OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORD EXHIBIT & PRIMARY-SOURCE FACT-CHECK • OCTOBER 26, 2026

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

Verbatim Quotes, Footnoted Primary Sources & Legal Text Comparisons (City, Yes PACs, Social Media & Chamber Claims)

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, Takieddine, Whitted; Abstain: Rowe.[1]

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

Verbatim Published Claim & Footnoted Source	Verbatim Legal Text in Ordinance No. 26-05 & Internal City Records	Documented Verdict
1. The "Finance Director" Claim *"The Treasurer position would be replaced with a professional, full-time municipal Finance Director."*[2] *"The 1959 Treasurer office becomes a Finance Director under the Manager."*[3] **Sources:** City FB Slide 5; Madeiracity.com; YesOn16Madeira.com; MadeiraExplained.com. [2,3,4]	• **Zero Mentions in Ordinance 26-05:** The words **"Finance Director"** appear **zero (0) times** across all 27 pages of Ordinance No. 26-05.[1] • **Repeals Independent Watchdog (Art. V, §§ 2 & 4, Pgs. 12–13):** Repeals the Council-appointed Treasurer and Clerk-Treasurer in their entirety.[1] • **Strikes Independence From Manager (Art. IV, § 2, Pg. 10):** Strikes out ~~"Treasurer"~~ from the clause barring the City Manager from having *"jurisdiction or authority over"* independent officers.[1] • **Administration's Written Admission:** The June 22, 2026 Memo co-authored by former Manager Michael Norton-Smith and Interim Manager Lori Thompson admits this is a *"management appointed"* subordinate, not an independent Charter officer.[5]	FALSE / DECEPTIVE OMISSION
2. Financial Controls & "Every Check Stays" Claim *"The role does not change... existing financial controls all remain in place."*[2] *"The checks and balances that exist today are NOT being removed!... 'Fewer checks': every check stays."*[4,6] **Sources:** City FB Slide 5; YesOn16Madeira.com Stop 8; Pro-Yes FB Post (Oct. 22, 2026).[2,4,6]	• **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: **"All expenditures of municipal funds shall be made only upon authorization of the Manager."**[1] • **Deletes Mandatory Charter Bond (Art. XIV, § 3, Pg. 24):** Strikes out ~~"and the Treasurer"~~ from the mandatory performance bond requirement (confirmed in Norton-Smith & Thompson's June 22, 2026 Memo, Pgs. 2–3). [1,5]	VERIFIABLY FALSE
3. Spending Limit & "Pocket Parks / Lawsuits" Claim *"City Council would set an annual administrative spending threshold... MORE oversight than other municiplaties [sic] who require no threshold. Pocket parks, Chamber funding, lawsuits... STILL going to have Council oversight."*[2,6] **Sources:** City FB Slide 6; YesOn16Madeira.com; Pro-Yes FB Post (Oct. 22, 2026).[2,4,6]	• **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."~~ [1] • **Manager Gets Mutual Veto Over Limit:** Council does *not* set the limit alone. Text states: **"Members of Council and the Manager shall agree, annually, on an administrative threshold amount..."** with no Charter dollar ceiling and no ordinance required (the only charter in Ohio with an uncapped mutual agreement).[1] • **Lump-Sum Budget != Contract Roll-Call Vote:** Other Ohio cities are bound by statutory caps (ORC § 735.05 / § 9.17: $79,568) or fixed charter limits. Raising unilateral spending from $10,000 to $79,568+ is a **nearly 800% jump** allowing the Manager to sign contracts for pocket parks, Chamber grants, or legal/consultant fees (which are exempt from state bidding!) inside broad budget buckets without a specific Council vote—right before a brand-new City Manager starts on November 16 (just 13 days after Election Day). Also deletes ~~"in a newspaper of general circulation"~~ for bid notices (Pg. 11).[1]	FALSE / MISLEADING
4. Planning & "Duplicate" 5-Year CIP Claim *"Instead, the Comprehensive Plan... is initated [sic] with Planning Commission."*[2] *"'Deletes the capital plan': only a duplicate list goes."*[4] **Sources:** City FB Slide 7; YesOn16Madeira.com Stop 8.[2,4]	• **Not a "Duplicate"—It Was the ONLY 5-Year CIP Mandate (Art. VII, § 3, Pg. 14):** Strikes out the *only* requirement in the Charter for an annual 5-year citizen capital improvement prioritization list submitted 90 days before the budget year.[1] • **"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.[1]	VERIFIABLY FALSE
5. "Friday Flash" BOE Claim *"The remaining 32 changes fall into the following categories (descriptive language provided by the Hamilton County Board of Elections): Allow electronic notice... Clarify Council vacancy... Move without changing, the rule requiring three readings... Allow*	• **Truncated 4-Item List:** The Oct. 23 *Friday Flash* stops after listing only 4 benign clerical items while omitting the remainder of the ballot language (repealing the Treasurer, changing the $10,000 contract threshold, deleting the 5-year capital plan, and removing specific historic house protections). [1,7] • **Misleading Attribution:** The Hamilton County Board of Elections certifies	DECEPTIVE OMISSION & ATTRIBUTION

