

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
LIMA, OHIO

January 9, 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; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff, Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Sheena Conley, Deputy Finance Dir.; 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; Warner Roach, Deputy Public Works Dir.; Police Major Ron Holman; Fire Chief Andy 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.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, to amend the Agenda by removing Resolution 002-23 and adding Ordinance 009-23. President Nixon clarified Resolution 002-23 will be presented at a later date. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

01-23 A resolution honoring Tomlinson Motor Service, Inc. on 100 years of family business. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Wilkerson explained Tomlinson is where everyone took their vehicles for service. He thanked Mr. Tomlinson for his years of service. Councilor Glenn thanked Mr. Tomlinson as he worked on his vehicle when he was in college. He said 100 years is a long time to be in business in Lima and encouraged Mr. Tomlinson to keep up the good work. Councilor Ehora expressed that she loved Mr. Tomlinson's Mom and Dad as he repaired her vehicle often when she was younger. She explained there was a great picture of Downtown Lima in the shop. She wished Mr. Tomlinson the best. Councilor Dixon explained he has dropped many of his father's and grandfather's vehicles off for repair in the past. He thanked Mr. Tomlinson for his years of service and congratulated him on his centennial anniversary. Councilor Thompson thanked Mr. Tomlinson for being present tonight and expressed that she is grateful to have Tomlinson Motor Service in her ward. President Nixon congratulated the Tomlinson family as he has known them most of his life. He expressed the business has been a tremendous asset to the community over the years which is very much appreciated. 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. Greg Tomlinson thanked

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Council for the recognition. He expressed it has been his pleasure to serve the community over the years, which they will continue to do.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Joseph Croft, 1823 W. Elm Street, address the concerns of some Council members surrounding the contract with Re-Deck of Northwest Ohio, LLC presented in Ordinance 281-22. He explained he has owned Re-Deck of Northwest Ohio, LLC since 2016 and has done over 9,000 jobs. He explained it's their job to make everyone happy but unfortunately that isn't always the case. He outlined the various projects he is currently invested in within the City of Lima. He advised out of the 9,000 jobs his company has performed, he has received 14 bad reviews. He further advised his company can well service the contract as his company has over \$1 Million in equipment and over 25 employees to do the work. He asked Council to give him a chance.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

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

**THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:**

1. From the Division of Liquor Control regarding a Liquor Permit transfer for Lombardos, 447 N. Main Street. Thompson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received, filed and approved and authorize the Clerk of Council to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objection. Motion carried.
2. From the Executive Director of Downtown Lima, Inc. regarding 2023 funding.
3. From the Fire Chief regarding an exemption request from Lima Allen County Paramedics.
4. From the Mayor regarding appointments to the City of Lima Tax Incentive Review Council.
5. From the Mayor regarding appointments to the Design Review Board.
6. From the Mayor regarding appointments to the Historic Preservation Board.
7. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to accept an award from the State of Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services Ohio Body Worn Camera Grant Program.

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8. From the Deputy Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to amend Ord. 156-21.
9. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to amend a contract with ACI Construction Company, Inc.
10. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for the construction of a new parking lot adjacent to the Cambridge Center.
11. From the Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods regarding a contract for services of a Vehicle Enforcement Officer.
12. From the Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods regarding a contract with Downing Community Advisors.
13. From the Law Dir. regarding the total number of ordinances passed in 2022.
14. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to amend Chapter 206 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima.
15. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to increase the Law Dept. Intern pay.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that Communications No. 2 through 15 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

#### PETITIONS:

Petition for the re-zoning of 323 Calumet Street from Class I Residential to Class III Residential – Petitioned for by Property Management Professionals, LLC/Michael Blass. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the petition be received and filed; that the Law Director prepare the necessary legislation; that the Clerk cause publication of the legal ad and notify abutting property owners of the Public Hearing to be held on February 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

#### THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

281-22 (SECOND READING) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Re-Deck of Northwest Ohio, LLC, for the Department of Housing and Neighborhoods. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the second reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, 1; Thompson. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the second reading by a 7-1 vote.

001-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for and receive funds from the State of Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services Ohio Body Worn Camera Grant Program. Dixon 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.

002-23 An Ordinance confirming the appointment of certain members of the public to the City of Lima Tax Incentive Review Council. Glenn 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.

003-23 An Ordinance amending Chapter 206 and establishing wards and boundaries to conform to the recent census. 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.

004-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the construction of a new parking lot adjacent to the Cambridge Center on North Central Avenue. Gordon 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.

005-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract to purchase trucks for the Utilities Department, authorized under Ordinance 218-20. 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.

006-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with ACI Const. Co., Inc., authorized under Ordinance 267-22. 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.

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007-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract to purchase vehicles for the Public Works Department, authorized under Ordinance 156-21. 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.

008-23 An Ordinance amending Section 246.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, regarding Law Department authorized employment positions. Dixon 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.

009-23 An Ordinance approving an increase in the salary of the Council Clerk. Nixon 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.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Gordon reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson recited a quote by Martin Luther King Jr. He asked everyone to look out for their neighbors.

Councilor Thompson wished everyone a Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Councilor Ehora wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed she is looking forward to a prosperous 2023 for the City of Lima. She reminded everyone to be good to each other.

Councilor Dixon wished everyone a Happy New Year. He invited residents of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward to the Peacemaker's Neighborhood Association meeting on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at St. James Church. He wished everyone a Happy Martin Luther King Jr. Day and asked everyone to be of service to someone on that day.

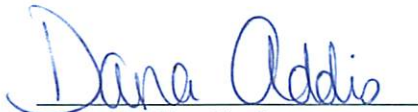
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Councilor Glenn wished everyone a Happy New Years. He announced the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day dinner at 5:00 p.m. He thanked the Mayor for the great communication. He announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Neighborhood Association is going to change their meeting dates. He announced a meeting will be coming up to discuss landlord/tenant issues in his ward.

Councilor Neeper wished everyone a Happy New Year. He announced a meeting will be held January 10<sup>th</sup> at the City Club to further discuss the pool.

President Nixon pointed out that Council has passed 282 Ordinances in 2022 which ranked 9<sup>th</sup> overall since 1983. Nixon clarified the last Ordinance was added on to adjust the salary of the Clerk because she is doing a good job and brought some technology into the Council domain over the past 5 years. He thanked her for the work that she does for all of Council.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.

  
Dana Addis, Clerk

  
John G. Nixon, President