Take actions to carry out the mission of the public Employer as a governmental unit.

ARTICLE 6 EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section 1. Union Representation An Employee has the right to the presence and advice of an OPBA representative at all disciplinary interrogations, when the discipline can directly result in financial loss (i.e., suspension, demotion, or discharge).

Section 2. Criminal Questioning An Employee who is to be questioned as a suspect in any investigation of any criminal charge against the Employee shall be advised of their constitutional rights (i.e., Miranda Rights) before any questioning starts.

Section 3. Garrity Rights Before an Employee may be charged with any violation of the Rules and Regulations (i.e., insubordination) for a refusal to answer questions or participate in an investigation, the Employee shall be advised that the Employee's refusal to answer such questions or participate in such investigation will be the basis of such a charge (i.e., Garrity Rights).

Section 4. Investigatory Interviews Questioning or interviewing of an Employee in the course of an internal investigation will be conducted at hours reasonably related to the Employee's shift, unless operational necessities require otherwise, at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Interrogation sessions shall be for reasonable periods of time and time shall be provided for rest periods and attendance to physical necessities. In addition, either the Employer or Employee may demand and record by such device as the Employer or Employee may deem appropriate, and a transcript may be prepared at the expense of the party demanding it.

Section 5. Employee Informed An Employee will be informed of the nature of any investigation of himself prior to any questioning. If the Employee being questioned is, at the time, a witness and not under investigation, the Employee shall be so advised, and the nature of investigation need not be stated to the Employee.

Section 6. Personnel File An Employee may request an opportunity to review their own personnel file, add memoranda to the file clarifying any documents contained in the file and may have a representative of the OPBA present when reviewing their own file. A request by the Employee or their own duly appointed agent for copies of items included in his or her file shall be honored. All items in the Employee's file with regard to complaints and investigations will be clearly marked with respect to the final disposition.

Section 7. Criminal Charges With respect to investigations which may result in criminal charges, a formal charge of misconduct shall be prepared in writing stating the matters which are under investigation and the charges which are being considered. If, during the course of an investigation this is determined, the formal written notice will be prepared and delivered to the Employee.

Section 8. Polygraph/CVSA Examination In the course of an internal affairs investigation, a polygraph or CVSA examination may be administered, with the Employee's consent.

Section 9. Written Charges All complaints which may involve any type of discipline that can directly result in financial loss (i.e., suspension, demotion, or discharge) to an Employee, shall be in writing and signed by a complainant. The Employer will furnish a copy of the complaint to the Employee whom the complaint has been filed against when such Employee is notified of the investigation.

Section 10. Copies of Agreement Copies of this Agreement will be printed at the Employers expense and distributed to each member of the bargaining unit.

Section 11. Retention of Disciplinary Records and Records of Performance. Records of disciplinary actions shall be removed from the employee's personnel file three (3) years after the date of the alleged offense leading to disciplinary action or as soon thereafter as the same may be removed and destroyed pursuant to Public Records Laws or other laws of the State of Ohio and destroyed in accordance with the current records retention schedule of the City of Canfield.

Section 12. Standards of Proficiency Should the Employer deem it necessary to adopt standards of proficiency in the areas of education, weapons qualifications and physical and mental competency exams, then the Employer shall give written notice to the OPBA of such intent and shall meet and confer prior to implementation. Any implementation by the Employer of such standards and/or examinations shall include; notice to OPBA of the standards to be met, the consequences of non-compliance or failure to meet testing requirements, and a reasonable time period within which the Employee must satisfy the requirements implemented.

ARTICLE 7 NO STRIKE

Section 1. Grievance Procedure to Resolve Disputes The Employer and the OPBA agree that the grievance procedures provided herein are adequate to provide a fair and final determination of all grievances arising under this Agreement.

Section 2. No Strike, Discipline Neither the OPBA nor any member of the bargaining unit, for the duration of this Agreement, shall directly or indirectly call, sanction, encourage, finance, participate, or assist in any way in any strike, slowdown, walkout, concerted "sick leave" or mass resignation, work stoppage or slowdown, or other interference with the normal operation of the Employer. A breach of this Section may be grounds for discipline.

Section 3. Union Cooperation The OPBA shall, at all times, cooperate with the Employer in continuing operations in a normal manner and shall actively discourage and attempt to prevent any violation of the "no strike" clause.

Section 4. Notice to Union and Employees, Discipline In the event of a violation of the "no-strike" clause, the OPBA shall promptly notify all Employees in a reasonable manner that the strike, work stoppage or slowdown, or other interference with normal operations of the Employer is in violation of this Agreement, unlawful and not sanctioned or approved of by the OPBA. The OPBA shall direct the Employees to return to work immediately and advise Employees if they do not return to work immediately that such violation shall be automatic and sufficient grounds for immediate disciplinary action, including lawful discharge.

Section 5. Lockout The Employer shall not lock out any Employees for the duration of this agreement.

ARTICLE 8 WORK RULES

Section 1. Issuance of Work Rules & Policies The Employer agrees to furnish the Labor Management Committee, as established in Article 42 with written notice of the Employer's intention to make changes in department rules, policies or procedures that would affect the terms and conditions of employment of Employees. If the Labor Management Committee does not respond in writing within seven (14) days of the date of receipt of such written notice, the Employer may assume the Labor Management Committee does not wish to bargain on the proposed changes. Should the Labor Management Committee respond within seven (14) days from the date of receipt of such written notice, the Employer agrees to bargain with the Labor Management Committee in order to freely exchange information, opinions and proposals relating specifically to the proposed changes prior to their enactment or within a reasonable time after the enactment of an emergency rule. The Employer shall furnish the Labor Management Committee with a copy of such changes and inform them of the proposed implementation plans. Upon request, the Employer shall provide the Labor Management Committee with or access to available resource materials, studies or data relating to the merits of the proposed changes prior to said meeting with the Employer.

ARTICLE 9 DISCIPLINE

Section 1. Basis for Discipline Disciplinary action taken by the Employer that may result in demotion, suspension, and/or discharge shall only be for just cause. Except in cases of gross misconduct the concept of progressive discipline will be adhered to.

Section 2. Notice to Employee A non-probationary Employee who is, demoted, suspended, or discharged shall be given written notice regarding the reason or reasons for the action. The Employee shall be informed of the right to confer with a representative of the OPBA.

Section 3. Appeal of Discipline Any Employee who is, demoted, suspended or discharged may file an appeal of such action, in writing, through the grievance procedure contained herein within seven (7) calendar days following the receipt of notice of any such order of demotion, suspension, or discharge.

Section 4. Basis for Discipline An Employee shall be disciplined only for violation of established standards of conduct or rules and regulations of the Employer. Such rules shall be equitably applied to all Employees.

Section 5. Time to Initiate Discipline In areas of discipline that are non-criminal in nature, the Employer shall take disciplinary action within a period of no later than sixty (60) calendar days from when the Employer becomes cognizant of the alleged infraction. (Note to this sentence: - If an infraction is initiated as criminal in nature and then is found to be non-criminal, the sixty (60) disciplinary period commences with the time the infraction is deemed non-criminal.) If such disciplinary action is not taken against the Employee within such period of time, the disciplinary action is deemed withdrawn. In areas of discipline that are criminal in nature, the Employer may take disciplinary action within a period of no later than sixty (60) calendar days from when all court proceedings are concluded, however, this sixty (60) calendar days will not extend past any codified statutes of limitations. All times within this section may be extended by mutual written agreement.

Section 6. Records of Employee Conduct Records of supervisory intervention, warning, written reprimand, suspension, or reduction shall cease to have force and effect thirty six (36) months from the date of issuance.

Section 7. Pre-Disciplinary Process(a)

(a) **Criminal Charges** When an employee is charged with a misdemeanor or felony, the Employer shall schedule a pre – disciplinary hearing within 10 days. An employee may be placed on administrative leave with pay at any time during the process, if the appointing authority determines the employee’s continued presence on the job represents a potential danger to persons or property, or would interfere with the employer’s operation

(b) **Garrity Rights, Administrative Leave Pending Criminal Matter** Unless the employee is granted their Garrity Rights, they shall be placed on administrative leave until the criminal matter has been adjudicated. The first 30 days shall be with pay. The Employer may place them on unpaid administrative leave, after the 30 days. The pre – disciplinary hearing would be held in abeyance until the matter has been resolved in the courts. The Employee may use any accrued time, other than sick leave, while on administrative leave without pay.

(c) **Employee on Administrative Leave** An employee may be placed on administrative leave with pay or suspended for cause if they are granted their Garrity Rights and the reason for the suspension is based on a misdemeanor, (related to Uniform Standards of Conduct #1), or a felony. If after 30 days, the complaint has not been resolved in Court, the Employer may place on administrative leave without pay or suspend the employee, until the matter has been adjudicated. If such suspension is imposed, its outcome is subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure. The Employee may use any accrued time, other than sick leave, while on administrative leave without pay.

(d) **Administrative Charges During or Following Criminal Proceedings** Once the criminal case has been fully adjudicated, the employer shall have 10 calendar days to re-open the pre-disciplinary hearing. Additionally, the Employer may pursue administrative proceedings/discipline during the pendency of the criminal proceedings. If the employee is found to be innocent of the criminal and administrative charges, they shall be made whole for all time lost.

ARTICLE 10 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Employee Representatives The parties recognize that it may be necessary for an Employee representative of the OPBA to leave a normal work assignment while acting in the capacity of representation. The OPBA recognizes the operational needs of the Employer and will cooperate to keep to a minimum the time lost from work by representatives. Before leaving an assignment pursuant to this section, the representative must obtain approval from the Chief of Police, the Chief’s designee or, if no person is designated, then through the established chain of command. The Employer will compensate a representative at the appropriate rate for time spent in good faith processing of grievances, and at any meetings at which the Employer requests a representative be present.

Section 2. Negotiating Committee Two members of each bargaining unit on the Negotiating Committees shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in collective bargaining meetings with the Employer, if held during a member's regular working hours without loss of pay.

Section 3. Bi-Annual Union Leave An approved leave of up to five (5) working days for every two (2) years may be granted to two members of the OPBA Negotiating Committee for the purpose of attending OPBA conventions. A minimum of thirty (30) calendar days written notice shall be provided to the Employer prior to taking such leave. Leave for this purpose shall be unpaid.

Section 4. OPBA Representatives Duly authorized representatives of the OPBA shall have access to the Canfield Police Department premises for the purpose of transacting official OPBA business consistent with this Agreement, provided that this shall not interfere or disrupt the normal conduct of the Canfield Police Department affairs.

Section 5. Copy Machine The OPBA shall be permitted use of the Canfield Police Department copy machine.

ARTICLE 11 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1. Right to Present Grievances Every Employee shall have the right to present their own grievance in accordance with the procedures provided herein, free from any interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination or reprisal and shall have the right to be represented by a person of their own choosing at all stages of the Grievance Procedure. It is the intent and purpose of the parties to this Agreement that all grievances shall be settled, if possible, at the lowest step of this procedure.

Section 2. Definitions For the purposes of this procedure, the below listed terms are defined as follows:

- a) **Grievance** - A "grievance" shall be defined as an allegation that a specific term of this Agreement is being violated.
- b) **Grievant** - The "grievant" shall be defined as any Employee, or group of Employees, within the bargaining unit, or OPBA.
- c) **Party in Interest** - A "party in interest" shall be defined as any bargaining unit Employee of the Employer named in the grievance that is not the grievant.
- d) **Days** - A "day" as used in this procedure shall mean calendar days.

Section 3. Grievance Procedures The following procedures shall apply to the administration of all grievances filed under this procedure.

- a) **Information required in grievance** All grievances shall be in either written or typed form utilizing only the OPBA official grievance form, which shall include the name and position of the grievant, the identity of the provisions of this agreement involved in the grievance; the time and place where the alleged events or conditions giving rise to the grievance took place, the identity of the party responsible for causing the said grievance, if known to the grievant; a general statement of the nature of the grievance and the redress sought by the grievant; and shall be delivered to the Chief of Police by the grievant and/or an active member of the current bargaining unit or business agent. The grievance form shall be signed by the grievant or union representative or OPBA business agent upon delivery.
- b) **Written decisions** All decisions shall be rendered in writing at each step of the grievance procedure. Each decision shall be transmitted to the grievant.
- c) **Representation in grievance procedure** The grievant may choose whomever the grievant wishes to represent him at any step of the grievance procedure.

- d) **Exclusive process** The existence of this Grievance Procedure, hereby established, shall not be deemed to require any Employee to pursue the remedies herein provided and shall not impair or limit the right of any Employee to pursue any other remedies available under law, except that any Employee who pursues any other available remedy other than provided by this procedure, shall automatically have waived and forfeited any remedies provided by this procedure.
- e) **Time limits** The time limits provided herein will be strictly adhered to and any grievance not filed within the specified time limits will be deemed waived and void. If the Employer fails to reply within the specified time limit, the grievance shall be automatically sustained in favor of the grievant. The time limits specified for either party may be extended only by mutual written agreement. This procedure shall not be used for the purposes of adding to, subtracting from, or altering in any way, any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- g) **Informal adjustment of grievances** Nothing contained herein shall be construed as limiting the right of any Employee having a potential grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the administration and having said matter adjusted without the intervention of the OPBA, provided that the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and provided that the Employee may have an OPBA representative present if they so desire. In the event that the grievance is adjusted without formal determination, pursuant to this procedure, while such adjustment shall be binding upon the grievant and shall, in all respects, be final, said adjustment shall not create a precedent or ruling binding upon the Employer in future proceedings.

