

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

July 12, 2021

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

Attending were: Mayor David Berger; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Anthony DiPietro, Deputy Law Director; Steve Cleaves, Dir. of Finance; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Susan Crotty; Dir. of DCD; Michael Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin.

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

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to appoint Tony Geiger as Acting Clerk. Motion carried.

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED:

009-21 Memorializing the late Thomas Dee. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Wilkerson that the resolution be adopted. Councilor Ehora said that Dee was like a second father to her. His daughter was her best friend. She said that Dee supported her campaign and she is proud to serve the 4th Ward as he did. She will miss him. Councilor Wilkerson said that Dee was his fifth grade coach. He said that Coach Dee kept the young boys calm. Coach Dee always got it right. He thanked Coach Dee's family. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted by a 7-0 vote. Dee's family was invited to speak. His wife stated that Dee would have been so honored, and so was she. His daughter said that the family was humbled by the recognition. Dee loved Lima. He was proud of Councilor Wilkerson and Councilor Ehora. His family will miss him dearly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2022 Tax Budget for the City of Lima – Clerk read the public notice. No comments; hearing closed.

Review projects and proposed allocations of 2021-2022 CDBG/HOME Funds. Dave Smith, 515 West Ashwood Avenue, Lima, asked if there would be one more hearing. Upon learning that there would be, he said he would defer his comments to that hearing. Linda Mack, 108 East High Street, Lima, asked if this is “the one” where you can take classes to get money for a down payment on a home. She told a story about her prior experience with such a program, and how she did not believe she received as much money as other participants. She said due to health

issues and the quality of her housing, she is unable to live alone and must live with other people. No more comments; hearing closed.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Tom Offenbacher failed to appear.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Board of Health Minutes May 14, 2021.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Chief of Staff requesting legislation for an honorary name designation of a portion of S. Main Street in honor of Rev. Charles M. Manley. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed, the Law Director authorized to prepare the necessary legislation, and to authorize the Clerk to set a public hearing. Motion carried.
2. From the Chief of Staff requesting legislation for an honorary name designation of a portion of Sugar Alley in honor of Joe Henderson. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson that the communication be received, filed, the Law Director authorized to prepare the necessary legislation, and to authorize the Clerk to set a public hearing. Motion carried.
3. From the Auditor regarding the April 2021 financial reports. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
4. From the Auditor regarding the June, 2021 contract labor reports. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.
5. From the Auditor regarding legislation to apply for, accept, and administer funds through the Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments portion of the American Rescue Plan. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
6. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend Ord. 239-17. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
7. From the Civil Service Secretary regarding a recommendation to Council to increase the hourly rate of pay for both the Crime Prevention Aide and the Parking Enforcement

Officer. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.

8. From the Chief Technology Officer regarding legislation to make a payment to See Click Fix. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Ehora, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried.
9. From the Director of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Legislation is on the agenda. Motion carried. *****

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Chief Martin introduced Ron Holman as the newest major for LPD. He gave Major Holman's career history, including his educational background. He also shared a story of how then Lt. Holman played a big role in distributing Easter gift baskets on Good Friday during the middle of the pandemic. Major Holman then spoke and affirmed that LPD is committed to excellence and that he looks forward to serving in his new role.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

144-21 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

145-21 Adopting the Tax Budget for the 2022 Fiscal Year. Neeper moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

146-21 Make a payment to See Click Fix. Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

147-21 Apply for, accept and administer funds from the Federal Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Government American Rescue Plan. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

148-21 Advertise for bids and enter into contract to repair a sewer collapse on Market Street. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora,

Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

149-21 Amending Ordinance 239-17. Neeper moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

150-21 Establishing the positions and classifications set forth and fixing the salary and compensation of such positions and classifications. Dixon moved, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Dixon cautioned everyone that children are out playing in the warm weather and that everyone needs to drive slowly. Pedestrian safety is a serious concern, so please slow it down.

