

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

April 11, 2022

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; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Chief Martin, Deputy Fire Chief Heffner; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to amend the Agenda by removing Robert Devita from Privilege of the Floor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the vacation of a partial alley off the 1300 block of Brice Avenue, Petitioned for by the City of Lima. Linda Nichols, 1345 Breese Road, expressed her concern about a fence that she has maintained. Susan Crotty clarified half of the abutted alley will go to each property owner. Kirk Niemeyer advised the fence will be able to remain but there may be minor adjustments that need to be made. Nixon expressed his concern with memorializing the allowance of the fence. Tony Geiger advised the alley vacation is recorded with the Allen County Recorder. There being no one else wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing to modify the City Zoning Code for 11 parcels on the north side of the intersection of Reservoir Road and Collins Avenue from Class I Residential to Class I Business, Petitioned for by David Smith and Dan Campbell. David Smith, 515 W. Ashwood Ave., provided Council with a breakdown of the process leading up to the public hearing. Daniel Fifer, spoke on behalf of In Faith Ministries located at 1575 E. High Street. He advised the church has no objections as long as the properties are being zoned Class I Business. There being no one else wishing to speak to the rezoning, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

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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.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Civil Service Board Secretary regarding a recommendation to amend Civil Service Rule 12 – Political Activity.
2. From the Civil Service Board Secretary regarding a recommendation to amend Civil Service Rule 21 – Penalty for Violations.
3. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation.
4. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to approve the Energy Special Improvement District Application of CDC Real Estate Holdings, LLC for its building renovation project at 207 South Central Avenue.
5. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding a request to accept the minutes and to accept/modify recommendations to the Tax Incentive Review Council.
6. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to amend the 2021-2022 Property Maintenance contracts with Northwest Property Maintenance, LLC and Benchmark Property Maintenance.
7. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to amend multiple Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) contracts.
8. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Jones and Henry.
9. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for the removal of material from the sludge lagoons at the Water Treatment Plant.
10. From the Law Director regarding legislation to remove the position of Law Director as a voting member of the Traffic Commission.

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Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, that Communications No. 1 through 10 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

005-22 A Resolution approving the Petition for Special 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 Greater Lima, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District. Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, 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:

083-22 An Ordinance amending Chapter 220 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Wilkerson 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.

084-22 An Ordinance amending Chapter 224 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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.

085-22 An Ordinance enacting Chapter 225 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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.

086-22 An Ordinance amending Section 246.18 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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.

087-22 An Ordinance amending Section 226.01 and deleting sections 226.03 and 226.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. 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.

088-22 An Ordinance amending Section 246.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Dixon 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.

089-22 An Ordinance enacting Chapter 227 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Dixon 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.

090-22 An Ordinance enacting Section 246.19 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. Dixon 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.

091-22 An Ordinance amending Section 242.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. 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.

092-22 An Ordinance amending Section 246.13 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. 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.

093-22 An Ordinance enacting Section 244.281 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima regarding the salary for Mayor Staff Appointees. 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.

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094-22 An Ordinance amending Section 410.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio. 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.

095-22 An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Councilor Dr. Derry Glenn to the Traffic Commission. 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.

096-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of Sodium Chloride (Rock Salt). 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.

097-22 An Ordinance vacating a partial alley off the 1300 Block of Brice Avenue. Thompson 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.

098-22 An Ordinance confirming the City's appointments to the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission. 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.

099-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend or consent to transfer all appropriate CRA Tax Exemption Agreements as determined necessary. 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.

100-22 An Ordinance amending the City Zoning Map to Class I Business for 11 parcels located on the north side of the intersection of Reservoir Road and Collins Avenue in the City of Lima, as herein described. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 8; Gordon,

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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.

101-22 Determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Greater Lima, Ohio Energy Special 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.

102-22 Levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Greater Lima, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District. 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, 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.

103-22 An Ordinance accepting the minutes and recommendations of the Tax Incentive Review Council. 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, 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.

104-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd. 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.

105-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for removal of material from the City's sludge lagoons at the Water Treatment Plant. Gordon 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.

106-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of chairs and desks for the Finance Department. Neeper 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.

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107-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Benchmark Property Maintenance as authorized in Ordinance 246-20. 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.

108-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Northwest Property Maintenance, LLC as authorized in Ordinance 247-20. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

President Nixon moved, seconded by Carla Thompson, to appoint Councilor Jamie Dixon to the Community Investment Corporation Board of Directors as Council representative. Motion carried.

Councilor Glenn commented that he attended an event at the Civic Center over the weekend. He expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and her staff for walking the 6th Ward. He announced he will be putting together an Easter Egg Hunt and he thanked Councilor Dixon for his donation. He reminded residents that cars cannot park on grass in front of the house or back yard. He expressed his appreciation to the Park Rangers for informing residents of garbage rules. He announced they will be cleaning an alley. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilor Neeper commended those who were involved in putting together the Power of the Throne program which he attended over the weekend. He was able to sit with the Governor at an event for the Central District project. He expressed his excitement for development downtown.

Councilor Gordon reminded the public that the noise will start picking up and the Chief of Police has advised him that the Quality of Life Officer is still going strong and patrolling. He wished everyone a Happy Easter and reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson expressed his concern that we do not promote the people of Lima well as he believes Lima is the friendliest City. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association is working on building a reading park and anyone interested in volunteering, they will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 pm at 875 W. Market Street. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on April 27th at 6:30 p.m. at 875 W. Market Street for their April

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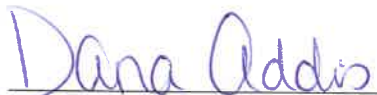
meeting. She reminded residents to put their cans back after the trash has been collected. She asked residents who have a dog to ensure that they are on a leash and to pick up after them.

Councilor Ehora thanked the Mayor's Administration for adding a Public Engagement meeting to the Third Ward which was well attended. She expressed her appreciation for those who attended the meeting. She addressed the increased traffic issue that she has been receiving complaints on. She referenced her vacation to Vegas during the last meeting. She wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Councilor Dixon referenced a Small Business Pop Up Shop that was arranged by Megan Horton. He explained there were 48-50 businesses in the Expo Hall that sold out of product and those who weren't able to attend really missed a treat. He commended Megan Horton for spearheading the event. He invited Fifth Ward Residents to the Peacemakers Neighborhood Association meeting on April 20th at 5:30 pm at St. James Church. He congratulated Ann Miles for being awarded the Jefferson Award. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

President Nixon announced there will be a Special Council Meeting on Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. or immediately following the Human Resources Committee Meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Easter

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Wilkerson, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President