Section 4. Grievance Procedure All grievances shall be administered in accordance with the following steps of the grievance procedure:

Step 1: Police Chief Informal Meeting An Employee who believes they may have a grievance shall notify the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee in writing of the possible grievance within five (5) days of the occurrence of the facts giving rise to the grievance. The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee will schedule an informal meeting with the Employee and an OPBA representative, this meeting may be waived if mutually agreed upon by both parties, if such representation is requested by the Employee, within fourteen (14) days of receipt by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee of the notice of the Employee, at which time the issue in dispute will be discussed with the objective of resolving the matter informally, and a written statement of resolution or failure to resolve shall be prepared and provided to the grievant and the party in interest, within seven (7) days of the meeting.

Step 2: City Manager Meeting If the grievant or any party in interest is not satisfied with the written decision at the conclusion of Step 1, a written appeal of the decision may be filed with the City Manager within five (5) days from the date of the rendering of the decision at Step 1. Copies of the written decisions shall be submitted with the appeal. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall convene a hearing within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the appeal. The hearing will be held with the grievant, their own OPBA representative and any other party necessary to provide the required information for the rendering of a proper decision.

Step 3: City Manager Written Decision The City Manager or the City Manager's designee shall issue a written decision to the Employee and their own OPBA representative within fifteen (15) days from the date of the hearing. If the Union is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, the Union may proceed to arbitration pursuant to the Arbitration procedure herein contained.

ARTICLE 12 ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Appeal to Arbitration In the event a grievance is unresolved after being processed through all the steps of the Grievance Procedure, unless mutually waived, then within ten (10) days after the rendering of the decision at Step 2, the Union may submit the grievance to arbitration. Upon receipt of a demand to arbitrate the parties will promptly request the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to submit a panel of arbitrators and will choose one by the alternative strike method. Alternatively, the parties may agree to a mutually agreed arbitrator.

Section 2. Arbitrator Authority The arbitrator shall have no power or authority to add to, subtract from, or in any manner, alter the specific terms of this Agreement or make any award requiring the commission of any act prohibited by law or to make any award that itself is contrary to law or violates any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, unless it is the specific unresolved issue of Mid-Term Bargaining.

Section 3. Rules for Arbitration Hearings The hearing or hearings shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules of the FMCS.

Section 4. Arbitration Fees The fees and expenses of the arbitrator and the cost of the hearing room, if any, will be borne by the party losing the grievance. All other expenses will be borne by the party incurring them. Neither party shall be responsible for any of the expenses incurred by the other party.

Section 5. Witnesses at Arbitration Hearings An Employee requested to appear at the arbitration hearing by either party shall attend without the necessity of subpoena and shall be compensated at the regular hourly rate during required attendance. Any request made by either party for the attendance of witnesses shall be made in good faith.

Section 6. Arbitration decision The arbitrator's decision and award will be in writing and delivered within thirty (30) days from the date the record is closed. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

ARTICLE 13 NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1. The Employer and the OPBA agree not to discriminate against any Employee(s) on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation or handicap.

Section 2. The OPBA expressly agrees that membership in the OPBA is at the option of the Employee and that it will not discriminate with respect to representation between members and non-members.

ARTICLE 14 GENDER AND PLURAL

Whenever the context so requires, the use of the words herein in the singular shall be construed to include the plural, and words in the neuter genders shall be construed to include all of said genders. By the use of either the masculine or feminine genders it is understood that said use is for convenience purposes only and is not to be interpreted to be discriminatory by reason of sex.

ARTICLE 15 CONFORMITY TO LAW

Section 1. Supersede This Agreement shall supersede any present and future city laws, applicable rules or regulations.

Section 2. Conflict of Law and Agreement If the enactment of legislation, or a determination by a court of final and competent jurisdiction (whether in a proceeding between the parties or in one not between the parties) renders any portion of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such legislation or decision shall not effect the validity of the surviving portions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect as if such invalid portion thereof had not been included herein.

ARTICLE 16 OVERTIME PAY

Section 1. Overtime Compensation Employees are eligible for overtime compensation for any hours compensated or worked in excess of eight (8) hours in one day or for any hours compensated or worked in excess of forty (40) in one week, when approved in writing by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. The Employee shall be compensated, at the Employee's election, either at (a) the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the Employee's adjusted regular hourly rate for hours worked or (b) by "compensatory time off" computed at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the hours worked. The maximum accumulation of "compensatory time off" is 100 hours. Any balance of comp time at the end of the calendar year will be applied to the maximum accumulation for the following year. The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee may refuse requests for using "compensatory time off" if it results in overtime for another Employee.

Section 2. Shifts defined. For payroll reporting, scheduling, holiday pay and overtime computing, all shifts starting at 10:00 p.m. or after shall be considered as falling on the following day (Example: A shift that begins at 10:00 p.m. on February 2nd, will be considered as falling on the midnight turn for February 3rd. The same for the 11:00 p.m. shift. A shift beginning at 9:00 p.m. on February 2nd will be considered as falling on the afternoon turn on February 2nd.)

Section 3. FLSA The "compensatory time off" options contained in this Article shall be offered only to the extent consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Section 4. Call-In Whenever approved by the Chief or the Chief's designee, off duty Employees, called in to work, scheduled for a special detail (i.e., administrative or teaching assignment, filling in for a vacant shift, and calls outs), or appearing in court or at hearings on behalf of the Employer shall be compensated as described in Section 1 of this Article, and in no event shall be compensated for less than four (4) hours regular time, which may be taken as paid or "compensatory time off" overtime.

Section 5. Required Training All Employees who are not scheduled to work, but are required to attend departmental meetings, firearms practice, training sessions, K-9 Training, qualifications and testing (i.e., annual Physical Fitness Assessment, Data master testing, Range Qualifications, Range Practice, etc.), or uniform fittings - when the uniform item is provided by the department - shall be compensated as set forth in Section 1 (a) or (b) of this Article.

Section 6. Overtime Rotation The Employer or its designee shall rotate all overtime opportunities among the full-time Employees, except as provided herein, in accordance with rotational lists (one consisting of Unit A & C and another list consisting of Unit B). The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee may post the rotational list for Employees to sign or may elect to make notification by other means as outlined below. The Employee first on the rotational list shall have first opportunity to accept or reject overtime; upon acceptance or rejection that Employee shall rotate to the end of the list and all other Employees shall move up on the list until the next overtime opportunity is offered. All full-time Employees shall have the first rights to accept or reject the overtime before it is offered to any part-time Employees for a.) a regularly scheduled shift (one day) when the call off occurs more than four (4) hours prior to the scheduled start of the shift, b). overtime for the Canfield Fair, the Canfield Car Show, c). client paid overtime and d) the Fourth of July Parade Detail.

Part-time Employees may be offered the following overtime opportunities before they are offered to full-time Employees, including, but not limited to:

1. Vacation replacement;
2. "Compensatory time off" replacement;
3. Personal Day replacement;
4. Leave of absence (including disability leave);
5. OPBA leave for meetings and conferences;

6. Replacement of an Employee on OPBA business (i.e., representation & negotiations);
7. Holidays;
8. Sick leave or injury leave, except that a Full Time Employee will be offered the first day of said leave if the call off is made with more than four (4) hours notice;
9. Jury duty leave;
10. Funeral leave;
11. Replacement of Employees who are attending training schools or seminars.

Section 7. Overtime Roster The Employer shall maintain and post a roster of overtime assignments on the bulletin board in the Police Department. Employees on vacation, "compensatory time off", sick leave (unless actually sick or injured), or other leave of absence may be offered overtime if they are readily available. An overtime opportunity may be assigned or determined by the Chief or the Chief's designee provided the over-time opportunity requires the performance of a special skill or such overtime involves the performance of a task, which has been undertaken by the particular Employee. Any over-time opportunities that arise with less than four (4) hours notice and require immediate assignment may be assigned to any Employee as determined by the Chief or the Chief's designee. No Employee, as a result of application of this Section 5 shall be required to work more than twelve (12) continuous hours except under emergency circumstances.

In addition to the posting of overtime opportunities on a signup sheet using a rotational list system (as outlined previously in this section) and while following the rotational list system, notification may, at the Chief's discretion, or the Chief's designee's, be attempted through direct communication or by radio if the Employee is on duty. If the Employee is not on duty, notification will be attempted first by calling the Employee's phone and leaving a message (Note: If an answer phone or other person answers). If the Employee does not personally answer the phone, notification will also include a page, text, or other means of contacting the employee. The Employee will be given five minutes to return a call to the station in order to accept or decline the overtime opportunity. If the Employee does not call back within the allotted time period, the Employee will forfeit all contractual rights to the overtime opportunity.

Section 8. Dispatchers Requests for Leave Dispatchers accumulating compensatory time will not be denied the time off due to the fact that the day may run in conjunction with an Officer's day off, whether by vacation, compensatory, personal day or sick leave.

Section 9. Limits on Compensatory Time Requests "Compensatory time off" should not be requested for Independence Day celebration times, the week of the Canfield Fair, or Holidays, except for members of Bargaining Units A and C who work a shift that is determined by Chief or the Chief's designee as not being a business necessity.

Section 10. Conversion of Compensatory Time at Death Upon the death of an Employee, the former employee's last check shall include an amount equal to the sum of accumulated compensatory hours at the Employee's current rate of pay.

Section 11. Order of Employees Required to Work In the event that a shift can not be filled, the Chief or the Chief's designee may order an Employee to work from a rotaional list of the five lowest in seniority employees. The rotational list shall be reordered after every order out. If the first employee on the list is unavailable they will remain first on the list for the next order out. The employee that is ordered out and works will be placed in position five on the next order out. In the event the five lowest in seniority are unavailable due to legitimate business reasons, the remainder of the departments seniority list from sixth and proceeeding will be subject to order out. No Employee shall be required to work more than twelve (12) continuous hours except under emergency circumstances.

Section 12. Paid Details Rate Officers working client paid details will be compensated with pay only, at a rate of up to \$40 per hour or as mutually agreed upon, with the exclusion of Canfield Fair details and CVSA examinations which will be compensated pursuant to Section 1a of this Article.

ARTICLE 17A WORK SCHEDULES AND SENIORITY

Section 1. Seniority Defined Seniority or Departmental Seniority is defined as an Employee's total length of continuous full-time service with the Police Department, beginning with the date of his or her appointment as a full-time Employee of the Police Department. It is agreed that any Employee who voluntarily resigns or is discharged for just cause shall suffer loss of seniority rights. Seniority in rank shall be defined as the total continuous full-time service with the Police Department in a particular rank. Sergeants will regain full Seniority or Departmental Seniority in the event they return to the rank of patrol officer or patrolman for whatever reason.

Section 2. Probationary Period The probationary period shall be twelve (12) months for all Dispatchers, Patrol Officers, Sergeants, and Lieutenants positions. Probation commences effective the date of swearing in.

Section 3. Schedules, Lunch and Breaks Each Employee shall regularly be scheduled to work five consecutive eight-hour days, with two consecutive days off. Such scheduled work days and hours are subject to lay-off or reduction in force by the Employer. The parties agree to discuss alternate work schedules for operational reasons. The eight-hour work day is inclusive of a one-half hour lunch or dinner break. A one-half hour lunch or dinner break may be taken when it is practical to do so.

Section 4. Shift Trades Employees shall be able to trade shifts, on a temporary basis with approval of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.

Section 5. Shift Bid Employees shall be allowed to bid for work shifts which will be implemented each January and July that this Agreement is in force and at any time the schedule is changed due to incurred vacancies in staffing numbers. Bid procedure for members of Bargaining Unit A, Patrol Officers, and Unit B, Dispatchers, shall utilize Departmental Seniority preference and will not include those Employees who are assigned to perform the duties of K-9 Handler, School Resource Officer MCCTC, and Detective. Bid procedures for members of Bargaining Unit C, Sergeant and Lieutenants shall utilize Seniority within Rank.. The schedule will be posted in December and June for review and bidding.

ARTICLE 17B LATERAL TRANSFERS

Section 1. Lateral Transfers The Employer may hire officers or dispatchers from other law enforcement agencies. These officers or dispatchers can qualify as "lateral transfers". This Article is applicable only to lateral transfers. Except as specified in this Article, all other rights and benefits provided in this Agreement shall also apply to laterally transferred officers.

Section 2. Initial Appointment The applicant shall take and pass the competitive civil service exam, physical fitness assessment and all other current hiring standards as set forth by the Chief of Police and or her/his designee. A laterally transferred officer shall be required to provide written documentation of prior service as a law enforcement/certified peace officer from any and all employers.