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Council to appoint a qualified person to perform the Manager's duties..."[7]	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.[7]	

2. Historic Properties Paper Trail (Art. XVI, Pg. 26), Website Changelogs & PAC Conflicts

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

In 2014, 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."*[1]

Primary Source Proof: At the June 21, 2026 hearing, Chamber Executive Director David Peterson testified revisions to Article XVI are needed *"to enable development."*[8] Pages 8–11 of the City's June 19, 2025 *Urban Fast Forward Assessment* state that a commercial buyer (A Tavola) 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,"** followed by Resolution 12-26 engaging Urban Fast Forward for site sketches, an RFP process, and "downtown reconfiguration."[9]

What the Yes Campaign's Own Filings & Changelogs Admit:

• **Two Council-Funded "Yes" PACs ($3,331.46) vs. Grassroots Residents:** 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 **Councilman Logan Junger** ($749.16)—on top of the City's $14,000+ taxpayer ballot/mailer spend.[10]

• **Late Disclosure of Chamber Conflict & Coordinated QR Tracking:** On *MadeiraExplained.com*'s changelog (Oct. 19, 2026), Councilman Junger admitted: *"Added that I serve on the Madeira Chamber of Commerce board as its volunteer secretary, and that I signed the Chamber's September letter endorsing Issue 16... This page cites the Chamber's testimony and should have said so sooner."*[3] On Oct. 4, he admitted removing *"a line that framed the split as a fair reason to vote no,"* and on Oct. 1 admitted tagging QR codes on printed campaign pieces to track readers on *MadeiraExplained.com*—proving coordination despite *YesOn16Madeira.com* claiming *"This committee did not pay for it and does not run it."*[3,4]

• **Sloppy Drafting Defects in Ordinance 26-05:** Pages 1–2 contain duplicate section numbers (two *"Section 1"* and two *"Section 13"* clauses), and renames *Solicitor* to *Law Director* in Art. V (Pg. 12) while leaving *Solicitor* in Art. IV, §§ 2 & 5 (Pgs. 10–11). Under Art. XIV, § 5 (Pg. 24), fixing any Charter error requires another citywide election![1]

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.

PRIMARY SOURCE FOOTNOTES: [1] City of Madeira Ordinance No. 26-05 & Exhibit A (Passed July 13, 2026, 6–0–1), Pages 1–2, 10–14, 24, 26 (`madeiracity.com/Document Center/26-05 Charter Modernization Amendment 2026.pdf`). **[2]** City of Madeira Official Facebook Post, Slides 5, 6, & 7 of 7 (Oct. 20, 2026) & `madeiracity.com/CharterUpdate`. **[3]** Logan Junger, *MadeiraExplained.com* ("A Finance Director instead of a 1959 Treasurer" & Change Log entries dated Sept. 28, Oct. 1, Oct. 4, & Oct. 19, 2026). **[4]** Madeira Residents for Yes on 16 PAC, `yeson16madeira.com` ("What Issue 16 does", "Stop 8 of 8", & "The full record"). **[5]** City Manager Michael Norton-Smith & ACM (now Interim Manager) Lori Thompson, *Charter Revision Summary 2026 Memo to Council* (June 22, 2026), Pages 1–3. **[6]** Pro-Issue 16 Facebook Comment Thread on Checks & Balances / $10,000 Threshold (Oct. 22, 2026). **[7]** City of Madeira "Friday Flash" Email Newsletter (Oct. 23, 2026) & *MadeiraNews* Oct–Dec 2026 Magazine. **[8]** Madeira City Council Public Hearing Transcript / Citizen Portal (June 21, 2026, testimony of Chamber Exec. Dir. David Peterson). **[9]** Urban Fast Forward, *Commercial Real Estate Assessment: Hosbrook & Muchmore Properties* (Draft, June 19, 2025), Pages 8–11, & City of Madeira Resolution No. 12-26 (Task 2 & Task 3: Site Vision & RFP Process for Downtown Reconfiguration). **[10]** Hamilton County Board of Elections Pre-Election Campaign Finance Filings (Oct. 2026: Form 31-J-1 for *Madeira Supports Issue 16* & filings for *Madeira Residents for Yes on 16*).