

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-R34
SPONSOR: MAYOR YEARGIN
INTRODUCED: JUNE 23, 2026

ASSIGNED TO: _____

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GREEN A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 7.4, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREEN, TO CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Green's Charter requires a review of the Charter's provisions every seven (7) years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Yeargin, pursuant to the terms of the Charter, appointed a Charter Review Commission to review the Charter and recommend amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Charter requires Green City Council to submit the proposed amendments to the electors of the City of Green at the next regular municipal or Ohio General Election unless the proposed amendment is rejected by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the members of Council; and

WHEREAS, Green City Council determines that the amendments should be submitted to the electors of the City of Green on November 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Review Commission unanimously recommended that Green City Council submit to the City electorate a proposal to amend Section 7.4 of the Charter to clarify the powers and duties of the Parks and Recreation Board. No other changes to this section are recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN, COUNTY OF SUMMIT AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION ONE:

The Charter Review Commission has recommended that the electors of the City of Green consider a proposal that Section 7.4 of the Charter of the City of Green be amended to read as follows:

7.4 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

B. Powers and Duties

The Parks and Recreation Board ~~shall~~ **may** advise with respect to the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of the parks and recreational facilities of the City. The Board ~~shall~~ **may** solicit input from, provide assistance to, and cooperate with civic, historical, and youth athletic organizations in providing these services and facilities.

The Parks and Recreation Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and Council. The Parks and Recreation Board ~~shall develop a plan to provide for the parks and recreational needs of the community and shall oversee implementation of that plan.~~ **May review and recommend long-range plans, policies, and priorities to address the parks and recreational needs of the community.**

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The Board ~~has no power to commit the expenditure of public moneys except as expressly provided for by Council.~~ **shall have no authority to expend or obligate public funds.** The authority to purchase, sell, lease, dispose of, or accept as donations, any property or **money** resides in Council.

~~Council shall be required to provide an estimate of appropriate moneys for parks and recreation to the Board no later than November 15 of the year prior to the year for which moneys are to be appropriated.~~
The Board may review and provide advisory input regarding proposed parks and recreation funding priorities when requested by the Mayor or Council. ~~It shall be the duty of the Parks and Recreation Board to develop an annual plan for the most effective and beneficial use of the moneys so appropriated.~~

The Board may recommend priorities and planning considerations for the use of appropriated funds, subject to the approval and direction of Council.

SECTION TWO:

The proposed amendments to Section 7.4 of the Charter of the City of Green shall be placed before the qualified electors of the City of Green for their approval on the ballot of the November 3, 2026 election.

SECTION THREE:

Green City Council requests the following ballot language:

“Shall Section 7.4 of the Charter of the City of Green be amended to clarify the powers and duties of the Parks and Recreation Board?”

_____ **FOR THE AMENDMENT**

_____ **AGAINST THE AMENDMENT**

SECTION FOUR:

The Clerk of Council of the City of Green shall certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Summit County, along with a copy of the proposed ballot language no later than September 4, 2026, as required by law.

SECTION FIVE:

The City of Green finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in open meeting of this Council and any deliberations of this City and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION SIX:

Council declares this to be an emergency immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Green. Provided that this legislation receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time allowed by law.

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ADOPTED: _____, 2026

Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council

Justin Speight, Council President

APPROVED: _____, 2026

Rocco P. Yeargin, Mayor

ENACTED EFFECTIVE: _____, 2026

ON ROLL CALL: Humphrey _____ DeVitis _____ Brandenburg _____
 Meager _____ Neugebauer _____ Noble _____ Speight _____

PUBLICATION CERTIFICATION

I, Nichole Messner, Clerk of Council of the City of Green, County of Summit and State of Ohio, whose custody the original files and records of said council are required to be kept by the laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the above legislation was duly published in the *Southside Leader* on _____ and _____, 2026.

Nichole M. Messner, Clerk of Council

_____, 2026 Approved as to form and content by Lisa Carey Dean, Law Director _____