Section 3. Probationary Period All lateral transfer candidates once hired shall successfully complete an initial probationary period that will begin on the first day for which the employee receives compensation from the City and shall continue for a period of one (1) year.

Section 4. Seniority As it is defined in Article 17A shall apply to laterally transferred officers in the same manner as it applies to all other employees covered by this Agreement. Except however, departmental seniority shall not include any previous time worked at another law enforcement agency prior to employment with the Canfield Police Department..

Section 5. Shift Assignment Selection as it is described in Section 17A shall apply to laterally transferred officers in the same manner as it applies to all other employees covered by this Agreement. For purposes of shift bidding, departmental seniority shall be as it is defined in Article 17A.

Section 6. Vacation Upon hire, laterally transferred officers will earn vacation according to Article 19 of this contract once transferred years of service are confirmed.

Section 7. Personal Leave Personal Leave as specified in Article 24 shall apply to laterally transferred officers.

Section 8. Placement in Wage Scale At the discretion of the Chief of Police, laterally transferred officers or dispatchers may be placed in a step on the wage scale based on full time experience with prior employer(s). Upon their anniversary date of hire, laterally transferred officers shall advance to the next step, plus the originally calculated pro-rated amount, unless they were initially placed at the highest.

ARTICLE 18 HOLIDAYS

Section 1. Paid Holidays All full-time Employees shall receive the following paid holidays:

1) New Years Day, 2) Martin Luther King Day, 3) President's Day, 4) Good Friday, 5) Easter, 6) Memorial Day, 7) Independence Day, 8) Labor Day, 9) Veteran's Day, 10) Thanksgiving Day, 11) Day after Thanksgiving Day, 12) Christmas Eve, 13) Christmas Day, 14) Juneteenth.

Section 2. Pay In Lieu of Holidays An Employee who is scheduled to work a normal week, regardless of holiday, will be paid by the seventh day of December, at the Employee's current regular rate of pay, for the number of holidays since the previous December 15. If the Employee works less than a full year, then the holiday pay will be prorated to reflect only the holidays which occurred while the Employee was employed by the Employer. Employees shall not have holiday pay reduced due to scheduling, sick days, vacation, or other paid leave.

Section 3. Pay For Work On Holidays An Employee who works on a holiday shall receive compensation at a rate of one and one half (1 1/2) times the adjusted regular rate of pay for that day, in addition to the regular holiday pay. (Note: If the Employee exceeds eight hours on a holiday, the Employee will be compensated at a maximum of 2 & 1/4 times the adjusted regular rate of pay for that period of time).

Section 4. Limits on Vacation on a Holiday Only one person per bargaining unit will generally be given vacation time off with the approval of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee on each holiday. Other than the aforementioned vacation time off, personal days and compensatory time off should not be scheduled for holidays, except for members of Bargaining Units A and C who work a shift that is determined by Chief or the Chief's designee as not being a business necessity.

ARTICLE 19 VACATIONS

Section 1. Prior Service Credit. All provisions of Section 9.44 of the Ohio Revised Code have been considered in bargaining for this Article of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Section 2. Accumulation and Use of Vacation Leave. Employees shall accumulate vacation days at the following rates: If the employee is in full pay status for at least twenty (20) days during such month

Years of Service - After	Accumulative Rate
1 month through 3 years	5/6 of a day per month
4 years through 5 years	1 day per month
6 years through 10 years	1 1/4 day per month
11 years through 15 years	1 1/2 days per month

16 years through 20 years	1 3/4 days per month
21 years through 25 years	2 days per month
26 years and more =	2 1/2 days per month

Each non-probationary Employee shall take at least five (5) days vacation per year and may accumulate a maximum number of twenty-five (25) days. It is the responsibility of the Employee to plan ahead and “use or lose” the vacation time.

Each non-probationary Employee shall have the option to cash out up to forty (40) hours of accumulated vacation time once per year so long as the employee maintains at least forty (40) hours of vacation time in their vacation leave bank. Employees exercising this cash out must request the cash out for one of the following four check dates; 2/15, 5/15, 8/15 or 11/15. Request shall be made two weeks prior to one of the above listed dates.

Section 3. Vacation Leave Calculated Earned vacation shall be calculated and reported to Employees each pay period.

Section 4. Approval Required for Vacation Leave, Limits Vacation time shall be taken at a time approved of by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Vacation time off should not be scheduled for Independence Day celebration times or the week of the Canfield Fair.

Section 5. Transfer of Vacation Leave Within City An Employee who has earned vacation time by reason of being employed by the Canfield Police Department shall be able to transfer their vacation time to another City of Canfield department should the Employee elect such a transfer.

Section 6. Conversion of Vacation Leave on Death Upon the death of an Employee, or retirement or resignation of an Employee who has put in a minimum of two weeks notice, and has unused vacation time, the Employee or estate of the Employee shall be paid for any accumulated and unused vacation time at the current regular rate, subject to a maximum of twenty-five (25) days.

Section 7. Annual Vacation Leave Bid Vacation dates will be bid for annually by Departmental Seniority for Bargaining Unit A and Bargaining Unit B and by Seniority in Rank for Bargaining Unit C. The initial round of bidding will be conducted prior to January 1 of each year and will be limited to a maximum of ten (10) days, five (5) of which must be consecutive. After the initial round is complete, a second round of bidding will be conducted during which the remainder of available vacation days may be selected without restriction. Remaining vacation days may then be requested. Bargaining Unit Members will only have to bid against other Bargaining Unit Members for vacation dates and will not suffer vacation restrictions because members of another bargaining unit have made similar vacation date requests.

During the first round of bidding, each member of each bargaining unit may only bid on three holidays, provided these holidays are not already taken and provided that these holidays should not include Independence Day celebration times and Labor Day.

Section 8. Advance of Vacation Leave An Employee that qualifies for “Family Leave” to care for a spouse, son, daughter or parent with a “serious health condition” may request in writing a one-year advance on vacation time. Said request may be approved by the Manager after reviewing medical certifications. Said advance shall be granted only once per “serious health condition.” Said vacation advance shall not entitle the Employee to payment upon Employee's termination of service, whether voluntary or involuntary.” (For the purpose of this Agreement, the terms “family leave” and “serious health condition” shall be defined as provided in the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993).

ARTICLE 20 SICK LEAVE

Section 1. Sick Leave Uses Sick leave shall be defined as an absence with pay necessitated by: 1) illness or injury to the Employee or "immediate family" as defined in Section 7; 2) exposure by the Employee to contagious disease communicable to other Employees; 3) serious illness, injury, childbirth by the Employee or Employee's spouse, or death in the Employee's immediate family; or 4) medical, dental, or optical examination or treatment which prevents the Employee from performing assigned duties.

Section 2. Sick Leave Earned All full-time Employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of five (5) hours per pay [ten (10) hours per month or one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month] and may accumulate such sick leave to a maximum of 2000 hours (250 work days); provided, however, that an Employee shall not earn sick leave for any month unless the Employee is in full pay status for at least twenty (20) work days during such monthly period.

Section 3. Notification for Use of Sick Leave An Employee who is to be absent on sick leave shall notify the supervisor of such absence and the reason therefor at least one (1) hour before the start of their work shift each day the Employee is to be absent. An Employee who becomes ill or injured on duty shall be entitled to sick leave and shall notify their supervisor prior to leaving. Such notice and reason may be required to be confirmed in writing by the Employee upon return to work.

Section 4. Increments for Use Sick leave may be used in segments of not less than one (1) hour.

Section 5. Satisfactory Excuse for Use of Sick Leave Before an absence may be charged against accumulated sick leave, the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee may require the Employee to furnish a satisfactory medical excuse for absences of three (3) days or greater indicating that the absence was caused by illness or any causes listed in this Article.

Section 6. Abuse or Misuse of Sick Leave, Physical/Medical Exams Any abuse or misuse of sick leave shall be just and sufficient cause for discipline as may be determined by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. In the event the Employer determines that there is probable cause to believe that an Employee may be physically or mentally unfit to perform their job, the Employer may require a physical or mental examination, at its expense to determine fitness for the job. The Employee may submit similar medical evidence and if such evidence is contradictory the Employer and Employee's physicians shall select a third physician whose opinion of fitness shall be binding upon the parties. All medical costs shall be at the Employer's expense.

Section 7. Immediate Family Defined When the use of sick leave is due to illness or injury in the immediate family, "immediate family" shall be defined to only include the Employee's spouse, children or parents.

Section 8. Transfer of Sick Leave An Employee who transfers from this Police department to another department of the Employer shall be allowed to transfer their accumulated sick leave to the new department. Likewise, an employee who transfers into this department with accumulated sick leave shall use the transferred in sick leave time first, prior to using sick leave time earned with the City of Canfield.

Section 9. Conversion at Retirement or Death Upon the death, of an Employee who has at least five (5) years of continuous full-time service to the City of Canfield at the time of death, or upon the retirement of a full time Employee who has at least ten (10) years of continuous full-time service with the City of Canfield at the time of retirement; such Employee or their estate shall be entitled to receive a cash payment equal to their daily rate of pay at the time of death or retirement, multiplied by twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of accumulated but unused sick days earned by the Employee, as certified by the Finance Director. Notwithstanding the above, the number of days shall not exceed sixty (60). Any conversion shall zero out the balance an employee's sick leave bank.

Section 10. Advance of Sick Leave An Employee that qualifies for "Family Leave" to care for a spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition" may request in writing a one-year

advance on sick leave. Said advance shall be granted only once per “serious health condition.” Said request may be approved by the Manager after reviewing medical certifications. Said sick leave advance shall not entitle the Employee to payment upon Employee’s termination of service, whether voluntary or involuntary.

Section 11. Sick Time for Cosmetic Surgery Subject to Vacation Bidding If any absence will be the result of any cosmetic medical procedure that qualifies as sick leave, then the scheduled sick leave time off will be bid against vacation time off, after the second round of bidding is conducted in the preceding December, and will be requested, approved, or denied under the same restrictions imposed on vacation time.

Section 12. Donation of Sick Leave. Any member from bargaining Unit A (Full Time Police), Unit B (Full Time Dispatchers) and Unit C (Lieutenants and Sergeants) is permitted to donate sick leave to a Dispatcher or Officer in need up to a maximum of 80 hours per year provided the receiving employee(s) has exhausted all leave balances including sick leave, vacation, compensatory time, and personal day(s). The donating Dispatcher or Police officer will not forfeit the opportunity to receive sick bonus as a result of donating the time. The need for sick leave cannot be for a work related injury. Donated time shall not be eligible for cash out or transfer and shall not be returned to the donating member and will be used first in the future.

ARTICLE 21 SICK LEAVE BONUS

A sick day bonus of six (6) hours of pay per quarter (defined in table below) will be paid on May 30th for the first half and November 30th for the second half of each year to those full-time Employees who have taken no sick days in the respective quarter. Each quarter will be evaluated independently for use of sick time. For example, if an employee uses sick leave in the first quarter and no sick leave in the second quarter, they will receive a bonus of six (6) hours of pay on May 30.

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Begin Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
1	November 16	February 15
2	February 16	May 15
3	May 16	August 15
4	August 16	November 15

ARTICLE 22 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS/DISABILITY SEPARATION

Section 1. Examinations. If, at any time, the Employer has a reasonable basis for believing that an employee is no longer mentally or physically capable of performing the material and substantial duties and/or the essential functions of the employee’s position, or that the employee poses a threat to the employee or others, the Employer may require the employee to submit to a medical, psychiatric, or psychological fitness for duty examination. Such examination shall be conducted by a licensed health care professional or psychologist selected by the Employer and the Employer shall bear the cost. The employee shall have the right to get another medical opinion at the Employees expense as covered under the health insurance plan. If said opinions don’t agree the doctors shall select a specialist to reevaluate the employee at the City’s expense.

Section 2. Disability Recuperation or Separation and Appeal. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article or any other provisions of this Agreement, an employee may be disability separated at the time it is determined the employee is unable to perform the material and substantial duties and/or the essential functions of their position unless the employee can be rehabilitated. If the required rehabilitation time is greater then the employees accumulated time off and FMLA time, they may request the City to grant them a Leave of Absence per Article 27.

If the doctor(s) don't believe the employee will be able to recuperate, the employee will, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, be paid their accumulated, unused balance of any accumulated time they would otherwise be allowed.

ARTICLE 23 INJURY LEAVE

Section 1. Duty Injury Leave When an Employee is injured in the line of duty while actually working for the Employer, the Employee shall be eligible for leave with compensation not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days, provided the Employee files for Worker's Compensation and signs a waiver assigning to the Employer those sums of money (temporary total benefits) the Employee would ordinarily receive as their weekly compensation as determined by law for those number of weeks the Employee receives benefits under this Article. An Employee who is injured in the line of duty shall be permitted to leave work immediately to receive medical treatment, and shall notify their supervisor prior to leaving, and shall not suffer loss of that shift's pay as a result.

