

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
LIMA, OHIO

May 10, 2021

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. via audio/video communication.

Attending were: Mayor David Berger; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Anthony DiPietro, Deputy Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Kari Keener, Dir. of Human Resources; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin, Deputy Fire Chief Heffner; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

The invocation was given by Councilor Gordon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL showed the following members present: Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Agenda be amended to add Communication No. 19, Communication No. 20, Ordinance 100-21 and Ordinance 101-21. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

006-21 A Resolution memorializing the late Tim DeHaven. Neeper moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Wilkerson remembered Tim as being a person who walked as a Christian first who gave himself to the catholic community without restriction and uplifted young people to do what's right. He extended his condolences to the family. Councilor Neeper explained he grew up with the family and had a lot of opportunity to talk to Tim about everything. He gave examples of experiences with Tim throughout the years and expressed his condolences to the family. Councilor Ehora expressed her sympathy to the family for not only the loss of their dad, but also their mom and expressed what wonderful contributors to the community they both were. President Nixon extended his condolences to the DeHaven family and explained Tim and his wife both spoke very highly of their children and they should be proud of their parents' contributions to the Lima community over the years. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. John DeHaven thanked Council and said his father and mother loved Lima. Holly Monnier expressed her appreciation to Council and explained it was hard for her parents when they left the community but they loved Lima. Patrick DeHaven thanked Council for recognizing his dad.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Treasurer's Report dated February 28, 2021
- c. Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2021

Gordon moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved and that item "b-c" be received and filed, seconded by Neeper, motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Division of Liquor Control regarding liquor permit holder annual renewals. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Finance Director regarding legislation to amend the annual budget. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Statewide Ford. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to apply for and accept an award from the Ohio Office of Attorney General for the Drug Use Prevention 2021-2022 grant. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to disburse funds from the Asset Forfeiture Account. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

6. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Auditor regarding the February and March, 2021 financial reports. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Moody's of Dayton, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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9. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to bid and award the Preliminary Sewer Design Investigation for Lost Creek Lift Station upgrades. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to bid and award the installation of the Continental Blowers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into contract with Continental Blowers, LLC. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

13. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into contract with Alfa Laval, Inc. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

14. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to sell two parcels of land to J&L Mooney Holdings, LLC. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

15. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to pay off the remaining net balance of the Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

16. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to refinance the remaining balance of the Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2014. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

17. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to refinance the remaining balance of the Sanitary Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

18. From the Deputy Dir. of Parks, Recreation & Forestry regarding legislation to enter into contract with the David Williams Company. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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19. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to modify the Strength Ordinance. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

20. From the Civil Service Board Secretary regarding the recommendation to approve a hiring incentive for the Assistant City Engineer. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

084-21 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

085-21 Amending the 2021 Annual Budget. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

086-21 Authorizing a payment from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

087-21 Apply for and administer the Drug Use Prevention 2021-2022 Grant from the Office of the Ohio Attorney General. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

088-21 Enter into contract with Statewide Ford. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

089-21 Enter into contract with David Williams Company. Ehora moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

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090-21 Enter into contract with Moody's of Dayton, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

091-21 Enter into contract with Continental Blowers, LLC. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

092-21 Advertise for bids and enter into contract for the installation of continental blowers at the waste water treatment plant. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

093-21 Enter into contract with Jones & Henry. Gordon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

094-21 Enter into contract with Alfa Laval, Inc. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

095-21 Enter into contract for the Preliminary Sewer Design Investigation for Lost Creek Lift Station upgrades. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

096-21 Sell 2 parcels of property located on Reservoir Rd. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

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097-21 Providing redemption of all of the City's outstanding Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

098-21 Apply for, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for the refinancing of sanitary sewer system improvement revenue bonds, series 2010. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

099-21 Apply for, accept and enter into a cooperative agreement for the refinancing of sanitary sewer system improvement revenue bonds, series 2014. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

100-21 Establishing the positions and classifications hereinafter set forth and fixing the salary and compensation. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

101-21 Authorizing pay range 35, Step C for the Assistant City Engineer. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Gordon said he had the opportunity to participate in the National Day of Prayer with Channel No. 44 and encouraged others to participate in the future. He reminded people to be good to each other.

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Councilor Wilkerson moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the intersection of Northwold and West O'Connor and the intersection of West Ashton and Northwold to the Traffic Commission for a traffic study. Motion carried. He also requested Chief Martin increase patrol in that area. He acknowledged a young man who did the neighborly thing and mowed a neighbor's yard and sought action himself. He reminded those with young children to be conscious of where they are at, at all times.

Councilor Thompson thanked everyone who voted in the Mayoral primary. She is hoping to see more people participate in the general election as local politics are the things that really affect a resident's day to day life. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting May 26<sup>th</sup> at 875 West Market Street and also via zoom. She thanked Angie Rex for ensuring that City Wide Pride is happening. She reminded everyone that dumpsters will be out and groups will be taking trash beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>. She asked those who are part of the community who want to keep the community safe to keep working together to remind others to keep our neighborhoods clean and to help out when they can.

Councilor Ehora provided the locations of Citywide Pride for May 15th. She believes a stakeholder meeting is long overdue with those who have some responsibility for what is happening in the community regarding speed and litter. She explained speed and noise is the number one call that she receives and something has to be done. She is willing to have the conversation about some sort of cooperative agreement for treating this community the way it should be treated and there are expectations for behavior.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, to authorize a Resolution memorializing Willie D. Thompson. Motion carried. He inquired about the status of the status of the small business funding that was previously approved. Susan Crotty advised she will be announcing the program during the Mayor's Press Conference on Wednesday.

Councilor Glenn expressed his appreciation to Councilor Dixon for his professionalism on an issue he handled. He explained it will be a win-win for his Neighborhood program to collaborate together with Mike Blass' program. He said his program has a wait list of 10 individuals and is strictly by donations. Glenn moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to refer the issues of Dog Warden services, Code Enforcement guidelines, loud noise, housing demolition and grass cutting to the joint Safety Services and Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Motion carried. He thinks it works well when Committees join together. He extended his condolences to Taft Mangas and his family for the loss of his wife. He acknowledged those who donated to a scholarship fund in memory of his late cousin. He congratulated all of the seniors who graduated the past weekend including his great-nephew who graduated from Perry.

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Councilor Neeper explained he sat out on Cable Road Saturday afternoon and witnessed 21 cars who were extremely loud. He said the noise is getting outrageous and something needs to be done with the UNOH kids who are speeding and driving loud vehicles. He explained he was on the Committee that previously set up a meeting with UNOH and multiple agencies to discuss the issues that are happening throughout the County. He wished a belated Mother's Day to all on Council.


Councilor Dixon inquired about the City contributing to the Block Challenge Lima program. Mayor Berger advised the City has been a party to all of the conversations with Mr. Blass and his partners and although the City is contributing in a variety of ways, it is a private sector program with funds being raise through private donations and the fiscal agent is the Lima Community Foundation.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.



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John G. Nixon, President



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Dana Addis, Clerk