

City of Deer Park City Council Municipal Building Meeting October 5th , 2026

Mayor Donnellon opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Mayor Donnellon made a motion to approve Tyra Meredith as Clerk of Council pro temp, seconded by Chris Westmark, motion carried. All in favor.

Clerk of Council Pro Temp read the roll call. Tom Camp, Dana Dedrick, Mark Feldhaus, Neil Kelly, Natasha Kohorst, Chris Westmark, Mayor Donnellon all present.

Special Presentation Donnellon, then Commissioner Driehaus presented information to council:

The Children's Services Levy will be on the ballot on November 3rd, 2026. This will be a renewal with an increase. These services for abused and neglected children are supported through local property taxes.

The Hamilton County Central Campus is now located in the Bond Hill neighborhood. The Hamilton County Central Campus officially opened on February 11, 2026, inside the completely renovated former Bon Secours Mercy Health headquarters. It was established to consolidate multiple county departments into one accessible facility to improve service delivery and save taxpayers money

A "menu of opportunity" was handed out to all City Council members showing several resources for local government & communities.

Approval of Minutes for September 14th Council Meeting: Natasha Kohorst made a motion to accept the minutes, Mark Feldhaus seconded the motion, motion carried; minutes accepted.

Public Comment

None.

Standing Committee Reports

Legislative and Finance Committee Chair Chris Westmark

September Income Tax report up \$91,428.42, September JEDD \$105.30, and September JEDZ reports \$10,088.17. All discussed and available online. Ms. Dedrick presented the September 2026 Fund Report, city is down YTD \$\$577,716.89. Dr. Jetter stated Income received after report was made, not down as much.

Chris Westmark made a motion to accept all the reports, Neil Kelly seconded the motion, motion carried. All in favor.

Safety Committee Chair Tom Camp: Ms. Kohorst presented the July Police report, available online, the city had 895 calls for service.

Mr. Camp presented the July Fire Report, available online, the city had 101 calls, and the district had 340 calls. 2,582 call ytd.

Chief Battin stated that Shop with a Cop will be coming up. Planning a chili cook off along with the Silverton / Deer Park Fire Department with all proceeds going to Shop with a Cop. Definite dates will be published as soon as set.

Public Works Committee Chair Neil Kelly: Catch basin work on Lake and Webster Ave, crack sealing throughout the city. Sink hole on Blue Ash Road at Wentworth entrance.

Dr. Jetter started receiving 2 quotes for the sink hole on Blue Ash. Ford Development is quoted at \$80,000. Prus quoted \$43,100. Will be going with Prus.

Park Board Committee Chair Mark Feldhaus:

Boo fest is October 9th and 10th 6:00 pm-10:00 pm, It is also Homecoming weekend, Mr. Feldhaus said Amy Heythorne is having a fall craft event in the Community Center during the day of Boo Fest from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

It is on the list to get the tennis courts cleaned up and stripes completed for pickle ball.

Dr. Jetter stated we received grants for fitness equipment to be placed in the park, one from UC at \$60,000 and one from the State Cap Fund at \$100,000. The equipment will be purchased and stored until the concrete pad can be placed next spring.

Natasha Kohorst:

Ms. Kohorst discussed the last Market Gathering, stating it was slower than others. Thinking due to Bengals game and it wasn't a planned event as the "last one". There were 35 total applications for vendors, with 32 throughout every event. She thanked the Service Dept and Police for all their help with each event. She thanked the Mayor and JJ for helping post the signage for every event. Received nothing but positive reviews from every vendor and they all want to come back next year. Next year the gathering is changing to the 2nd Sunday of the month to avoid the holidays, starting May 2026 until October, 2026.

Correspondence & Miscellaneous:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Special Announcements & Reports from Other City Officials

Solicitor:

None

Mayor:

Party in the Park and the Festival concerts are all set for next year.

City Manager:

Aggregation letters have been mailed to residents. Please read the fine print, this is where the number to call and opt out is. You also have had to be a Duke customer for 1 year. Burtons has been sold and bought by Donovan Tire. The property across the street has not been purchased yet. The beauty shop will be demolished next week. There is intention of building rental properties in that location. There is a potential buyer for Stewart Industries. It needs to be known Deer Park landlords can not dump garbage in the streets and expect the city to take care of their garbage. They will be invoiced. A zero-turn lawnmower was bought for

\$13,000 due to the current one breaking down and having issues getting replacement parts. The Income Tax renewal will be on the November 3rd ballot. Working on the budget for next year, keeping the issue of property tax situation in mind. Dr. Jetter thanked the council for allowing him to work half days after his surgery for recovery.

Neil Kelly asked Dr. Jetter about the zoning changes that were approved for a recent project that is no longer going to happen. Once the project was pulled, the new zoning changes are no longer in effect.

Schedule:

October 19th, 2026 Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

November 2, 2026, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

November 16th, 2026, Council Meeting 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

Events:

We Thrive Fall Community Meeting – October 8th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM Deer Park Public Library Branch

Boo Fest -October 9 & 10th, 6:00 pm – 10:00 PM

Block Watch Meeting – October 20th, at 7:00 PM - location to be verified

Armchair Races will be in November 2026

The Christmas tree lighting at the end of November.

ROUND ROBIN:

Ms. Dedrick:

Thanked Natasha for the Market Gathering. Is part of the We Thrive. Mentioned the event at the Library and noted public health. Attended the OML meeting and will email her notes to council members.

Mr. Kelly:

Thanked Natasha for the Market Gathering, loved it.

Mr. Camp:

Told Natahsa she did a great job with the Market Gathering.

Mr. Feldhaus:

Congratulated Mr. Pacheco on his Cleveland Browns in 1st place.

Ms. Kohorst:

Thanked Commissioner Driehaus and congratulated her on the new building.

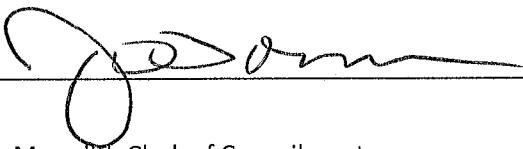
Ms. Westmark:

None.

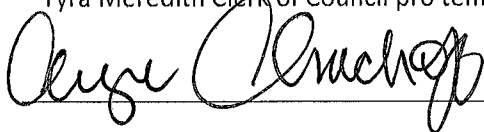
Mayor made a motion to adjourn, Kohorst (really ALL OF COUNCIL) seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 PM

John Donnellon Mayor

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Tyra Meredith Clerk of Council pro temp

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