Section 2. Extension of Injury Leave If at the end of this ninety (90) calendar day period, the Employee is still disabled, the paid leave may, at the Employer's sole discretion, be extended for an additional period(s).

Section 3. Physical Exams The Employer shall have the right to require the Employee to have a physical exam by a physician appointed and paid by the Employer resulting in the physician's certification that the Employee is unable to work due to the injury as a condition precedent to the Employee receiving any benefits under this Article. The designated physician's opinion shall govern whether the Employee is actually disabled or not, and whether the Employer will extend the period of leave. The Employer shall have the right to obtain periodic reports from the physician.

Section 4. Personal Items Destroyed in Line of Duty Watches, up to a maximum of \$100.00 and glasses shall be repaired or replaced by the Employer when damaged or destroyed in the line of duty. Dentures damaged or destroyed in the line of duty shall be repaired or replaced by the Employer. However, the Employee must file a claim with the Worker's Compensation Bureau and any payment received from Worker's Compensation shall be signed over to the Employer.

ARTICLE 24 PERSONAL LEAVE

All Employees shall, in addition to all other leave benefits, be granted one (1) paid personal leave day each calendar year to be taken (or lost) by May 30th of the succeeding year, with the advance approval of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. Personal Leave time off should not be scheduled for Independence Day celebration times, the week of the Canfield Fair, or holidays.

ARTICLE 25 FUNERAL LEAVE

Section 1. Funeral Leave Immediate Family An Employee shall be granted time off with pay (not to be deducted from the Employee's sick leave) for the purposes of attending the funeral of a member of the Employee's immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined to only include the Employee's mother, father, spouse, former spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren. The Employee may request up to a maximum of four (4) work days for each death in the immediate family.

Section 2. Funeral Leave Extended Family An Employee shall be granted time off with pay (not to be deducted from the Employee's sick leave) one (1) day to attend the funeral of an employee's Aunt, Uncle, Niece, Nephew, or other relative living in your household under your care.

ARTICLE 26 JURY DUTY LEAVE

Any Employee who is called for jury duty, either, Federal, County or Municipal, shall be paid his or her regular salary.

ARTICLE 27 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Section 1. Leave of Absence At the Employee's request, the Employer may authorize leave of absence, without pay, for a period not to exceed three (3) months, provided fourteen (14) days notice is submitted.

Section 2. Administrative Leave of Absence The Employer may place an Employee on paid "Administrative Leave" for up to twenty (20) working days for any stated purpose. Extension of paid "Administrative Leave" may be granted by the Employer.

Section 3. Leave for Specific Administrative Positions The Employer may place an Employee from a Bargaining Unit on unpaid "Specific Administrative Leave" from the Bargaining Unit for up to three (3) years for the specific purpose of appointment to the position of Chief of Police. Extension of "Specific Administrative Leave" may be granted by the Employer every three (3) year period for an indefinite period of time. If at any point in time the Employee resigns, is demoted, or removed from the specific position of Chief of Police, the Employee shall maintain full rights under the contract based on "seniority" (i.e., hiring date for the original bargaining unit position).

ARTICLE 28 FAMILY LEAVE

Section 1. Eligibility for FMLA An Employee, who has been employed by the City of Canfield for at least twelve (12) months and has worked 1250 hours during the twelve-month period preceding the request for family leave, is an "eligible Employee" for family leave.

Section 2. Conditions for Use of FMLA Family leave is Twelve (12) weeks is unpaid and shall be granted to an "eligible Employee"

- A. Because of the birth of a son or daughter of the Employee and in order to care for such son or daughter.
- B. Because of the placement of a son or daughter with the Employee for adoption or foster care.
- C. Because of a serious health condition of the Employee that makes the Employee unable to perform the functions of the job.
- D. Because of the need to care for the Employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent with a "serious health condition."

Section 3. FMLA Leave Available An "eligible Employee" shall be granted, when requested, a total of twelve (12) weeks of family leave within the first twelve (12) months after a baby's birth or placement.

Section 4. Parental FMLA Family leave may be taken by either parent.

Section 5. Use of FMLA Leave for the birth or placement of a child must be taken in one block of time, unless approved by the Employer. Leave for the "serious health condition" of the employee, employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent may be intermittent.

Section 6. Concurrent Use of Employee Accumulated Paid Leaves and FMLA During family leave, the eligible Employee shall first use all accumulated vacation, compensatory time and sick leave. However, the Employee may request to reserve some portion of his or her vacation, compensatory time and sick leave, not exceeding a total of fifteen (15) days. Then, the Employee shall take the balance of family leave as unpaid leave.

Section 7. Requests for FMLA An Employee is required to request leave in writing thirty (30) days prior to commencement, if possible. The Employer may request medical certification regarding the "serious health condition" and the probable duration of care.

Section 8. Maximum Parental Leave If both parents are employed by the same Employer, the total amount of leave provided shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks (60 working days).

Section 9. Health Insurance During FMLA During the unpaid leave, all health care and life insurance benefits will be paid by the Employer.

Section 10. Failure to Return from FMLA If an Employee elects not to return to work after the expiration of the family leave, the Employer may recover from the Employee the cost of medical premiums paid during the unpaid portion of the leave.

Article 29 MILITARY LEAVE

All employees who are members of the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio organized Militia, or members of other reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States, are entitled to leave of absence from their respective duties without loss of pay for such time as they are performing in the uniformed services, as defined in Section 5923.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, for periods not to exceed a total of one (1) month in any one calendar year. For the purpose of this article, "month" shall mean twenty-two (22), eight (8) hour work days.

ARTICLE 29 OFFICER PROMOTIONS to classified positions (i.e., Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant)

Section 1. Posting of Promotional Positions Within ninety (90) calendar days of the effective date of a vacancy, the employer shall determine the selection criteria and promotional process in filling the vacant position. The selection criteria and promotional process shall include a timeline on filling the vacancy, and a listing of the required knowledge, skills, and abilities, as well as additional assessment protocols (i.e. examinations, interviews, essay, etc.) as determined by the Chief of Police in order to assist in selecting the most qualified individual for the promotional opportunity.. The position shall then be posted for seven (7) calendar days. Interested Police Officers must submit a letter of intent within 10 days of this initial posting to the Employer. If no letter of intent is submitted within the 10 day calendar period, the Employer may appoint an Officer at the Employer's discretion.

Section 2. Appointment Within ninety (90) calendar days of posting the vacancy, the Employer shall, appoint from the interested Officers.

Section 3. Probationary Period on Promotion The probationary period for all promotions shall be twelve (12) months.

Section 4. Time to Participate in Promotional Process Bargaining unit members who are participating in any promotional process shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in the promotional process without loss of pay, if any testing is held during a member's regular working hours. Bargaining unit members who are participating in any promotional process will not receive any additional compensation

ARTICLE 30 COMPENSATION

Section 1. Effective the first full pay period beginning January 1 of each year of the contract, the annual compensation paid shall be as follows:

	2027	2028	2029
Lieutenants	105,921	111,217	116,778
Sergeants	93,736	98,423	103,344
Detective	90,418	94,939	99,686
K-9 Handler	86,478	90,802	95,342
SRO	86,478	90,802	95,342
Patrol Officers			
Patrol-After 36 mo	82,952	87,100	91,455
Patrol-After 24 mo	79,206	83,166	87,324
Patrol-After 12 mo	75,472	79,246	83,208
Patrol-Probationary	71,734	75,321	79,087
PS Lead Dispatcher	75,261	79,024	82,975
Dispatcher-After 36 mo	66,603	69,933	73,430
Dispatcher-After 24 mo	61,674	64,758	67,996
Dispatcher-After 12 mo	57,104	59,959	62,957
Dispatcher-Probationary	52,875	55,519	58,295

Section 2. Calculations of Hourly rate. For purposes of determining, where appropriate, regular hourly rate of pay, the above amounts shall be divided by 2,080 hours and the result shall be the regular hourly rate of pay.

Section 3. Employees in Step. Officers that are in the step process (i.e. years 1-3) and given an assignment (S.R.O. or K9) shall only receive additional assignment compensation in addition to their current step

ARTICLE 31. SICK LEAVE AND VACATION BUY BACK

Section 1 Service Requirements In addition to the maximum severance pay allowable by this Agreement, employees who have a minimum of 20 years of service credit with OP&FRS, or 23 years of service credit with PERS, may request to convert their unused sick leave and vacation leave hours earned.

Section 2. Conversion Available Conversion of such leave shall be limited to a combined maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours of sick leave per year or a maximum of two hundred (200) hours of vacation leave per year, or any combination of both up to a maximum combined total of two hundred forty (240) hours per year. Only those hours of leaves accumulated while employed with the City may be converted under this Article. Enrolling in the sick/vacation leave cash out will not interfere with the employees' eligibility to earn a sick leave bonus.

Section 3. Requests for Conversions of Leaves Employees may make the request for the following distribution of the outstanding sum of accumulated sick time and vacation as follows.

- 1) written request to the employer at least ninety (90) calendar days in advance.
- 2) letter of understanding signed by the employee and employer that specifies, upon option selection, the final distribution (including all related payroll taxes and retirement deduction, etc.), of converted leave calculated at current dollar value at time of request.

Section 4. Option 1:

Three years accumulated sick and vacation entitlement shall be divided equally over three (3) years payroll at current dollar value at time of request.

Option 2:

Two (2) years accumulated sick time and vacation entitlement shall be divided equally over two year payroll at current dollar value at time of request.

Option 3:

One (1) year accumulated sick time and vacation entitlement shall be divided over one (1) year payroll at current dollar value at time of request

Section 5. Calculations and Conditions for Leave Conversions Upon notice from an employee for selecting the desired option, the following shall apply:

- 1) The employer will value accumulated time hours at the current effective rate:
- 2) Applicable percentages will be applied based upon the option selected. The buy-out value will be divided by appropriate remaining payrolls:
- 3) The employer and the employee will enter into an agreement setting the increased wages based upon the calculation:
- 4) any sick time or vacation entitlement required by the employee subsequent to "notification date" will be taken from subsequent sick time and vacation entitlement earned by the employee:
- 5) in the event of catastrophic illness or documented extenuating medical circumstances and upon the discretion of the Employer:
 - a) The agreement between the employee and employer shall be suspended
 - b) The employer shall restore the employee's sick time and vacation entitlement distribution back to the beginning date of notification
 - c) payments already made to the Employee under the original agreement shall be subtracted

Section 6. Change in Pension Law Limitations on Conversion If either of the pensions change from the present three highest year format, either party may re-open the contract to add additional options that take said changes into consideration.

ARTICLE 32 EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER PAYS

Section 1. Education Cost Reimbursement Each full-time Officer who enrolls in and satisfactorily completes a college level law enforcement course (or related field of study), or a

required or elective course, approved by the Chief of Police, at an accredited institution which can be applied toward a bachelor's degree or master's degree in law enforcement or related field, as determined and approved by the Chief of police, will receive 50% reimbursement for tuition, parking, and books, provided the Employee provides the Employer with receipts and proof of completion of courses and maintains academic good standing or a 3.0 accumulative grade point average. Each full-time Officer anticipating enrollment for college level classes shall notify the Police Chief of their intent at least thirty (30) days in advance of said enrollment. The Police Chief may accept or reject notifications filed with less than thirty (30) days notice. For each quarter or semester of reimbursement, reimbursement shall not exceed equivalent fees at Youngstown State University. The equivalency rates for institutions other than Y.S.U. will be determined by calculating an equivalent per/quarter or per/semester rate for Y.S.U.

Section 2. Conditions for Officers Hired Prior to December 31, 1999 An officer hired by the City of Canfield as a police officer prior to December 31, 1999 and who has earned a degree (as specified in Section 1 of this article) while in the employ of the City of Canfield as a police officer shall be reimbursed for the remaining 50% of the cost of tuition and books, and quarter/semester parking permit fees receipted after January 1, 2000. Said reimbursement shall be made only if the officer completes two (2) continuous years of employment with the City of Canfield as a police officer after receipt of said degree.

Section 3. Conditions for Officers Hired On or After January 1, 2000 An officer hired by the City of Canfield as a police officer on or after January 1, 2000 and who has earned a degree (as specified in Section 1 of this article) while in the employ of the City of Canfield as a police officer shall be reimbursed for the remaining 50% of the cost of tuition and books, and quarter/semester parking permit fees receipted after January 1, 2000. Said reimbursement shall be made only if the officer completes four (4) continuous years of employment with the City of Canfield as a police officer after receipt of said degree.

ARTICLE 33 UNIFORM ALLOWANCES

Section 1. Annual Uniform Maintenance Allowance All Officers shall receive, by December 15th of each year of this Agreement, a maintenance allowance for uniforms in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450.00). All Dispatchers shall receive, by December 15th of each year of this Agreement, a maintenance allowance for uniforms in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). The maintenance allowance will be prorated by pay period in the event that an Employee is not employed by the Employer for the entire year.

Section 2. Bullet Proof Vests The Employer shall provide bullet proof vests to all full-time Officers to be replaced on an inspection basis that takes into consideration vest warranty.

