

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

October 7, 2019

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; Anthony DiPietro, Deputy Law Director; Susan Odenweller, Chief Deputy Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Kari Keener, Dir. of Human Resources; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Chief Martin, Chief Black, 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

019-19 Memorializing the late Henry Wallen. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Dixon thanked the Wallen family for allowing Council to commemorate Mr. Wallen and thanked them for allowing Mr. Wallen to be a part of the Association and provide a service to the community. He said he had a chance to meet the residents that worked with Mr. Wallen and he has heard nothing but great things. Dixon gave his condolences to the family. Councilor Glenn said Mr. Wallen was a great man and he loved the Fifth Ward. He said Mr. Wallen loved Midway East Neighborhood Association and volunteered every way that he could. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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. Terry Wallen said the neighborhood will never be the same. She thanked Council.

020-19 Memorializing the late Lawrence Huffman. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Neeper gave his condolences to the Huffman family. He expressed appreciation of the things that Mr. Huffman did for the community. Councilor McLean said Mr. Huffman raised a great family who has all given back to the community, which is what counts. He said Mr. Huffman taught his kids well. Councilor Gordon said if someone didn't know Mr. Huffman, all they would have to do is meet his family. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Huffman and his family and gave his condolences to the family. Councilor Glenn said Mr. and Mrs. Huffman have planted a great seed in the community. He said Mr. Huffman was a great man and gave his condolences to the family. Councilor Kreher said she was honored to be a neighbor to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman for a short time. She said people knew where the Huffman's resided for

October 7, 2019

many years and he has held a legacy in Lima. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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. Mrs. Huffman said she remembers coming down to Council many years ago. She thanked Council and said she knows Larry is proud. John Huffman said his father loved Lima and loved everything about it. He gave an explanation of the Supreme Court case that was mentioned in the Resolution and how that case contributed to the City of Lima. He thanked Council for honoring his father.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Allen County Commissioners regarding the approval of the David and Marsha Smith Annexation Petition. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to advertise, bid and enter into contract for the demolition of 705 S. Main St. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with D&M Fencing. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Chief of Staff requesting legislation to apply for, accept and expend funds from the Ohio Mayor's Alliance Educational Attainment Grant. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received, filed and the Law Dir. authorized to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

6. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2019 annual budget. Moved by McLean, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Civica Creative Microsystems, Inc. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Steve Ijames to provide police practices training and consultation. Moved by Glenn, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts to implement projects/activities using HOME Funds. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Dixon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to enter into contracts to implement projects/activities using CDBG Funds. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Kreher, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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

12. From the Dir. of Human Resources requesting legislation to enter into contract with Manpower, Patrick Staffing and Custom Staffing. Moved by Kreher, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Councilor Kreher moved to amend her previous motion, to include the Law Dir. authorized to prepare the necessary legislation, seconded by Gordon. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

223-19 Levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

224-19 Amending the 2019 Annual Budget. McLean moved, seconded by Kreher, that the Exhibit A in Ordinance 224-19 be amended to reflect a change in the total amount to \$130,000.00. Motion carried. Moved by McLean moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading as Amended and authorize the Clerk to provide a clean copy. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

225-19 Providing for the issuance and sale of \$64,700 of notes for the purpose of paying the property owner's portion, in anticipation of the levy and collection of special assessments, of the costs of constructing sidewalks. Neepor moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Fiscal Officer's Certificate be received, filed and approved. Motion carried. Neepor moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

226-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Civica Creative Microsystems, Inc. Glenn moved seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

227-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Steve Ijames. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

228-19 Authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the demolition of 705 S. Main St. Neepor moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Dixon explained where the building is located and explained that although the front of the building looks okay, if you look at the rear of the building, you can see a large bow in the wall. He said it is a safety hazard and he has previously raised concern about the building collapsing during high winds. He expressed his support of the Ordinance because he wants to protect the well-being of the citizens of Lima. Councilor Glenn explained this has nothing to do with the Knights of Columbia. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

229-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with D&M Fencing. Neepor moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

230-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center. 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

231-19 Establishing the positions and classifications and fixing the salary and compensation of such positions and classifications. Kreher moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

232-19 Appointing Marva Cowan to the Allen County Board of Health. Gordon moved, seconded by McLean, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

233-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

234-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

235-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

236-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

237-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

238-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

239-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

240-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Rhodes State College. Thompson moved, seconded by Kreher, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

241-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Bradfield Community Association. 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, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, 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.

242-19 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Urban Impact Ohio. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The Following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Thompson, Kreher, Dixon, Glenn and Nixon. Nay, 2; McLean and Neeper. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-2 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Gordon explained a situation similar to the demolition of the building at 705 S. Main St. where he was impressed with the Building Department. He reminded everyone to be good to each other.

