

DOCUMENTED INACCURACIES: OFFICIAL ISSUE 16 CLAIMS vs. ORDINANCE NO. 26-05

Verbatim Quotes & Primary Source Citations Comparing City, PAC, and Chamber Claims Against Enacted Charter Text

Submitted for the Permanent Council Record by: Mark Lloyd (7241 S. Mingo Ln, Madeira, OH 45243) on behalf of *Neighbors for a Transparent Madeira* • Enacted July 13, 2026 (6–0–1 Vote): Yea: Henning, Camper, Junger, Shaffer, Takeddine, Whitted; Abstain: Rowe (Ord. 26-05, Pg. 2).

1. Side-by-Side Proof: Verbatim Published Claims vs. Verbatim Ordinance 26-05 Text

Verbatim Published Claim & Exact Source	Verbatim Legal Text in Ordinance No. 26-05 & Internal City Records	Documented Verdict
1. The "Finance Director" Claim <i>"Under the proposed changes, the Council-appointed, part-time Treasurer position would be replaced by a professional, full-time municipal Finance Director."</i> Sources: City of Madeira FB Slide 5 (Oct. 20, 2026); Madeiracity.com/CharterUpdate; YesOn16Madeira.com ("under a professional finance director"); MadeiraExplained.com.	• Zero Mentions in Ordinance 26-05: The words "Finance Director" appear zero (0) times across all 27 pages of Ordinance No. 26-05. • Repeals Independent Watchdog (Art. V, §§ 2 & 4, Pgs. 12–13): Repeals the Council-appointed Treasurer and Clerk-Treasurer in their entirety. • Strikes Independence From Manager (Art. IV, § 2, Pg. 10): Strikes out "~~Treasurer~~" from the clause barring the City Manager from having "<i>jurisdiction or authority over</i>" independent officers. • Administration's Internal Admission: The June 22, 2026 Memo authored by former City Manager Michael Norton-Smith and Interim City Manager Lori Thompson (<i>Charter Revision Summary 2026, Pg. 1</i>) admits this is a "<i>management appointed</i>" subordinate, not an independent Charter officer.	FALSE / DECEPTIVE OMISSION
2. Financial Controls Claim <i>"The role does not change... existing financial controls all remain in place."</i> Source: City of Madeira Official Facebook Post, Slide 5 of 7 (Oct. 20, 2026).	• Deletes Dual-Signature Check Control (Art. IV, § 4, Pg. 11): Explicitly strikes out: "~~be upon warrants signed by the Treasurer (or Clerk-Treasurer) and countersigned by the Manager. Such expenditures~~" and replaces it with: "<u>All expenditures of municipal funds shall be made only upon authorization of the Manager.</u>" • Deletes Mandatory Charter Bond (Art. XIV, § 3, Pg. 23): Strikes out "~~and the Treasurer~~" from the mandatory performance bond requirement (confirmed in Norton-Smith & Thompson's June 22, 2026 Memo, Pgs. 2–3).	VERIFIABLY FALSE
3. Spending Limit Claim <i>"Each year, City Council would establish an administrative spending threshold... The dollar line above which a contract needs a Council vote is set each year in public, instead of a \$10,000 figure."</i> Sources: City FB Slide 6 (Oct. 20, 2026); YesOn16Madeira.com; MadeiraExplained.com.	• Deletes Fixed \$10,000 Cap (Art. IV, § 5, Pg. 11): Strikes out "~~for more than \$10,000 shall be authorized by ordinance or resolution of Council.~~" • Requires Manager's Agreement (Mutual Veto): Council does <i>not</i> set the limit alone. Text states: "<u>Members of Council and the Manager shall agree, annually, on an administrative threshold amount...</u>" with no Charter dollar ceiling and no ordinance required (the only city charter in Ohio with an uncapped mutual agreement). • Nearly 800% Jump & No Newspaper Notice: Allows up to \$79,568+ (ORC § 9.17) without a Council roll-call vote (and professional consultants are exempt from state bidding)—handing unchecked authority right as the City transitions to a brand-new City Manager in mid-November. Also strikes out "~~in a newspaper of general circulation~~" for bid notices (Pg. 11).	FALSE / MISLEADING
4. Planning & 5-Year CIP Claim <i>"Removes the requirement for Planning Commission to annually submit a separate five-year capital improvement list. Instead, the Comprehensive Plan... is initiated [sic] with Planning Commission."</i> Source: City of Madeira Official Facebook Post, Slide 7 of 7 (Oct. 20, 2026).	• Deletes 5-Year Capital Plan (Art. VII, § 3, Pg. 14): Strikes out the mandatory annual 5-year citizen capital improvement prioritization list. • "Instead" Claim Is Fabricated (Art. VII, § 2, Pg. 14): Ordinance 26-05 adds zero words about a Comprehensive Plan. The general plan clause in Art. VII, § 2 has been in the Charter unchanged since 1959.	VERIFIABLY FALSE
5. "Friday Flash" BOE Claim <i>"The remaining 32 changes fall into the following categories (descriptive</i>	• Truncated 4-Item List: The Oct. 23 <i>Friday Flash</i> stops after listing only 4 benign clerical items while omitting the remainder of the ballot language (repealing the Treasurer, changing the \$10,000 contract	