Section 3. Initial Uniforms and Annual Uniform Allowance The Employer shall provide the initial uniform to all Officers and Dispatchers. The initial uniform for Officers shall consist of: pants (2 winter & 2 summer), 2 long sleeve shirts, 2 short sleeve shirts, tie, winter coat, sweater or vestee, spring jacket, hat (summer, winter, and dress), rain cover for hat, rain coat, and dress uniform jacket. The initial uniform for Dispatchers shall consist of: three long sleeve shirts (one for dress, two embroidered), three short sleeve shirts (one for dress, two embroidered), five pair of slacks (one for dress, four duty), and one tie. The Employer shall initially provide any required new uniform items or equipment. Thereafter, the Employer shall provide an annual uniform allowance of \$1375 per year for all Officers and \$500 per year to Dispatchers, to be paid by April 30th each year for replacement of uniform items. The uniform allowance will be prorated by pay period in the event that an Employee is not employed for the entire year/12 month period prior to payment of the annual allowance. All uniform items replaced by the Employees must meet the Chief's approval for material, brand, style, fit and color.

Section 4. Employer Provided Equipment The Employer shall provide all leather or nylon duty equipment that the Employee is required to wear while working for the Employer. The Employer

shall also provide required duty ammo, uniform jewelry, handcuffs, o. c. spray, baton, patches, badges, radio, taser, and I.D./access cards (sewing patches on the uniform is the employees responsibility).

Section 5. Firearms The Employer shall provide all firearms that the Employee is required to carry while working for the Employer.

ARTICLE 34 INSURANCE

Section 1. Employer Provided Health Insurance The Employer will continue to provide and pay the premiums on behalf of each Employee for hospitalization, prescription, and medical service coverage for the Employee and family as provided under the Group Plan. The Employees shall contribute the percentages toward payment of the premiums with no overall per pay cap for each category of coverage as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	
Single	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Employee/Child	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Employee/Spouse	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24
Family	13%	13%	13%	% per pay of the annual premium divided by 24

The Employer shall offer health insurance plan options to Employees as follows and depicted in the table on the following page.

Option 1 – High Deductible Healthcare Plan with a \$4,000 Deductible that also includes a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) in which City contributes \$3,000 to an HRA Account for Employees with Individual Coverage, and \$6,000 to an HRA Account for Employees who select Employee/Spouse, Employee/Children, and Family Coverage.

Option 2 – High Deductible Healthcare Plan with a \$4,000 Deductible that also includes a Health Savings Account in which City contributes \$2,000 to an HSA Account for Employees with Individual Coverage, and \$4,000 to an HSA Account for Employees who select Employee/Spouse, Employee/Children, and Family Coverage.

Option 3 – Low Deductible Healthcare Plan with \$2,800 deductible.

Section 2. The Employer will provide each Employee with vision and dental insurance coverage at least equivalent to that, which was provided under the previous contract.

Section 3. Life Insurance The Employer will provide and pay the full premium for all Employees for a convertible term life insurance policy in the face value of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000).

Section 4. Professional Liability Insurance The Employer shall provide professional liability coverage for all Employees of the bargaining units whose jobs may require such coverage as determined by the City Manager.

Section 5. Health Care Committee The Employer/OPBA will staff a Health Care Committee that will meet twice annually or as otherwise determined necessary by the employer/OPBA to review current health care policies and trends. The goal is to find the best policies for the City in terms of both price and level of benefits.

ARTICLE 35 MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Medical Exams In any instance where the Employer sends an Employee for a medical examination, The Employer shall pay the cost of the examination and shall pay the Employee for the time expended taking such examination.

Section 2. Liability Except where an Employee is found by a Court to have acted in a willful, wanton or malicious manner, the Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless all Employees covered by the terms of this Agreement from any liability arising from or because of any claim or suit brought against such Employee arising from or because of any action or inaction by such Employee in the course of and scope of employment while on duty for Employer.

Section 3. Issuance of Pay Pay checks/Direct deposit will be issued on the 15th (for the preceding 16th through the last day of the month work period) and 30th (for the preceding 1st through the 15th work period) of each month and shall show the number of hours worked, both regularly and in overtime capacity.

Section 4. Dispatchers Performance Objectives All Full time Dispatchers shall complete annual dispatch performance objectives. Performance objectives shall be completed by November 15th of each year and upon successful completion, dispatchers will receive \$775 paid on December 15th. The performance objectives will consist of the following: (1) EMD - 24 hours continuing education, 32 hours for EMD-Q, CPR and First Aid training re-certification. (2) LEADS – security awareness training. (3) APCO – telecommunicator training course.

Section 5. Health and Safety The Employer will take reasonable precautions to protect the health and safety of Employees while they are on duty.

Section 6. Vehicle Use The Employer will not require any Employee to use his or her own personal vehicle while on duty for the Employer. Employees will use city vehicles for travel to training, meetings and for other city business; unless, private vehicle use is authorized by the Employer. The Employer will reimburse Employees for authorized use of private vehicles at the current IRS mileage rate.

Section 7. Off-Duty Work An Employee may be employed in any off-duty occupation provided that it is not law enforcement related, nor in violation of Federal or State law, nor does it interfere with the Employee's obligations to render full and adequate service to the City of Canfield. Dispatchers may be employed by other law enforcement related entities. All off-duty occupations shall be approved of by the Chief of Police.

Section 8. Ordered Training Employees ordered to attend training sessions, schools, seminars, or other assigned functions, shall attend such functions at the Employer's expense. An Employee ordered to attend such training shall be compensated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 9. Annual Training for Dispatchers The Employer will provide each Dispatcher with at least sixteen (16) hours of certified training at an approved location on a yearly basis. Any costs for tuition, travel, and miscellaneous expenses will be paid by the Employer.

Section 10. Transportation for Employees Residing in the City Each Employee who resides within the City may elect to be transported to and from the police department prior to and immediately after their assigned work shift except when not feasible due to an emergency. Employees who reside in the City of Canfield have the right to drive to and from work but must notify the department of their intentions. In the event the Employer is unable to transport the Employee to the police department prior to their assigned work shift then the Employee shall be compensated as if the Employee arrived on time at the police department for their assigned work shift. Employees who are being transported to the police department agree to be ready for transport no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the shift, at no additional cost to the Employer. Employees who regularly fail to abide by this pick-up time will forfeit their rights under this section after notification by the Employer.

Section 11. Practice Ammunition The Employer will provide each Officer with one-thousand (1000) rounds of practice ammunition annually excluding duty ammo used during annual qualifications. The Employer will provide for at least one hour of range time per month at range facilities approved of by the Employer.

Section 12. Dispatchers Search or Guard of Prisoners Dispatchers may refuse to conduct searches or guard prisoners and such refusal shall not constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

Section 13. Reasonable Breaks for Dispatchers The Employer shall provide reasonable paid breaks for dispatchers throughout each shift, when feasible to do so.

ARTICLE 36 ANNUAL PHYSICAL FITNESS ASSESSMENTS AND BONUS METRICS

Section 1. Physician Sign Off Any officer or dispatcher that elects to participate in the annual fitness assessment must have a physician sign off on the current job description indicating the employee is capable of performing all expectations and the physician must also sign off on the fitness requirements indicating their patient is capable of performing the required tasks. Both documents must be updated annually.

Section 2. Annual Physical Fitness Assessments for Officers Officers may elect to participate in an annual physical fitness assessment. Officers who pass this assessment will receive a physical fitness bonus as outlined below, at the officer's current hourly rate of pay, which will be paid by December 15th of each year the physical fitness assessment is successfully passed. The physical fitness assessment will be held on one day in the spring and on one day in the fall as designated by the chief of police or the Chief's designee. Officers may elect to attend one, but not both scheduled dates as a paid training event. The physical fitness assessment standards are as follows:

POLICE OFFICER PHYSICAL FITNESS BONUS METRICS				
TASK	Pass standard (2 days Pay)	Exceeds Standard (3 days pay)	Exceeds Standard Plus (5 days pay)	Other Info
1.5 Mile Run	14:54 minutes	14:16 minutes	13:46 minutes	
Standard Push-up	27	34	45	(no time limit)
Sit-ups	28	35	46	(bent knee)

Section 3. Fitness Bonus (Dispatchers) Dispatchers may elect to participate in an annual physical fitness assessment. Dispatchers who pass this assessment twice in one year will receive a physical fitness bonus as outlined below, at the dispatcher's current hourly rate of pay, which will be paid by December 15th of each year the physical fitness assessment is successfully passed. The physical fitness assessment will be held on one day in the spring and on one day in the fall as designated by the Chief of police or the Chief's designee. Dispatchers must attend both sessions and successfully pass both. Dispatchers will be paid for both spring and fall as a paid training event. The physical fitness and assessment standards are as follows:

DISPATCHER PHYSICAL FITNESS BONUS METRICS					
TASK	Age Group	Pass standard (2 days Pay)	Exceeds Standard (3 days pay)	Exceeds Standard Plus (5 days pay)	Other Info

		25th percentile	45th percentile	65th percentile	
Balke Treadmill	20-29	12:04 minutes	15:00 minutes	17:45 minutes	Female
	30-39	11:00 minutes	13:30 minutes	16:00 minutes	
	40-49	10:00 minutes	12:00 minutes	14:14 minutes	
	50-59	8:00 minutes	10:00 minutes	12:00 minutes	
Balke Treadmill	20-29	17:00 minutes	19:26 minutes	22:00 minutes	Male
	30-39	15:40 minutes	18:15 minutes	21:00 minutes	
	40-49	14:20 minutes	17:00 minutes	20:00 minutes	
	50-59	12:00 minutes	14:56 minutes	17:00 minutes	

ARTICLE 37 LAYOFFS

Section 1. Order of Layoff In the event of a layoff situation, members of the bargaining units will be laid off in accordance with their departmental seniority (last hired, first laid off).

Section 2. Right to Recall From Layoff A member of a bargaining unit who is laid off shall be subject to recall from layoff for a period of three (3) years.

Section 3. Period for Recall From Layoff A recall from layoff will be based upon departmental seniority (last laid off, first recalled).

Section 4. Part-Time Employees Laid Off First Before any full-time Employees may be laid off, all part-time Employees will be first laid off.

ARTICLE 38 RETENTION OF BENEFITS

All of the Employer's ordinances, resolutions and practices, etc., shall remain in full force and effect during the life of this Agreement, except to the extent that such ordinances, resolutions and practices, etc., conflict with the terms of this Agreement, in which case the terms of this Agreement shall be deemed as superseding such ordinances, resolutions and practices.

ARTICLE 39 SAVINGS CLAUSE

In the event any one or more provisions of this Agreement is or are deemed invalid or unenforceable by any final decision of a court or governmental agency, that portion shall be deemed as severable from the rest of the Agreement and all such other parts of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. In such event, the Employer and the OPBA will, at the request of either party hereto, promptly enter into negotiations relative to the particular provisions deemed invalid or unenforceable.

ARTICLE 40 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Section 1. Opportunity to Make Proposals The Employer and the OPBA acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any subject matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and the understandings and agreement arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this agreement.

Section 2. Waiver Therefore, for the life of this Agreement, the Employer and the OPBA each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate collectively with respect to any subject or matter referred to, or covered in this Agreement.

Section 3. Entire Agreement This Agreement represents the complete agreement on all matters subject to bargaining between the Employer and the OPBA and except as otherwise noted herein shall become effective January 1, 2024, and shall remain in full force and effect until If either party desires to make any changes in the Agreement for a period subsequent to December 31, 2026 notice of such desire shall be given prior to November 1, 2026. If such notice is given, this Agreement shall remain in effect until the parties reach agreement on a new contract.

ARTICLE 41 LIGHT DUTY

Section 1. Employer Determined Availability The availability of light duty assignment will be at the sole and exclusive discretion of the Employer.

Section 2. Requests for Light Duty The Employee may request a light duty assignment, and, such request must be in writing to the Employer. Alternatively, the Employer may require an employee to report for light duty subject to the conditions established in this Article. The Employer may then, at its discretion, create by memorandum a modified job description detailing specific light duty tasks which take into consideration the particular nature of the Employee's illness or injury. The Employee shall provide a medical report from a treating physician stating the illness or injury which inhibits the Employee from performing normal duties, but would permit the Employee to perform the light duty tasks defined in the modified job description. The Employer may, at its discretion, require that the Employee be examined by another physician, designated and paid for by the Employer, in order to confirm the Employee physician's opinion.

Section 3. Medical Reports If light duty is granted, the Employer may require that the Employee provide a medical report from the Employee's physician every two weeks in order to reaffirm the continued need for, and ability to perform, the designated light duty assignments. Before an Employee on light duty is returned to regular duty status, such Employee shall provide a medical report from their treating physician stating that the Employee is medically capable of performing the Employee's normal duties as defined by the Employee's regular job description.

Section 4. Light Duty Exempt From Overtime Rotation Employees while on light duty assignment are exempt from the overtime rotational list as contained in Article 17, Section 6 of the Agreement.

