

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

May 22, 2023

The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Mayor Sharetta Smith; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Eric Pheneger, Deputy Law Director; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff, Della Bradford, Dir. of Human Resources; Andria Perkins; Dir. Of Housing & Neighborhoods; Carmillia Zion, Deputy Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods; Amber Martin, Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Dir. I; Jessica Begonia, Public Information Officer; Police Major John Bishop, Fire Chief Andy Heffner; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, to amend the agenda by adding Aaron Poling under Privilege of the Floor.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

013-23 A Resolution honoring Hefner's TV for 68 years of service to the City of Lima. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Council members took turns expressing their appreciation to Dennis Hefner for his dedication to the Lima Community. 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. Dennis Hefner expressed their appreciation to Council and the Lima community for their support over the years.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dave Smith, 515 W. Ashwood Drive, expressed his concerns with funding the operating expense of the new pool from the City's General Fund.

Aaron Poling with Friends of Lima gave Council an update on the Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. He provided insight on all of the activities that will be held on the day including a hog roast, a flyover, and laying wreath service and celebration of life at the VFW Post 1275 where WWII veterans will be interviewed.

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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 of April, 2023.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods regarding software upgrades.
2. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award contracts for the replacement of media in the gravity sand filters at the Water Treatment Plant.
3. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding a payment to Professional Electric Products Co. dba PEPCO.
4. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with Peterson Construction.
5. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with D3 Energy LLC.
6. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award a contract to purchase one mid-sized SUV.
7. From the Mayor regarding legislation for mileage allowance for Mayor's Staff.
8. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to advertise and award a professional services agreement to conduct an endowment campaign for the Lima Community Aquatic Center.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, that Communications No. 1 through 8 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Officer Eric Mericle presented Council with an annual update for Safety City and D.A.R.E. Officer Mericle outlined the radKIDS program statistics which taught 372 kids in 2022. He reviewed the various Safety City activities including the first annual Open House and Trick or Treat. He explained the D.A.R.E. program taught a total of 360 students in 2022. He explained

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Safety City hosted 33 field trips with 1,020 students attending. He reviewed the Safety City Summer Academy. Councilor Dixon referenced the previous D.A.R.E. officers and encouraged Officer Mericle to continue to do what he does. Councilor Ehora expressed the Safety City Programs are an importance piece to the community as kids carry that with them their whole lives. Councilor Gordon explained the City couldn't ask for anyone better to run the Safety City program and expressed the importance of the program. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council office).

Andria Perkins, Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods, presented Council with the 2022 CAPER. She reviewed the responsibilities of the Housing and Neighborhood Department and advised of the Direct Service Programs of the department. She advised a mission, vision and values was developed for the department. She reviewed the current HUD Grants. She further reviewed the 21-22 CAPER Results and the current programs funded by the department. She advised the department has issued 76 zoning clearances, heard 6 Board of Adjustment cases, decided 24 City Planning Commission cases and established the Lima Community Improvement Board. She further reviewed additional outcomes from the Department. She provided a breakdown of the 2022 Property Maintenance Code inspections. She advised mowing was broken up into 13 separate contracts with 8 different contractors. Councilor Wilkerson reference addressing the wild trees growing through porches. Mayor Smith expressed she will follow up further. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council office).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the Public Works Committee May 15, 2023 meeting report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

014-23 A Resolution approving the petition for special energy assessments for special energy improvement projects under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710; approving the necessity of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted 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 resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

171-22 An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20 Ohio Revised Code and directing the Allen County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

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Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be defeated on the second 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 is defeated on the second reading by an 8-0 vote.

095-23 An Ordinance determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District. Thompson 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.

096-23 An Ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy Improvement District. Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, 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.

097-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for proposals and enter into contract to conduct an endowment campaign for the Lima Community Aquatic Center. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Neeper asked for clarification of the cost of the endowment. Mayor Smith advised the City has been given an estimate of roughly \$100,000. Councilor Ehora clarified that the Public Works Committee did not approve \$1.7 Million to hire a consultant for the endowment. 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.

098-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a plan of operation and governance for the electric aggregation. 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.

099-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for the City to become an Ohio Ace Qualified Education Service Provider. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, 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.

100-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract to purchase one mid-sized SUV for the Utilities Department. 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.

101-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Peterson Construction for mechanical repair services at the Lima 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.

102-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract to replace the media in the gravity sand filters at the 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.

103-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with D3Energy, LLC. Gordon 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.

104-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Open Doors Academy. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Thompson, 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 Wilkerson reminded everyone to be careful as they are driving through the neighborhoods and expressed the importance of looking out for children. He acknowledged his 33 year anniversary with his wife and thanked her for her support, trust and providing him with wonderful children.

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Councilor Thompson announced the Here's to Your Health Block Party will be rescheduled for September 16th. She also announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will meet on May 17th at 300 W. Market Street from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thompson thanked Aaron Poling and the Friends of Lima for the work they are doing. She thanked Officer Mericle for his hard work and expressed the children of the community are blessed to have him. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer the request to remove the no parking signs on Spring Street across from the LACNIP building to the traffic commission. Motion carried. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer the CDBG Annual Plan Allocation to the Economic & Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Ehora reminded everyone to slow down while driving. She also reminded everyone to mow their grass. She advised everyone not to burn yard debris and trash in fire pits.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to refer the issue of service calls for liquor license holders to the Safety Services Committee. Dixon advised the reason is to review the criteria to create an expectation for liquor permit holders in preparation of the Entertainment District. Motion carried. Dixon encouraged the public to take the time to sit in and listen to the senior projects at the Lima City High School. He congratulated all of the High School Seniors in the region for a job well done. He encouraged everyone to drive safe. He thanked the Friends of Lima for their work on the parade.

Councilor Glenn thanked Friends of Lima for helping remove a tree from a resident's home. He referenced an apartment complex being painted black and expressed the importance of the south end of Main Street having the same standards as downtown. He announced they will be giving out scholarships to students at Lima Senior Tuesday night. He congratulated his children on their promotions.

Councilor Neeper attended the reveal party at the Civic Center which was a great event. He also attended the job fair at UNOH and expressed that there are numerous employers looking for employees. Neeper referenced the negligence surrounding burning debris. Chief Heffner advised there are set standards in order to use a fire ring in the City of Lima. Councilor Neeper wished his wife a Happy Anniversary.

Councilor Gordon praised the Lima Police Department for doing a great job handling an incident that happened over the weekend. He reminded people to be good to each other.

President Nixon moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer the review of pedestrian safety enhancements at the intersection of Northern Avenue and North West Street to the Traffic Commission and the City Engineer. Motion carried. Nixon wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day and reminded everyone to not lose sight of the meaning of the holiday. He encouraged Aaron Poling not to censor the veterans too much during their interviews because the true story of the military service men and women is not pretty and maybe they need to talk about


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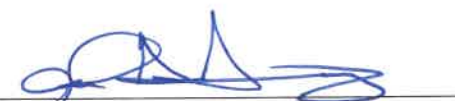
the ugliness of war.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of real estate. The following vote was recorded on the Motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neepser. Nay, None. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to adjourn from executive session. Motion carried.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Glenn, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President