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<i>language provided by the Hamilton County Board of Elections): Allow electronic notice... Clarify Council vacancy... Move without changing, the rule requiring three readings... Allow Council to appoint a qualified person to perform the Manager's duties..."</i> Sources: City of Madeira "Friday Flash" Email (Oct. 23, 2026) & Oct–Dec 2026 MadeiraNews Newsletter.	threshold, deleting the 5-year capital plan, and removing specific historic house protections). • Misleading Attribution: The Hamilton County Board of Elections certifies ballot language submitted by the City under ORC § 3505.06; it did not author a truncated 4-item promotional excerpt for the City's newsletter.	DECEPTIVE OMISSION & ATTRIBUTION

2. Historic Properties Paper Trail (Article XVI, Page 26), Drafting Defects & Campaign Funding

Documented Motive to Strip Article XVI: The June 19, 2025 "Urban Fast Forward" Consultant Report

In 2014, Madeira voters enacted Article XVI mandating that the **Hosbrook House (7014 Miami Ave.)**, **Muchmore House (7010 Miami Ave.)**, and **Railroad Depot** be *"preserved, protected, and left standing on the same ground."* Ordinance 26-05 (Pg. 26) strikes out all three properties and the requirement that they remain standing on their ground, protecting only National Register properties or those Council designates by ordinance *"to the greatest extent practicable."*

Primary Source Proof: At the June 21, 2026 public hearing, Chamber Executive Director David Peterson stated revisions to Article XVI are needed *"to enable development"* (Citizen Portal, Jun. 21, 2026). Pages 8–11 of the City's June 19, 2025 *Urban Fast Forward Commercial Real Estate Assessment* state that a commercial buyer walked away due to the Charter's historic rules, that *"the greatest monetary value of these properties is that of the underlying land,"* and prescribe: **"Option B: Remove historic designation... Process: Designation removal precedes offering the property via an RFP process... Cons: Development will require demolition."** (See also *MadeiraExplained.com*, quoting the appraiser that historic rules *"prevent the removal and redevelopment of the subject site"*).

Who Is Behind the Endorsements, PACs & Sloppy Drafting? (Verified Public Filings):

- **Two Council-Funded "Yes" PACs (\$3,331.46 Combined) vs. Grassroots Residents:** Hamilton County BOE filings show *Madeira Supports Issue 16* is 100% funded by **Mayor Tom Henning** (\$1,888.48 in-kind for 2,000 postcards/stamps), and *Madeira Residents for Yes on 16* is 100% funded by **Vice Mayor Ramzi Takieddine** (\$693.82) and **Council Member Logan Junger** (\$749.16)—on top of the City's \$14,000 ballot placement fee and taxpayer-funded Sept. 25 mailer.
- **The Chamber Endorsement Conflict:** As admitted on *YesOn16Madeira.com*, Council Member and Yes PAC co-leader **Logan Junger** also serves as Volunteer Secretary on the **Madeira Chamber of Commerce Board** and personally signed the Chamber's Sept. 21 Issue 16 endorsement letter alongside Executive Director David Peterson.
- **Proof of Sloppy Drafting in Ordinance 26-05:** Pages 1–2 of Ordinance 26-05 contain duplicate section numbering (two "Section 1" clauses and two "Section 13" clauses), and the text renames *Solicitor* to *Law Director* in Article V (Pg. 12) while leaving *Solicitor* unchanged in Article IV, §§ 2 and 5 (Pgs. 10–11). Under Article XIV, § 5, any error passed on Nov. 3 requires another costly citywide election to fix!

SINGLE BINARY QUESTION FOR THE PERMANENT COUNCIL RECORD (OCTOBER 26, 2026):

"Page 11, Article IV, Section 4 of Ordinance 26-05 strikes out the requirement that city checks and warrants be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Manager, and the words 'Finance Director' appear zero times in all 27 pages. Will Council direct Interim City Manager Lori Thompson tonight to issue a citywide Friday Flash correction within 72 hours—or, by remaining silent tonight, is every member of Council confirming on the public record that you stand behind the false claim that 'existing financial controls all remain in place'?"

WHY 6 FORMER MADEIRA MAYORS OPPOSE ISSUE 16 (Michelle Schneider, Mary Anne Christie, Sherry Mattes-Jansen, Sarah Evans, Rick Staubach & Ken Born):

Having presided over our Charter firsthand across decades, these 6 former Mayors know that independent checks and balances protect taxpayers regardless of who sits on Council or in the City Manager's office.

We strive for 100% factual accuracy. Verify every primary source and search all 27 pages of Ordinance 26-05 at TransparentMadeira.com. Contact us at TransparentMadeira@gmail.com, 513-309-2678, or facebook.com/NfaTM.

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