Section 5. Limits on Time on Light Duty Light duty assignment may not exceed 30 work days per Employee within any consecutive twelve month period.

Section 6. Hours of Work for Light Duty The Employer shall determine the hours of work for light duty assignments, and, will make effort to ensure , the Employee be assigned to the shift that the Employee would have normally worked.

Section 7. Duties While on Light Duty While performing light duty work, the Employee shall not perform any duties other than those specifically assigned by the Employer as contained in the memorandum of modified job description. The Employee is expected to perform and complete the assigned tasks. If the Employee fails to perform the assigned tasks and the Employer has taken reasonable measures to counsel the Employee on such performance deficiencies, the Employee may be denied further light duty status at the exclusive discretion of the Employer, at which time such Employee will be immediately returned to sick leave status.

Section 8. Waiver of Worker's Comp Light duty assignment shall not be granted unless the Employee signs a Waiver and Release which would effectively hold the Employer harmless for any Workers Compensation claims in the event that the particular existing illness or injury which gave rise to the Employee's then current disability would be aggravated while on light duty assignment.

ARTICLE 42 LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Section 1. Labor-Management Committee Established In the interest of good labor management relations, the parties agree to create a Labor Management Committee consisting of one member from each of the three bargaining units.

Section 2. Purpose of Committee This Committee will be used to:

- a) Discuss the administration of this Agreement.
- b) Bargain with the Employees on mid term changes made by the City which affect the Employees as required by chapter 4117 O.R.C.
- c) Discuss differences which have not been processed beyond the final step of the Grievance Procedure.
- d) Disseminate general information of interest to the parties.
- e) Discuss ways to improve the delivery of services.
- f) Consider and discuss health and safety matters relating to members of the bargaining unit.

Section 3. Scheduling Labor-Management Meetings Labor management meetings will be held at the request of either the Employer or the Labor Management Committee and shall be scheduled as soon as possible at mutually agreed upon dates and times.

Section 4. Agenda The party requesting the meeting shall furnish an agenda at least five working days in advance of the scheduled meeting, or a list of the matters to be taken up in the meeting, and the names of those representatives who will be attending.

Section 5. Time to Attend Members of the Labor Management Committee shall be allowed reasonable time off to participate in labor management meetings if held during a member's regular working hours without the loss of pay.

ARTICLE 43 MID-TERM BARGAINING

Section 1. Mid-term bargaining shall be defined as bargaining, required by chapter 4117 O.R.C., that takes place between the date of execution and the date of expiration of this agreement. The dispute resolution defined here in shall not be used as a resolution process to settle successor agreements.

Section 2. All mid-term bargaining shall take place with the Labor Management Committee or its representative(s).

Section 3. When the Labor Management Committee and the Employer are unable to reach an agreement, the issue may be taken to Arbitration as defined in Article 13, by a majority vote of the labor management committee or by the Employer. Nothing in this agreement shall prevent the withdrawal of proposed issues.

Section 4. All members of the Labor Management Committee shall be notified personally at least five (5) business days (excluding holidays) prior to the meeting. Each member shall have the right to allow another member of the bargaining unit or an OPBA Representative to attend a meeting in his or her absence. The failure of any member of the bargaining unit to attend a meeting shall not prevent the meeting from proceeding.

ARTICLE 44 CANINE HANDLER (K-9) ASSIGNMENT

Section 1. Position The Employer may establish an assignment for K-9 Handler.

Section 2. Bargaining Unit of Assignment The assignment of K-9 Handler shall be maintained within the Bargaining Unit A or C.

Section 3. Appointment The assignment of K-9 Handler shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit A or C, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police.

Section 4. Relinquishment of Assignment The Bargaining Unit Member K-9 Handler shall relinquish said assignment upon written resignation, retirement, or by revocation action by the Employer. Revocation by the Employer will not be considered as grounds for the filing of a grievance.

Section 5. Exempt From Shift Bid The assignment of K-9 Handler shall be exempt from shift bidding. If the K-9 handler is from Bargaining Unit C, the officer will not be exempt from shift bidding.

Section 6. Maximum Assignment The assignment of K-9 Handler is open to a maximum of three officers.

Section 7. Stacking Assignments If the K-9 handler is assigned from Bargaining Unit C, there shall be no additional compensation.

Section 8. Compliance With FLSA It is the intent of this provision to provide full compensation to a canine handler as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act for the care, feeding, grooming, exercising and boarding of a City of Canfield canine. Accordingly, each canine handler shall be allotted one paid day off every calendar month (i.e., canine maintenance day). The canine handler may request a certain day off, however this is at the discretion of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee to ensure the efficient operation of the department's manpower.

Section 9. Vehicle Assignment The Employer shall, when practicable, assign the canine team a canine patrol vehicle to be used for the transportation of the canine to and from the officer's residence and duty station, to and from all call out assignments, and to and from all veterinary appointments and training situations. It is further agreed that the use of the vehicle off-duty is restricted and may only be used when the officer is involved in a duty related function.

Section 10. Employer Responsibilities Additional Employer responsibilities:

- 1) The Employer agrees to purchase the necessary type and amount of food needed to maintain a healthy canine.
- 2) The Employer agrees to pay any and all necessary medical and veterinary expenses for the dog.
- 3) The Employer agrees to provide the initial training of the officers and canines, and any mandated certification or re-certification of officer or dog will be conducted on departmental time.
- 4) The Employer agrees that after the dog has been judged, by mutual agreement, to be unfit for continued police service, the handler will be sold the canine for one dollar (\$1.00). Such provision is to be effective after at least one year of completed service.
- 5) The Employer agrees to pay for the housing of the canine in the event the officer goes on vacation out of town equal to that of the officer's approved vacation days per year.
- 6) The Employer shall reimburse each K-9 Handler up to one thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the containment of each police work dog. This one-time reimbursement will be distributed for each new K-9 team upon the furnishing of a receipt and documentation showing the containment has been constructed. Containment shall be defined as a kennel, fence, or any other apparatus approved by the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee to protect and contain the police work dog.

Section 12. Officer's responsibilities:

- 1) The officer agrees to house the canine at officer's own residence.
- 2) The officer agrees to be responsible for the health, safety, and supervision of the dog both on and off duty.

- 3) Maintenance of the canine is to include regularly scheduled veterinary visits, daily grooming and upkeep, and bathing of the canine to be conducted on the officer's extra scheduled day off provided each month pursuant to this agreement.
- 4) The officer agrees to properly clean and maintain the canine cruiser at all times and to disinfect the interior when so required.
- 5) Officers assigned as canine handler after 01-01-97 agree to stay employed with the Canfield Police Department for at least five years from the date of completion of basic dog training.
- 6) Officers assigned as canine handler after 01-01-97 agree that if they voluntarily leave employment with the City of Canfield with the exception of disability leave, or decide that they no longer wish to be a canine handler prior to the end of the five year period, the officers will be held financially liable for the cost of the dog and have first opportunity to purchase the dog based on a pro-rated formula. The formula will be computed in the following manner. The cost of the dog and the initial training would be added and then divided by 60 to equal five years. If an officer leaves early, then the number of months remaining from the 60 month commitment would be multiplied by the cost per month. An example of this formula would be the following: The dog cost \$6,500.00 and the initial training cost \$500.00. The total cost would be \$7,000.00 divided by 60 = \$116.66 per month for every month left on the five year commitment. The officers will be exempt from this condition if the dog can be satisfactorily retrained to be used by other officers. The City will make every effort to train another handler.
- 7) Officers assigned as canine officers prior to 01-01-97 agree that if they voluntarily leave employment with the City of Canfield with the exception of disability leave, or decide that they no longer wish to be a canine handler prior to the end of the five year period, the officers may purchase the dog at a cost to be determined by using the pro-rated formula outlined above.

ARTICLE 45 DETECTIVE CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. Maximum Positions The positions of Detective is open to a maximum of two officers

Section 2. Filling Detective Assignment The positions of Detective shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit A or C, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police pursuant to Article 30, Promotions.

Section 3. If the position(s) is filled from Bargaining Unit C, the member shall relinquish said Sergeant's position immediately.

Section 4. Relinquishment of Detective The Bargaining Unit Member Detective shall relinquish said position upon written resignation, retirement, promotion or by revocation action by the Employer for just cause.

Section 5. Exempt From Shift Bid The positions of Detective shall be exempt from shift bidding.

ARTICLE 46 MISCELLANEOUS RETIREMENT BENEFITS – DUTY WEAPON

Upon retirement, under the guidelines of Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund, or other successor organizations any Employee of Bargaining Unit A or C may purchase their assigned duty weapon, weapon magazines, and holster from the Employer for a fee not to exceed one (1) dollar. The duty weapon in question must be a minimum of three (3) years old.

ARTICLE 47 REQUEST FOR DAYS OFF

Time off (i.e., vacation, compensatory, and/or personal leave) should not be requested for any holiday whenever a member of the same bargaining unit has already been approved for time off

(i.e., vacation, compensatory, and/or personal leave), except for members of Bargaining Units and C who work a shift that is determined by Chief or the Chief's designee as not being a business necessity.

ARTICLE 48 LIEUTENANT and SERGEANT CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. The Employer will maintain two (2) Lieutenants and three (3) Sergeants for a total of five (5) supervisors.

Section 2. The classification of Lieutenant and Sergeant shall be maintained within the Bargaining Unit C.

Section 3. The classification of Sergeant shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit A, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police following the guidelines for Promotion outlined in Article 29. The classification of Lieutenant shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit C, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police following the guidelines for Promotion outlined in Article 29.

Section 4. The Bargaining Unit Member classified as Lieutenant and Sergeant shall relinquish said classification upon written resignation, retirement, promotion or by appropriate revocation action by the Employer for just cause. If at any point in time the Employee resigns, is demoted, or removed from the specific classification of Lieutenant or Sergeant, the Employee shall maintain full rights under the contract based on "seniority" (i.e., hiring date for the original bargaining unit position as a patrol officer).

ARTICLE 49 PUBLIC SAFETY LEAD DISPATCHER

Section 1. The Employer will maintain one (1) Public Safety Lead Dispatcher.

Section 2. The classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall be maintained within the Bargaining Unit B.

Section 3. The classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit B, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police following the guidelines for Promotion outlined in Article 29.

Section 4. The Bargaining Unit Member classified as Public Safety Lead Dispatcher shall relinquish said classification upon written resignation, retirement, promotion or by appropriate revocation action by the Employer for just cause. If at any point in time the Employee is resigns, is demoted, or removed from the specific classification of Public Safety Lead Dispatcher, the Employee shall maintain full rights under the contract based on "seniority" (i.e., hiring date for the original bargaining unit position as a Public Safety Dispatcher).

ARTICLE 50 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, MCCTC and CLSD CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. The Employer may establish assignments for "School Resource Officer (SRO) for The Mahoning County Career and Technical Center (MCCTC) and the Canfield Local School District (CLSD)". The MCCTC Will have two (2) SRO and the CLSD will have three (3) assigned. Should either MCCTC and/or CLSD request additional SRO(s), there will be a maximum of six (6) SRO assignments.

Section 2. The assignment of School Resource Officer MCCTC and CLSD shall be maintained within Bargaining Unit A.

Section 3. The assignment of School Resource Officer(s) MCCTC and CLSD shall be filled from the membership of Bargaining Unit A, and shall be filled by appointment of the Chief of Police.

Section 4. The bargaining unit member assigned as School Resource Officer(s) MCCTC and CLSD shall relinquish said position upon written resignation, retirement, promotion, revocation by the Employer. Revocation by the Employer will not be considered as grounds for filing a grievance.

Section 5. The assignments of School Resource Officer MCCTC and CLSD shall be exempt from shift bidding, and at the end of the school year (summer months),all SRO's will bid on one (1) of three (3) set shifts as determined by the Chief of Police or his designee. The three shifts will include one day turn, on afternoon turn, and one midnight turn. All shifts will contain two (2) consecutive days off. Bid procedures for members assigned to SRO shall utilize seniority within SRO assignment.

ARTICLE 51 EXECUTION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Agreement to be duly executed this

_____ day of _____, 2026.

For The OPBA

For The Employer

Unit A

Unit B

Unit C

OPBA Director

MINUTES
CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 15, 2026-5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Christine Oliver, President of Council. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Nacarato, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Schialdone.

Staff present: Charles Colucci, Chief of Police; Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector.

Absent: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director; and John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent.

MRS. OLIVER: This is a public hearing regarding:

An Ordinance Creating New Ordinance §1151.06 (P) Conditionally Permitting Limited Automobile Sales in B-3 Zoning Districts and Defining Automobile Sales.

MRS. OLIVER: Atty. Fortunato could you give us a little background on that?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Certainly. This is an addition to our conditionally permitted use. This would allow limited automobile sales in b-3 zoning districts. The limitations are:

1. No more than 5 automobiles and/ or vehicles shall be permitted for sale on the exterior portion of the property.
2. Automobile sales shall not be the only or primary use of the subject property
3. No vehicle repair, body work, painting, dismantling, or salvage operations shall be conducted on the property.
4. Vehicles offered for sale shall be owned by the business or property owner and are in operable condition.
5. The use does not include a franchised motor vehicle dealership, vehicle auctions, or vehicle rentals.
6. No vehicles shall be parked in the right of way.
7. The use complies with all applicable state licensing and other requirements.

