

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL  
LIMA, OHIO

March 9, 2020

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; 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; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Major Angel Cortes; Jack McDermitt, Acting Deputy Fire Chief; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, to amend the Agenda by adding Lorenzo White to Privilege of the Floor and removing Howard Elstro from Reports of Officials. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Lorenzo White, 1558 W. High St., advised Council his mission is to build affordable homes in South Lima. He explained the process is going fairly well, but he has hit a snag regarding landscaping and Councilor Glenn advised the issue could be put in a Committee. He explained they should be able to start building at least two facilities by the end of the summer. President Nixon asked for further clarification to get it to the right Committee. White explained the issue is how to add driveways to the properties. President Nixon advised it would be best to meet and discuss with administration prior to putting it into a Committee. White expressed his appreciation to everyone within the City who has been very helpful with the project.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on February 27, 2020 no read since each received a copy.
- c. Board of Health Minutes of January 10, 2020;
- d. Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2020.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. 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.

2. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding appointments to the Historic Preservation Board. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Ehora, that the communication be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

3. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with IMS of Dayton. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with IMS of Dayton. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation accept an easement from UNOH. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Ehora, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

6. From the Auditor regarding legislation to permit the transfer of cash from Neighborhood Stabilization grant fund to fund 3430, C DBG. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Dir. of Finance regarding legislation to enter into contract with the Ohio Attorney General. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Civil Service Board regarding the approval of a modification of the classification title of Street Maintenance Foreman II in the Public Works Department. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with CMT. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with CMT. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to amend the Building Code. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Master Maintenance. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

13. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to dispose of forensic and vacuum fuming equipment in the evidence room. Moved by Wilkerson, seconded by Gordon, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Patricia Wogerman presented Council with a Safety City update. She explained what the D.A.R.E. program is and that they had 324 students involved in 2019. Safety City had 32 field trips for a total of 982 students. She explained what children learn during a field trip to Safety City. Safety City joined forces with the Fire Dept. Inspectors who teach severe weather and fire safety in the survival life house. The kids also learn about bicycle safety and they also put that into practiced in the streets of Safety City. The RAD Kid system is taught during the Summer Academy where they teach children different safety precautions including how to dial 9-1-1, dog safety, gun safety and how to recognize bad strangers. There were 298 children who attended the Safety City Summer Academy. She said Maleek Nelson was honored by dedicating the playground and picnic area on the one year anniversary of his passing. She said Trick or Treat was cold and wet but had 790 people in attendance. She has partnered with the Allen County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. Officer to attend various D.A.R.E. activities throughout the County. She gave examples of the different activities she attended.

#### THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

007-20 A Resolution recognizing the City of Lima, Ohio Poet Laureate. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

#### THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

042-20 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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043-20 An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of cash between certain funds. Neeper 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

044-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Ohio Attorney General. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

045-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of Police Dept. Equipment. Wilkerson 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

046-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with IMS of Dayton for print fees. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

047-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with IMS of Dayton. 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

048-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept an easement from the University of Northwestern Ohio. Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

049-20 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with CMT. Ehora 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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050-20 An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 031-20. Ehora 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

051-20 An Ordinance establishing the positions and classifications hereinafter set forth and fixing the salary and compensation of such positions and classifications; repealing existing consistent ordinances as herein described. Wilkerson 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, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Ehora said it does her heart good to see the presentation from Patricia Wogerman and to know how much the programs mean to the kids in our community. She said Safety City is one of Lima's hidden gems and one of her goals this year is to get them a new Dominion Building. She expressed her appreciation to Lorenzo White for the work that he and his brother, William, are doing and the commitment they have made to the neighborhood. She said the thing she loves about Lima is how arts blessed we are in this community whether it starts with the schools, arts magnet programs, all of the music and arts education we have in this community is second to none. She looks at Artspace Lima, Council for the Arts, Limy Symphony and the arts opportunities here, we are a blessed community. She said most do not realize for a town our size, we have a lot to do in that realm.

Councilor Glenn said he loves seeing a young developer in Lima and introduced Kendrick. He said there was vandalism on Baxter St. and found out he is a mental health patient and they are going to find some things to do there. He reminded everyone the importance of participating in the census. He said they are starting their third project and he appreciates the volunteers. He asked for more donations for future projects.

Councilor Neeper said we are very fortunate in this area with the arts. He had the privilege of attending an event last week that was put on by the Council of the Arts. He said these are community events that everyone can get involved with. He announced the Irish Parade is on the 14<sup>th</sup> and that St. Patrick's Day is on the 17<sup>th</sup> and expressed how important it is to be careful and find a designated driver. He announced the Optimist Home Show will be from the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Allen County Fairgrounds.

Councilor Gordon thanked Lorenzo White and his brother, William, for what they are doing in the community. He said the report from Patricia Wogerman about the D.A.R.E. Program and Safety City is impressive. He reminded people to be good to each other.

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Councilor Wilkerson cautioned everyone to watch out for pedestrians and be more cautious now that day light is longer and the weather is getting nice. He said he hasn't received any phone calls regarding trash pickup and thanked Mr. Caprella because he is doing something right. He said there will be a First Quarter Town Hall Meeting for the second ward at the Boy Scouts on Robb Avenue at 7pm on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

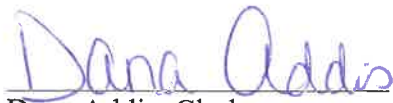
Councilor Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize the Clerk prepare a Resolution in support of the Allen County Food Policy Council and their efforts in urban gardening imitative. Motion carried. She reminded everyone that the Primary is on March 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to vote. She announced March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Central Lima Neighborhood Association Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Elks. She encouraged everyone to attend as Sharetta Smith will be discussing the Census and Tom Mazur will be talking about the upcoming transportation projects in the area. She said it is free and you can just attend to get the information.


President Nixon reiterated there is a Primary is on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to vote responsibly.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation. The following vote was recorded on the Motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Glenn, Neeper and Nixon. Nay, None; Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session.

Councilor Ehora moved, seconded by Neeper, to adjourn from executive session. President Nixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Dixon. Motion carried.

Councilor Gordon moved that Council adjourn until March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Wilkerson, motion carried.

  
Dana Addis, Clerk

  
John G. Nixon, President