Councilor Neeper announced that on July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the community resource center there would be a Boulevard Neighborhood Association Meeting and that Major Baker would be speaking. Neeper moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution to honor the deceased Susie Stechschulte, who was Dr. Stechschulte's wife. Motion carried. Councilor Neeper offered kudos to Major Coon for his retirement. Neeper moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to authorize a Resolution to honor Major Coon's career. Motion carried. Councilor Neeper cautioned to watch for children playing outside and said we don't need an accident. He asked motorists to watch their speed.

Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, to approve the absence and salary of Council President Nixon. Motion carried. Councilor Gordon appreciates the good work the LPD and the Mayor were doing to keep noise down in the City, and getting information to the public. He also thanked City department heads for their attentiveness to issues and for their help. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson said the Melrose Project for the Melrose neighborhood is ahead of schedule and things are going well. Hopes to have the first Meet the Residents event for the 2nd Ward residents on August 18th, location to be announced. He shared a quotation about community.

Councilor Thompson thanked all those who applied for CDBG money and for showing up to Council meetings. She announced the grand opening of the Spring Street Senior Lofts to be held July 16th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at 656 West Spring Street. Hot dogs will be available. She thanked those who participated at Readings in the Park, which occur on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. She said it's a great community event. Contact her or Sydni at DCD if you want to be a reader. The next Central Lima Neighborhood Association meeting is July 28th at 6:30 p.m. at 875 West Market Street and they will be discussing grants that can be applied for. The first round of listening

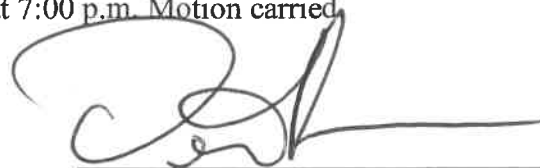
circles with her, and Councilors Glenn and Dixon, and Crime Victim Services was a success. They are discussing what makes citizens feel safe, and she said that most people say that they feel safer when their neighbors simply acknowledge them. She told people to smile more at each other. She said that people who are invested in their community feel more satisfaction in their community. She said there are many ways to get involved in Lima and encouraged people to get involved.

Councilor Ehora congratulated Councilor Thompson on a successful first reading night. She said it was a hot but beautiful night. She congratulated Major Holman for his promotion, and congratulated Major Coon for his service. She thanked the City departments that have been responsive. She said issues pop up and the City departments do a good job of taking care of them. She told people to be kind to each other. She said we, as neighbors, need to know more about what's going on in our neighborhoods. She said to simply "neighbor" with 5 or 6 people closest to you. Help with garbage cans, and do welfare checks. She encouraged others to know how to help their neighbors.

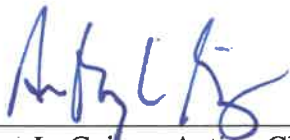
Councilor Glenn thanked Council Clerk Dana Addis for helping him prepare to be acting president for tonight's meeting. He thanked Mr. Bolden for cleaning up St. Johns Avenue, and said we need more people like him. He asked Chief of Staff Sharetta Smith to explain the proposed mural to honor Joe Henderson. Chief of Staff Smith explained the proposed site for the mural and stated that the adjacent alley would be given an honorary renaming for Mr. Henderson. She commented that although it was "only" an alley being renamed for Mr. Henderson, and not a major thoroughfare, it made sense for the renamed alley and mural to be close to each other. Councilor Glenn thanked the Chief of Staff for her explanation. Councilor Glenn stated that on August 6th and 7th the annual two-day garage sale would be happening across from New Life Christian Church. All proceeds go to scholarships. Please contact him if you have items to donate.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to adjourn into executive session to discuss real estate. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the Council adjourned to Executive Session.

Council reconvened from executive session. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson that the meeting be adjourned until July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.



Derry L. Glenn, Acting President



Anthony L. Geiger, Acting Clerk