



**CITY OF
MARION**
MARION CITY COUNCIL
MARION CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
MARY STONEBURNER

Marion City Council
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**MARION CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
07/28/2025 at 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INTRODUCTIONS

- Invocation by: Dr. Steve Estep, Lead Pastor Marion Nazarene Church

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

- Proceedings not complete

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 [ORDINANCE 2025-060 Amended 2 Charter Commission edited post 7 14 071525.pdf](#)
ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER OF 2025 THE QUESTION OF CHOOSING A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MARION AND ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AS AMENDED.

- Legislation, Codes, and Regulations Committee -- Mr. Neff, chair – 2-0 no recommendation.
- First Reading 6-9-25
- Second Reading 6-23-25
- Returned to Committee 7-14-2025.
- Amended in Committee 7-21-2025.
- Returned to Council 7/21/2025 2-1 recommendation to adopt.
- [ORDINANCE 2025-060 Amended Charter Commission edited by Hunter \(002\).pdf](#)
- [ORDINANCE 2025-060 Charter Commission.pdf](#)

Item 2 [ORDINANCE 2025-076 Paving with Marion Twp.pdf](#) Ordinance Making an Additional Appropriation Within SCMR Fund to Complete Additional Paving Within the City for the Year Ending December 31, 2025. (Courtwright)

- Finance Committee -- Ms. Laing, chair – 2-0 recommendation to adopt.



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Item 3 [ORDINANCE 2025-077 County Land Bank Demo.pdf](#) Ordinance Making an Adjustments to Appropriations For Demos in the General Fund for the Year Ending December 31, 2025. (Courtwright)

- Finance Committee -- Ms. Laing, chair – 2-0 recommendation to adopt.

Item 4 [ORDINANCE 2025-078 Workforce Mobility Grant.pdf](#) Ordinance Making an Adjustments to Appropriations For Workforce Mobility Grant for the Year Ending December 31, 2025. (Troiano)

- Finance Committee -- Ms. Laing, chair – 2-0 recommendation to adopt.

Item 5 [ORDINANCE 2025-079 Police Insurance Appropriations Amendment Ord 7.21.25.pdf](#) Ordinance Making Adjustments to Appropriations For Insurance Payment for the Year Ending December 31, 2025. (Courtwright)

- Finance Committee -- Ms. Laing, chair – 2-0 recommendation to adopt.

Item 6 [ORDINANCE 2025-080 Workforce Grant Submission for Transit 2026.pdf](#) Ordinance Making Adjustments to Appropriations For Insurance Payment for the Year Ending December 31, 2025. (Courtwright)

- Finance Committee -- Ms. Laing, chair – 2-0 no recommendation.

Item 7 [ORDINANCE 2025-081 WWTP Assistant Amend 2.pdf](#) ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO.2025-064. (Courtwright, Ice, Russell)

- [ORDINANCE 2025-064 WWTP Super Assistant Yarger.pdf](#)
- Municipal Services, Parks, and Recreation Committee – Mr. T. Smith, chair – 3-0 recommendation to adopt.

Item 8 [ORDINANCE 2025-082 CORPO Ordinance Draft.pdf](#) ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (CORPO) DEDICATED FUNDS PROGRAM APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Added by Mayor Collins)



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MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Administration or Council)

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- [2025.06 Monthly Report.pdf](#) Marion Police Department.
- [Budget Transfer Report for May 2025.pdf](#) Budget and Finance
- <https://www.marionohio.us/node/4324> Train Complaint Link
- [FIRST QUARTER 2025 FINAL.pdf](#) OML Newsletter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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MARION CITY COUNCIL -- COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Marion City Council Committee Meetings are at Marion City Hall, Courtroom Number One, 2nd Floor, 233 West Center Street, Marion, Ohio 43302

Committee	Chair	08/04/2025	Possible Agenda Items
Airport, Lands & Buildings	Ms. Laing		
Jobs and Economic Development	Mr. R. Smith		Tax Abatement Application
Legislation, Codes & Regulations	Mr. Neff		
Municipal Services, Parks & Recreation	Mr. T. Smith		
Public Utilities	Mr. Ratliff		
Regional Planning	Mr. T. Smith	4 th Wednesday 7 p.m.	Prospect Room, Marion County Building
Streets and Sewers	Mr. Barr		
Traffic Commission	Mr. Barr		
Zoning and Annexation	Mr. Prater		
Finance	Ms. Laing		Old Business, Reports, and Legislation



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MARION CITY COUNCIL -- 2024/2025 TERM

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS -- 2024/2025 TERM

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Treasury Investment Board -- Mayor, Auditor, Law Director, Finance Chair, and Treasurer
Board of Airport Commissioners -- Ms. Laing; Airport, Lands, and Building Chair
Cando Board -- Mr. R. Smith, Jobs, and Economic Development Chair
Downtown Inc Board -- Mr. Barr, Council Representative
Regional Planning⁴ -- Mr. T. Smith, Mr. Neff, and Mr. Prater
Traffic Commission⁵ -- Members of Streets and Sewers Committee (3), Administration -- Safety Director, City Engineer, Chief of Police, Law Director

¹ Pursuant to § 123.01 Chairman of the Finance Committee of Council is a member of the Treasury Investment Board. The Chairman serves as backup to the Treasurer when signature is required in his absence for transfers over \$50,000.

² Pursuant to § 159.01, a member of Council shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Airport Commissioners. The Airport Commission meets at 2 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Marion Municipal Airport.

³ Chair or designee of Jobs & Economic Development Committee serves on the CANDO! Board and Downtown Marion Inc. Board.

⁴ Members of this committee serve on the Marion City/County Regional Planning Commission. Meetings are held at 7 PM in the Prospect Room, lower level of Marion County Building on 4th Wednesday of the month, except November and December meetings are combined due to holiday season and held on 2nd Wednesday of December. Meetings could be cancelled due to lack of business.

⁵ Pursuant to § 155.01, there is created a Traffic Commission, consisting of the members of council's committee on street, alley, sidewalk, and traffic, together with the Safety/Service Director, City Engineer, Chief of Police, and Law Director, as its members. The commission meets on an as-needed basis.



GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

OHIO REVISED CODE 121.22

1. After all regular business has been conducted, the Council may, at their discretion, open the meeting for public discussion and /or comment.
2. The President will recognize members wishing to speak in order and exercise sole discretion in determining order.
3. Speakers Shall:
 - a. Come to the podium, state their name, address, and/or organization they are representing., and their subject matter.
 - b. Be recognized by the presiding officer.
 - c. Address all comments to the Council.
 - d. Limit comments to the question under debate and/or one subject.
 - e. Limit subject matter to city related issues.
 - f. Avoid personalities and refrain from impugning the motives of any argument or vote.
 - g. No speaker shall speak more than once on the same motion until every other member desiring to speak on the motion has had an opportunity to do so.
4. Violation of these rules: there will be one (1) warning given before removal from the meeting.
5. The Council reserves the right to waive these rules as warranted.