This allows for a very limited automobile sales. It's gone through planning & zoning, there has been minor changes. Now it's back here for a public hearing.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Any questions from the public? Hearing none. Any questions from council?

MR. SCHIALDONE: Mr. Fortunato, on the trailers should it be specified what type of trailers that will be permitted?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The trailers are not part of this Ordinance.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Oh, they're not?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: This ordinance is across all B-3 Zoning. It's not limited to one parcel or property owner. The trailer sales will be inside.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Is there going to be a maximum length or maximum width?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Of the trailers?

MR. SCHIALDONE: Yes.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Not that I'm aware of.

MR. SCHIALDONE: We don't want them pulling semi-tractor trailers in there.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The sale of trailers is a permitted use. The City Manager reminded me that the sale of trailers is a permitted use.

MR. SCHIALDONE: So, the owner won't be able to pull tractor trailers in there?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: I think you can do that now. They could have done that when it was Advanced Auto.

MR. D'APOLITO: The conditional part applies to the sale of vehicles.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: They were not allowed to sale automobiles there. Now, you would be with limitations. You've always been able to sale trailers in B-3.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Okay, thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Any other questions? Hearing none.

MRS. OLIVER: This meeting is adjourned.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

CANFIELD CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2026-5:35 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Oliver, President of Council, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll to which a quorum responded as follows: Mr. Dragish, Mr. Graham, Mr. Nacarato, Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Schialdone.

Staff present: Charles Colucci, Chief of Police and Tyler Thorn, Zoning Inspector.

Absent: Christine Stack-Clayton, Finance Director and John Rapp, Public Works Superintendent.

Under **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

MR. DRAGISH: We have a presentation from Judge Molly Johnson.

JUDGE MOLLY JOHNSON: I asked for special permission through Chief Colucci as well as Council tonight to give some awards to officers who have gone above and beyond with their assistance to Canfield Court. For anyone who doesn't know, I've been in Canfield Court for 8 years and I've also had the opportunity to sit in different courts, Sebring, Boardman, Austintown and I will say, the best officers in all of Mahoning County report to Mahoning County Court #5; which is on the Green in Canfield. I know that because I've worked with a lot of different departments. I'm going to give an attaboy to Beaver Township. They are not here tonight because they weren't apart of the community service event that I'm having in this particular case. They have great officers, Beaver Township and the Sheriff's Department and the Canfield Police Department. The way that this came about is because I was approached by a Elementary School in Salem and asked me to put together a field trip for 4th graders. We had about 20 4th graders come to the courthouse, and I reached out originally Sgt. Lindow from the Mahoning County Sheriff's Department. I'm going to give him a particular accommodation. He took this assignment and he really ran with it. Just to put it in perspective, these are elementary school students that are in the Criminal Justice Club. This is what they think that their future is going to be. My friend, Steve Lindow went and put together an evidence bag for all of these kids with fingerprint kits and materials to retain their interest in the criminal justice field. He also came to the courthouse and is here today with his cadaver dog, Tato. He came to the courthouse and did a full presentation for these kids about how his job can find body parts. Long story short, he went above and beyond, and I think it's important that I recognize all of the officers because frequently we don't do that until they get hurt. I think that it's sad. We should recognize them for their community service efforts and their efforts with children as well. I also want to give a special shout-out to Officer Meshula from Canfield, Officer Meshula spent tons of time with these kids. He cleaned out his cruiser, put them in the cruiser, let them touch the buttons and flip the siren. It was really cool to watch. Lieutenant Ruiz couldn't be here tonight, and Sgt. WWellsstood in front of the courtroom and answered 20-25 questions. They are a really sophisticated group of 4th graders. I am going to call each of you up here and I'm presenting to

you tonight an America 250 coin for your collection. So, Sgt. Lindow would you come up first, please.

JUDGE MOLLY JOHNSON: Thank you for your service.

Sgt. Wells, thank you.

Officer Meshula, thank you for being so nice to these kids.

Officer Hunter, thank you.

Officer Baroni, thank you.

I just want to give one more shout-out to Chief Colucci and Chief Weamer who let all of these people hang out in my courtroom, even though I'm sure they had other things to do. It was important to me and for community service. Can we get a round of applause.

APPLAUSE

MR. SCHIALDONE: Before you leave, I want to commend Chief Colucci and all of his officers for the 4th of July Parade. They did an outstanding job. Thank you very much.

Under **MINUTES**, the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 17, 2026, and the Minutes from the Special Meeting on July 1, 2026, were approved as presented.

Under **READING OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

MRS. OLIVER: The only thing that I have which our city manager, Mr. D'Apolito and Public Works Superintendent, Mr. Rapp, they were on it immediately, I had a few different residents reach out to me around the culvert issue and one of our residents, over the weekend, between Monday and today another hole had appeared outside of where it was barricaded. You could look right through it. Mr. D'Apolito will be able to explain that. The moment in which I texted him, which happened twice last week over the situation, they were on it immediately. I want to say thank you to you and our public works department because you guys are amazing. They went and took barriers that we used for the parade and put it all around the area. I was given an update, but I would like Mr. D'Apolito to give that update to our residents.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you. Probably as a result of the massive water that went through the culvert during the storm, the road is completely compromised. All along, we had that area closed because we were concerned about safety. I wasn't because we were trying to inconvenience anyone. Even without any road traffic for several months, the road is just completely deteriorating. We ended up putting down some metal covers, as well as (inaudible) to cover up holes. We have the entire area completely barricaded. Now, it's not even open to foot traffic. We are working on having that culvert replaced. We have run into some snags that are out of anyone's control here at the city. The city attorney sent out a letter yesterday, a notice of commencement to our contractor, hopefully it will kickstart this thing. The problem is in the formation of the culvert itself being crafted. The company that does that, there are only 2 companies that do that apparently and this company is way behind on its orders, things

happen these days. We are still looking out towards at least the end of summer if not beginning of fall. I have been told that culvert production has commenced.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. You also updated me on the gas line as well.

MR. D'APOLITO: Yes. Before anything can happen, the gas line has to be relocated before any work can be done. That is to be done sometime in August. Again, through communications, the gas company will come next week to begin relocation of that line. So, at least that component will be started.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Does the culvert warrant legal action at this point in time?

ATTY. FORTUNATO: Not at this point in time. However, our contract does contemplate damages in the event of delay, past construction timelines. We will absolutely enforce those.

MR. D'APOLITO: Atty Fortunato and I discussed this, (inaudible) but we had to get the ball rolling somehow.

MR. SCHIALDONE: It's beautiful out now but before you know it, that other weather will be here.
That will delay it further.

MR. D'APOLITO: Hopefully, this will be done well before any bad weather.

MRS. OLIVER: Any other questions? Hearing none. Any other communications? Hearing none.

Under **REPORTS**, of Committees, Boards, Mayor's Report, City Manager, Finance Director, Chief of Police, Zoning Inspector and Public Works Superintendent.

MR. NACARATO: Design Review has met before the Special Meeting that we had. I think everybody received the minutes for Design Review, and I'll use that as my report.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Mr. Schialdone.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Thank you, madam president. Mr. D'Apolito, did they change the location where Tree City is going to be? Initially, it was supposed to be at the Fairgrounds.

MR. D'APOLITO: To be clear, there has never been a determination made as to where that would be. There still isn't a decision made about it. It's unlikely that it will be at the Fairgrounds. There has been no final decision made.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Maybe they were leaning towards the Fairgrounds because of the room.

MR. D'APOLITO: I'm not sure they are. There has not been a final determination made. I don't think it's going to be the Fairgrounds, it's too large and too expensive. No final decision was made. A decision will be coming shortly.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish.

MR. DRAGISH: I have my Mayor's Monthly Statement to Council. After the fines and other monies collected and received, we have a net collection to the city of \$110.00. We lost our penny again.

MRS. OLIVER: I was going to say, our penny is gone. Mr. Graham.

MR. GRAHAM: Yes, madam president, Planning & Zoning had their scheduled meeting on July 9th, there were several items approved. The Board of Appeals met beginning at 5:10 and approved 3 variances. Then at the regular meeting, we set a public hearing on August 13th, I believe. Those minutes have been posted. So, if anybody has any questions. Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: I serve on the Fire Board, and we had a special meeting on Monday. We have a new deputy fire chief, that is the Boardman Fire Chief, Mark Pitzer. He is now returning to his roots. He is a resident of Canfield and started his career with Canfield and he is coming back to be our new deputy fire chief. That's all we had for the special meeting. Mr. D'Apolito are you going to do Mr. Rapp's report.

MR. D'APOLITO: Actually, what I was going to do was cover the sinkhole development. His report has been covered.

MRS. OLIVER: Then, do you have somebody doing Mrs. Clayton's?

MR. D'APOLITO: Mrs. Clayton had an emergency today, so she does not have a report prepared. I told her we would obviously excuse her absence. There is a portion of tonight's agenda that concerns finance.

MRS. OLIVER: Hopefully, everything is okay. Our Zoning Inspector, Mr. Thorn.

ZONING INSPECTOR: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. For the month of July, so far, we have issued 13 permits valued at \$86,020.00. Total permits issued year to date, 156. The year-to-date permit value is \$3,889,677.74. That concludes my report.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Clerk, Mrs. Bernat.

CLERK: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. I have no report this evening.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our City Manager, Mr. D'Apolito.

MR. D'APOLITO: Thank you, Mrs. Oliver. The one thing that I wanted to talk about tonight is the storm of July 5th. The city was very fortunate that we were spared of the tornado and macroburst. I know that some residents did have some damage. But overall, nothing compared to what the township got and other parts of the county. We were very fortunate in that regard. It's still amazing to me that nobody was killed or seriously injured; especially when you see the level of destruction. I also want to acknowledge our public safety services. I know that Mr. Schialdone did for the 4th of July Parade but great response to our police department, they got a call for all hands-on deck, truly almost all our officers and dispatchers responded. I think it's a real credit to our chief that they're willing to come out and perform like that. I'd like to recognize the fire district which covers not just the city but the township as well. They do amazing work. Also, a reflection of Chief Hutchison. I wanted to recognize the storm, talk about it and how fortunate the city was overall.

Another issue that I wanted to discuss is, if anyone is interested, the yellow stripes at the intersection of Talsman and E. Main Street.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Thank you, very much.

MR. D'APOLITO: That is the result of a conversation with Mr. Schialdone. He recognized a situation that we're always having, that catch basin being destroyed, it's difficult for trucks to make a left-hand turn as they head west from 224 and are hanging a right on Talsman and Councilman Schialdone noticed that cars that were going down towards 224 from Talsman were always cheating over to the left and actually the more I paid attention, incredibly how much further to the left. So, we had some yellow lines painted on Monday. So, now that will keep that traffic to the right side in their own lane. Thank you for that. That was great recognition on his part. That's all other than the sink hole. We also had a show on the Green today called Major Scales. He was a juggler, it was incredible. Great job to our events coordinator. That's all. Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Our Police Chief, Chief Colucci.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Thank you very much. I appreciate the kind words. Real quick, on the parade, we reviewed it after the fact, as we also do. One specific area of concern that we have is Go-Karts in the parade. So, we talked about that and we'll do our best to not have them back. I'll explain to them why, security and safety. It's a great talent but it poses too much of a safety risk. There were a lot of concerned parents. A lot of officers were concerned about it.

The storm, we had a lot of officers and dispatchers out. I've never seen anything like it. There were a total of 1,400 calls across the county. I never seen our CAD Board so backlogged; 1,400 calls. All the areas, all the major dispatching Austintown, Boardman, Youngstown anyone who is connected to our CAD, they report calls for service. That was a lot. Everyone did a great job. I remember the tornado we had, I think it was 7 or 8 years ago.

MR. DRAGISH: In '14, I think.

CHIEF OF POLICE: Almost to the date. It was over by Herbert Road. It's scary stuff. I'll try to be efficient because I have some support here, our Officer Matthew Hunter just got recognized. I'm putting you on the spot, he started in February. Coming to present to city council, it's a tall task but we've had a lot of talk about legalizing golf carts, we haven't done it. There are some people who believe they have special privileges in the city. There are also a lot of people on electric scooters and motorcycles, kids are riding on the sidewalks and roadways. Just today, I witnessed 3 of them, motorized scooters cross at S. Hillside and 224. East/West had the green, they were on red and they crossed. So, they ran a red light. I'm concerned that parents are allowing them to do this.

MRS. OLIVER: Are you talking about e-Bikes?