October 7, 2019

Councilor McLean said he has always thought of the Huffman family as being the vision of Lima. He asked everyone to keep his neighbor and friend, Vince Koza in their prayers as he is fighting cancer. He said Mr. Koza is a good individual and has been the heartbeat of Lima for many years.

Councilor Thompson said she was able to attend the F.O.P. Pancake Breakfast. She said was impressed with the amount of people volunteering and the amount of people who work for the City of Lima volunteering their time. She also attended the litter patrol for her neighborhood association on Wayne St. She reminded everyone the Central Lima Neighborhood Association meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Elks at 6:30. She encouraged everyone to volunteer and see the improvement in Lima. She announced Coffee with a Cop on October 19th at the McDonalds on Market Street from 11-1p.m. where there will pumpkin painting, costume contest and will be a lot of fun. She announced October is the last month for Block Patrol and encouraged everyone to walk with them, even if they haven't attended the training.

Councilor Kreher thanked everyone who attended the F.O.P. Pancake Breakfast. She thanked the Lima Police Department and the many people who contributed to the event. She announced the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. will be holding their annual Make a Wish Basketball on Sunday, October 13th at 1:30 p.m. at Lima Senior High School. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilor Dixon said he attended the My Brother's Keeper Initiative in Columbus Ohio where he heard some of the great things going on in cities like Columbus, Cincinnati and Dayton. He believes My Brother's Keeper lines up a lot with what the Mayor has put in place with the Youth Initiative. He explained MBK Ohio is a nationwide call put into place by former President Obama because he saw youth becoming a part of the problem rather than part of the solution. He encouraged everyone to check out the Youth Initiative over at North Middle School. He said October is National Domestic Violence month. He announced on October 9th at Lima Police Department at 11:30 a.m. there will be a tree planting ceremony. He announced on October 17th at Trinity United Methodist there will be a candle light vigil. He said domestic violence does not discriminate and can affect everyone. He encouraged everyone to attend the vigil and hear the stories from victims. He announced on October 12th at University of Northwestern Ohio at 9:30 a.m. there will be a Making Strides Walk and encouraged everyone to attend and wear pink. He applauded the Public Works Department for communicating well with citizens through the See Click Fix application and keeping up on the issues in neighborhoods. He announced there will be a FAFSA Help meeting on October 15, 2019 at 5p.m. at Lima Senior High School. He encouraged all seniors who plan to go college to attend the meeting. He said he grew up watching Vince Koza highlighting sports. He urged everyone to keep Vince Koza, his family and his caregivers in their prayers.

Councilor Glenn said he is working on putting together the basketball game so the kids can play against Lima Police Officers. He announced Mr. Smith will be taking a bus load of kids to HBCU Colleges and encouraged everyone to sign up. He appreciates the pancakes being delivered

October 7, 2019

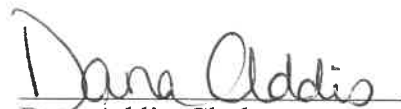
from the F.O.P. Pancake Breakfast. He thanked everyone who helped fix up the homes in Sidney. He believes elderly people should be able to stay in their homes. He announced there will be a meeting at the Fourth Street Apartments on October 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the remodel and possible placement for residents. He announced there will be a trunk or treat at the VFW Post on Second Street. He said they are trying to get the kids back to the neighborhood for Halloween. He said the news on Vince Koza is tough and asked everyone to keep praying. He said the coaches did a great job and Vince Koza loved Lima. He said he enjoyed the Enrichment Dinner and enjoyed listening to the speakers. He had the opportunity to meet the new Personnel Director and expressed his gratitude towards her.

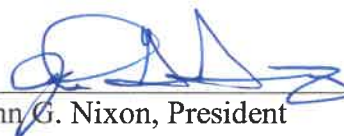
Councilor Neeper moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer the issue of commercial trash pickup in a residential area to the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Motion carried. Councilor Neeper expressed his appreciation for the Utilities Department for getting his water turned on quickly. He announced Makers Fest will be on October 19th at the Allen County Fairgrounds from 9-12 p.m. He encouraged everyone to see what it is about. He announced elections are less than a month away. He reminded everyone of the 6th and 2nd Ward Candidate Forum and encouraged everyone to attend and be informed about what the issues are and talk to the candidates.

Councilor McLean moved, seconded by Gordon, to adjourn into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate. The following vote was recorded on the Motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, McLean, Thompson, Kreher, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, None. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session.

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

McLean moved that Council adjourn until October 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Thompson, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President