

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting February 16th, 2026

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Clerk of Courts read the roll call. Tom Camp, present, Dana Dedrick-present, Mark Feldhaus-present, Neil Kelly-present, Natasha Kohorst-present, Chris Westmark- absent and Mayor Donnellon present.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to excuse Ms. Westmark; Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for February 2<sup>nd</sup> council meeting

Ms. Dedrick made a motion to accept the minutes from February 2nd, 2026, council meeting, Ms. Kohorst seconded the motion. Minutes accepted. Mr. Kelly abstained

Presentation and Guest Judge Jennifer M. Kinsley the Judge gave a presentation on how the Appellate court works. It is considered the last stop for Justice. The Court of Appeals is supported by a court administrator , a deputy court administrator, 16 attorneys and 7 administrative staff. The Court of Appeals hears appeals from Hamilton County's 5 trial courts. The First District Court of Appeals is one of 12 appellate districts in the State of Ohio. There are 6 elected judges that sit on the First District. The court offers a free of charge mediation program, they collaborate with Hamilton County Help Center to offer a bank of resources for litigants representing themselves. They provide internship opportunities for High Schoolers, undergrads and law school students year-round. The First District Court operates as the least expensive per case cost. They can be contacted at 513-946-3500 or [coa@firstdistrictcoa.org](mailto:coa@firstdistrictcoa.org)

**Public Comment:** none however Mayor Donnellon welcomed past council member Mr. Tolliver to the meeting

## Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark- given by Mayor Donnellon

January 2026 Fund Report, January 2026 Jedz and January 2026 JEDD reports all presented, Mayor Donnellon made a motion to accept the reports, Mr. Camp seconded the motion, motion carried

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp:

Chief Battin was unable to attend, Lt. Proctor was there for the Police Department. Ms. Kohorst presented the January Police Report, 858 calls for service, 35 arrests, and detailed report available online. Mr. Camp presented the January Fire Report, there was a \$20,000 fire loss in basement on MacNicholas, no loss of life. The Fire District had 96 calls for service; total district had 286 calls. Chief Meador has submitted the Annual Report.

Public Works Committee Chair Neil Kelly: The city received \$300,000 from SORTA so the work on Galbraith Road is fully funded, probably will begin in 2027. The city has received 80 tons of salt for the remainder of winter, if needed we can buy more from the county. From the last storm the city used 4 man hours on Feb 3 and 3 man hours on Feb 4 and total of 9 tons of salt.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus: Armchair Races Saturday Feb 21<sup>st</sup> This is a Friends of Chamberlain Park event; funds go to the park. Doors open 530PM. Racing begins at 6:30 pm. Biggest winter event of the year. Come early, there will be 10 races 12 horses each at River Downs. It is well attended.

Armchair racing Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026, will be held by Friends of Chamberlain Park who donate the money back to the park. Doors open 6 pm, racing begins at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Kohorst presented the Vendor guide for the upcoming Farmers Market beginning first Sunday in May and thru September. She is working with Friends of Chamberlain Park so credit card payments can be made at the Farmers Market.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous: none

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

**Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Official.**

**Solicitor – Welcome back Mr. Kelly and Thank you to Judge Kinsley for the presentation.**

**Mayor: Thank You to everyone for coming and come to the Armchair races, biggest winter event.**

**City Manager: Andy Dalton premature baby born at only 2 pounds and is doing well and they hope for the baby to come home within the week. Julie is doing well after her surgery and is in the office.**

**Schedule:**

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Sorta signing Awards presentation at 5:00 PM 525 Vine Street.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Council Workshop 6:00PM in Council Chambers

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Public Hearing 6:30 PM in Council Chambers

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7:00 PM Council Meeting in Council Chambers

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Strategic Planning session 8 until noon Community Center

**Events**

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM Community Center

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Block Watch Meeting 7:00 PM Community Center

**ROUND ROBIN:**

**Mr. Kelly: Thank you for all the well wishes and I am happy to be back.**

**Ms. Dedrich: Welcome Back Neil, and thank you Judge Kinsely, and to our Police Department.**

**Mr. Camp: Welcome back Neil and thanks to our Police Department.**

**Mr. Feldhaus: Welcome back Neil.**

**Ms. Kohorst: Welcome back Neil.**

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting

Adjourned at 7:30 PM

John Donnellon Mayor

Angie Tegenkamp Chachoff Clerk of Council