CHIEF OF POLICE: E-Bikes, Electric Scooters, and going back to the golf carts, so it's a combination of everything. They have children driving golf carts, unlicensed drivers. Nobody whether they are licensed or not and even if the golf cart is street legal, there are only a few villages in the State of Ohio that passed the Ordinance. We decided not to go in that direction for many reasons. We are doing our best to educate our community by communicating with them that it is illegal. Last week, Boardman had an 8-year-old get run over by an electric motorcycle. The vehicle was stuck on his leg and crushed it. It was somebody backing into the driveway and he saw the vehicle there (I saw the video) and he tried to get across. It crushed his leg and the motorcycle. So, it's a safety issue. It's not that we're trying to make things difficult. There could be citations issued. We can call the parents to pick them up or tow them. Matt is going to be brief and go over what we're talking about, so you're aware if you get calls.

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MATTHEW HUNTER: Within the State of Ohio they classified e-bike's in 3 different classes.

Class 1: Is a pedal assist up to 20MPH full throttle, they are legal on bike lanes, roads and multi-use paths.

Class 2: A throttle and pedal assist up to 20MPH, they are permitted on roads, sidewalks and paths.

Class 3: It's a little different. It can go up to 20MPH. The operator must be 16 years of age to operate it. When I've been seeing them out, I've been making consensual contact with them. Asking them their age. They have been riding recklessly. That's how it's being enforced with consensual contact. As far as the electric scooters go, low speed, micromobility devices. That is defined in 4515.14, they do have to be 14 years of age or higher to operate it. If they are under 18, they must be supervised by an adult within audible or visionary. If they're out far away from their house and not with someone 18 years of age, then they cannot be operating it. That is how we can enforce this to help (inaudible).

MR. GRAHAM: I was going to say, I saw one just the other day, I'm not sure exactly what he was on but he was riding a bike, no hands. He had to be going more than 20MPH. A young fellow without a helmet. You see that a lot, no helmets. So, will we be able to stop those?

MATTHEW HUNTER: If it's a class 3 ebike, you must be 16 and wearing a helmet. Those we can stop. The contact that I had the other day, they were on W. Main approximately going 27, so I knew they were class 3. The one didn't have any pedals, so that is not an e-bike. That is an electric dirt bike. I stopped them. Talked with them and found out that he was 14 operating that vehicle. So, his parents were contacted. He got picked up. I wasn't trying to get anyone in trouble. The 3 other ones that he was with were on class 3. It is labeled on the side. They were not of age. They were 14 years old. Even though they were wearing helmets, so their parents came to pick them up. That is how we can enforce it.

MR. GRAHAM: Safety. It's unnerving to see them without helmets flying down the street.

MR. DRAGISH: They pulled them over right in front of my house. They were flying down Brookpark and a cop was coming up. I didn't know what was going to happen and all a sudden, he lit them up. It was surprising because I would have thought that most of the time the kids would have taken off. They just stopped; they froze. They went onto the sidewalk and stood there until the cop came. It was kind of funny. I'm glad that he talked to them. He let them go but they were flying. I would see them flying up and down the street every day and now they're not. Whatever you told and explained to them and obviously talked to their parents.

MATTHEW HUNTER: Now that we're aware of the classes and how we can enforce them, officers are starting to talk to them more. At first, we weren't sure how we could proceed with it. After some research, we're starting to enforce it.

MR. GRAHAM: It's great news.

MR. DRAGISH: It is.

CHIEF COLUCCI: At the city manager's request Matt will forward you a copy of what he just read.

MR. DRAGISH: That's great. Thank you.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you.

MR. DRAGISH: I know we were talking about the 4th of July, and I just wanted to add one more thing to our police officers. There was an incident and I wanted to make sure to mention it because our police officers did a fantastic job. There was a little girl that lost her family during the parade, and it happened so fast. She was freaking out. She was young. I think it was because there were so many people she couldn't see. Our guys took care of it so fast. She was shaken up and the parents were. It was immediate. They got her to her family quickly. I witnessed it.

MR. D'APOLITO: I saw at least 5 or 6.

MR. DRAGISH: I saw 1.

MR. D'APOLITO: There were a lot of people there.

MR. DRAGISH: There was. I just wanted to recognize our guys on how well they did that day.

CHIEF COLUCCI: I don't know if it's because we had more people, but we had more this year than we usually do. It's something we talk about in our briefing.

MR. DRAGISH: You did a great job.

MRS. OLIVER: We didn't have anything crazy. We had a pony. No go-carts.

CHIEF COLUCCI: The night before the fireworks, we had a storm come through and we had to clean up all the chairs that were pre-set-up.

MRS. OLIVER: I did see that when I was driving through. They were right at the square they were laying on the street.

MR. D'APOLITO: It's just getting earlier and earlier and more and more.

MR. DRAGISH: 2 ½ days before they were already out.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Chief, that was a good call on those cars. It wasn't in Ohio, but I was reading an article where they have those and I believe 2 of them went out of control and ran into the crowd and injured some people.

CHIEF OF POLICE: The City Manager mentioned that.

MR. SCHIALDONE: You seen that?

MR. D'APOLITO: Yes, I seen the article. We talked about it at our staff meeting.

MR. SCHIALDONE: When I seen it, I mentioned it to somebody and thought that's not a good idea.

CHIEF OF POLICE: It's easy to get disoriented. There are good drivers, but it happens.

MR. SCHIALDONE: They were doing figure 8's.

MR. GRAHAM: They were close to the sidewalk.

MRS. OLIVER: Anything else, Chief Colucci?

CHIEF OF POLICE: No.

MRS. OLIVER: Our City Attorney.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: No report. I'll be happy to speak on any of the items of legislation.

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Council any questions on the reports that you just heard? Hearing none. Residents? Hearing none.

Under Persons Desiring to Appear Before Council:

MR. STEVE PLANEY: Steve Planey, Neff Court. Back in the spring of 2025, an Ordinance 2025-10 you entered into an agreement with PNG for pavement condition assessment. I'd like to know if it's available to be seen, the results of that assessment.

MR. D'APOLITO: I'm sure we could print it out. It's a program that we pay for and they assess and grade all the streets.

MR. STEVE PLANEY: I'd like to see where mine rates. Montridge is listed as potentially being paved this year. It's infinitely better condition than Neff Court.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: The report is public record. Give your name to the clerk.

MR. D'APOLITO: Do you want the score that they gave Neff Court?

MR. STEVE PLANEY: I want to see the worst street in Canfield and where my street compares. I want to take my car and drive on the ones that are allegedly worse than mine. I don't think there are many.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: On our website you can make a public records request. Go on to the city's website and make a public records request.

MR. D'APOLITO: Put in the specific questions that you want.

MR. STEVE PLANEY: Okay, very good, thank you

MRS. OLIVER: Thank you. Anyone else desiring to speak before council? Hearing none.

Under OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM A: An Ordinance Creating New Ordinance §1151.06 (P) Conditionally Permitting Limited Automobile Sales in B-3 Zoning Districts and Defining Automobile Sales.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Nacarato could you read letter A, under Old Business.

MR. NACARATO: Yes, Madam President, I have An Ordinance Creating New Ordinance §1151.06 (P) Conditionally Permitting Limited Automobile Sales in B-3 Zoning Districts and Defining Automobile Sales. I move for passage.

MRS. OLIVER: As everyone knows that is what our public hearing was regarding. I have a motion do I have a second.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2026-24.

Under NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM A: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Contract for the purchase, installation and grinding of asphaltic concrete (street paving).

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Schialdone could you please read letter A under New Business.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Thank you, Madam President. _An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into A Contract for the purchase, installation and grinding of asphaltic concrete (street paving). I move for passage.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Ordinance passes.
	Ordinance 2026-25.

ITEM B: An Ordinance Adopting A Tax Budget for the City of Canfield, Ohio for the Year 2027.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Ordinance and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Ordinance and authorize reading by title only.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:	5 Votes-Yes
	0 Votes-No
	Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish could you please read letter B.

MR. DRAGISH: Yes, Mrs. Oliver.

MRS. OLIVER: Mayor Dragish, I have let this go at every meeting. I would like to respectfully request that you address me appropriately and respectfully on this council, as do the rest of the council members; which we all agreed upon that it is Madam President is my title. Thank you.

MR. DRAGISH: I didn't realize that calling you Mrs. Oliver was offensive.

MRS. OLIVER: I appreciate it. Thank you.

MR. DRAGISH: I have an Ordinance adopting a tax budget for the City of Canfield, Ohio for the Year 2027. I move for passage.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON ORDINANCE:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Ordinance passes.

Ordinance 2026-26.

ITEM C: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Canfield to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into A Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement for Design of the Fairground Blvd Waterline Replacement Project and Designating A Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Resolution and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes

0 Votes-No

Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Resolution and authorize reading by title only.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

MR. GRAHAM: Madam President, I have a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Canfield to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into A Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Agreement for Design of the Fairground Blvd Waterline Replacement Project and Designating A Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan and Declaring an Emergency. I move for passage.

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. D'Apolito or Atty. Fortunato, do you want to explain this?

MR. D'APOLITO: There have been a series of water breaks on Fairground Blvd in the short time that I've been here. Public Works have been out there multiple times making repairs. It's a much older line. It's an older part of the city. So, it seems to be much better to replace the entire line. So, we decided it's in the best interest to replace it.

MRS. OLIVER: You can't keep putting a band-aid on it.

MR. D'APOLITO: Exactly.

MRS. OLIVER: Understood. Do I have a second.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON RESOLUTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Resolution passes.
Resolution 2026-04.

ITEM D: A Motion to Accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Motion and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

MR. NACARATO: Yes, Madam President, I have a motion to accept the certificate of estimated property tax revenue. I move for passage.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes
Motion 2026-10.

ITEM E: Resolution Declaring it necessary to Renew A Levy of a tax in excess of Ten-MILL Limitation Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 5705.19.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of two readings of the proposed Resolution and authorize adoption of the same upon its first reading.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

MRS. OLIVER: As per the provisions of Section 4.05 of the Charter of the City of Canfield, I move that Council dispense with the requirement of a full reading of the proposed Resolution and authorize reading by title only.

MR. NACARATO: Second.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Motion passes.

MR. SCHIALDONE: Thank you, Madam President, I have a Resolution Declaring it necessary to Renew A Levy of a tax in excess of Ten-MILL Limitation Ohio Revised Code, Sec. 5705.19. I move for passage.

ATTY. FORTUNATO: This is a renewal of the police levy that was first adopted by the city in 2016. It's not a replacement. Replacement levies have been invalidated in the State of Ohio pursuant to the legislature. This is not a new levy. This is a renewal of an existing levy. The motion you passed before this Resolution is the second step of the process. The first step is we ask the county auditor to certify what the funds will be annually for this renewal. We got that information back and we passed that motion a minute ago that would be \$812,524.00 annually. The third step is resolving to placing it on the ballot a renewal levy in the same amount 3.9 MILLS for the benefit of the city for the purposes of providing and maintaining motor vehicles and other equipment for a period of 5 years used directly in the operation of the police

department and the payment of salaries of police personnel necessary to maintain sufficient police protection for the citizens of the city in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section is 5705.19(J) at a rate not exceeding 3.9 MILLS. That's what this is. You're placing this ballot question on the November ballot for a renewal levy.

MR. D'APOLITO: If I might add, I just want to express it, some may not know, when the levy first originated in 2016, it generated \$812,000. Because it is a renewal it has to generate that same amount. That's the difference between what used to be a replacement levy the true 3.9MILLS would generate a greater amount with today's valuation vs 2016. This levy will be no new money, no new taxes to the residents. It will still generate what it did in 2016. I learned the difference between what used to be a replacement levy where we get the same millage and generate a higher amount of money. It's just renewal. It will still generate that same amount that it did 10 years ago.

MR. GRAHAM: I think I know the answer to this, but you can't put that on the ballot that it will generate the same dollars for the effective millage?

CHIEF COLUCCI: To your point, it reads 3.9MILL but it's actually in the area of 2.3.

MR. D'APOLITO We cannot say that in the legislation.

MRS. OLIVER: Any questions from council or residents? Hearing none.

MR. GRAHAM: Second.

ROLL CALL ON RESOLUTION:

5 Votes-Yes
0 Votes-No
Resolution passes
Resolution 2026-05.

Under **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

MR. NACARATO: Just as a side note, Rotary has been talking about a date for Lighting of the Green. After talking to the city manager, the date has been set and the date will be the Friday, before Thanksgiving. I believe that is November 20th. Believe me, the 4th of July came and I thought we have to do this already. Just to give everybody a heads up on that.

MRS. OLIVER: I'm going to share one thing. So, this year, Back the Blue Ohio we raise money for children of fallen officers. We are having number 7 on our Green, on September 26th. We are raising money to donate to Trooper Cayton Memorial Scholarship at YSU, so I wanted everyone to know what our primary goal is for this year. Young man, thank you very much for attending council. Do you have any questions for us?

UNIDENTIFIED MAN: (inaudible).

MRS. OLIVER: Mr. Graham wanted to make sure and to let you know that we are making our laws that are in that big green book over there. That is some of the things that we do. If you have any questions, just let us know. Any other comments? Can I have a motion to adjourn.

MR. NACARATO: I'll make that motion

MR. DRAGISH: Second.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL