

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

May 23, 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; Police Chief Kevin Martin; Police Major Ron Holman; Fire Chief Andy Heffner; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED:

007-22 A Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Lima City Council to Lima Municipal Clerk of Court Jim Link for his dedication and services to the Lima Municipal Court and the citizens of Lima, Allen County, Ohio. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on its first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Wilkerson explained he has known Jim since he was young and it is no shock in his behavior, professionalism and dedication. He thanked Jim for his work. Councilor Glenn thanked Jim and his staff for the hard work. President Nixon expressed his gratitude to Jim and his staff. He explained although the work is not 100% done, he does appreciate the work that has been done. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 6-0 vote. Jim Link provided Council with an update on the matter. He explained the process involved in the investigation. He advised his office has updated all of the internal controls put in place to prevent and detect future theft. He extended his appreciation to the many individuals who were involved in the investigation. He thanked Council for the Resolution.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy;
- b. Bd. of Health Minutes of April 8, 2022.

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

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THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Mayor regarding Mayoral Cabinet Appointments.
2. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase 300 water meters from E.J. Prescott.
3. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for the miscellaneous improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
4. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation declaring a necessity of constructing certain sidewalk.
5. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with SPGB Architects, LLC.
6. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Lima City Schools and the YMCA of Lima.
7. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
8. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Brandstetter Carrol Inc.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that Communications No. 1 through 8 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Major Holman provided council with an update on the ongoing quality of life enforcement. He explained back in June 2021, Chief Martin advised he would devote 16 hours per shift per calendar week directly to quality of life complaints. He explained since the beginning of 2022, the Lima Police Department has written 677 citations. The Department has also added a second speed trailer which has enhanced their ability to respond to neighborhood complaints. He advised the quality of life patrol will continue after Chief Martin has retired.

Mayor Sharetta Smith thanked all of the individuals who were involved in putting together the Lima Better Together Plan. She advised the City of Lima is expected to receive \$26,371,401 which should be received by the end of May. She explained the funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026. She advised Council of the different

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ways the public was included in the process. She provided Council with a summary of the results of the online survey. She explained the process of how they determined the priority of spending categories. Mayor Smith provided Council with a summary of the allocation plan which includes investments in: Safe and Livable Neighborhoods in the amount of \$3,975,000; Job Creation and Economic Development in the amount of \$6,575,000; Maintaining City Services in the amount of \$7,420,000; Youth, Recreation, and Parks in the amount of \$5,200,000; and Quality Affordable Housing in the amount of \$3,200.00. Councilor Dixon inquired about prioritizing streets for curbs and sidewalks. City Engineer, Kirk Niemeyer, advised their approach is to start with the current applications that are currently on the priority list. Councilor Glenn thanked Mayor Smith and her team as he is excited about the plan which reflects some of the things he has been asking for in the past. Councilor Gordon expressed his appreciation to Mayor Smith and her team for all of their hard work. He expressed the need to spread the funds throughout the whole City as all of the City Wards need equal attention. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council Clerk's office)

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED:

008-22 A Resolution declaring the necessity of constructing certain designated sidewalks and requiring that the abutting property owners construct the same. Glenn moved, seconded by Gordon, that the Resolution be adopted on its first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

123-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Brandstetter Carroll Inc. for professional services for the Public Works Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

124-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with SPGB Architects, LLC, for engineering services for the Public Works Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

125-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Lima City Schools and the YMCA of Lima for the Lima Community Aquatic Center Project. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Wilkerson moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer Ordinance 125-22 in the Public Works Committee for further discussion. Motion carried. President Nixon explained the project is moving forward but Council has asked that the issue be referred to Committee mostly so Council has a better understanding as to what information the Memorandum of Understanding is going to contain. He further explained he is glad to see the project moving forward and doesn't want to see Council in the way of the process moving forward. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

126-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. for professional Engineering Design for the West Street Bridge for the Public Works Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

127-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for miscellaneous improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

128-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Everett J. Prescott, Inc. to purchase water meters for the Utilities Department. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

129-22 An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Human Resources Director. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

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130-22 An Ordinance establishing the salary for the position of Secretary II to the Mayor. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

131-22 An Ordinance establishing the salary for the position of Deputy Director of Housing and Neighborhoods. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Glenn, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

President Nixon authorized the Law Director prepare a Resolution recognizing Police Chief Kevin Martin for his service and dedication to the City of Lima. He thanked Chief Martin and explained it has been an honor to work with him and expressed his appreciation for all of his hard work as Patrolman all the way to Chief. Chief Martin said he is honored to serve on the Lima Police Department.

President Nixon referred a Design Review Board Appeal filed by Brian Baker to the Council of the Whole Committee, seconded by Gordon, Motion carried.

President Nixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize the absence and salary of Councilor Ehora and Councilor Neeper. Motion carried.

Councilor Wilkerson expressed his thanks to Chief Martin. He explained it is an honor to see a Lima City resident who attended Lima City Schools, be at the top of his Police Department. He reminded residents to apply for the appropriate permits as they are doing home improvements. He reminded everyone that school is almost out for the summer and asked everyone to be cautious and patient with the younger kids. He asked everyone to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson also reminded residents to check with contractors if they have obtained the appropriate permits. She reminded residents to keep up on the grass. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhoods Association will meet on Wednesday, May 25th at 875 W. Market Street at 6:30 pm. She expressed that she has not given or done her best for her Ward as they deserve due to personal and health issues. She expressed her disappointment in the survey number and that her ward was not represented well. She advised she is doing the work to do better and asked her residents to join her in that effort. She thanked Chief Martin and expressed she considers him as a friend. She explained she has never doubted his commitment to providing a safe safety services to all residents which means a lot to her.

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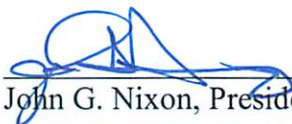
Councilor Dixon thanked Chief Martin for all of his hard work, tenacity and service to the Community. He explained Chief Martin has always been transparent with him and with the community. He wished Chief Martin the best. He welcomed residents of the fifth ward to Walk with the Mayor on June 13th at 12:00 pm starting at the Fire Dept. building on Third Street. He invited residents of the Fifth Ward to the Peacemaker's Neighborhood Association meeting on June 15th at 5:30 pm located at 800 E. Franklin Street. He invited the community to celebrate Juneteenth in Downtown Lima on June 18th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He thanked Mayor Smith and her administration for their efforts in putting together the Better Together Plan. He explained we have a leader who has stepped outside and has met the residents where they are at and having the hard conversations and being open to everything that is being said. He thanked the Fifth Ward residents for attending the previous Walk the Ward.

Councilor Glenn expressed his excitement to see things going in the right direction for his ward. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution congratulating Voices of Harmony on their 30 year anniversary. Motion carried. He explained they are working on a project on the corner of Hope and Nova. Glenn congratulated Councilor Gordon on his retirement from the same facility he retired from. He thanked Chief Martin for his service especially for walking with the Martin Luther King marches over the years. He presented Chief Martin with a plaque.

Councilor Gordon expressed his appreciation to Chief Martin for his professionalism and expressed his friendship has been amazing. He thanked the Police Department for the Quality of Life initiative. He reminded people to be good to each other.

President Nixon reminded everyone to keep the families of the serviceman and women who have given their lives for this country in their hearts and prayers over the Memorial Day weekend.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon. Motion carried.



John G. Nixon, President



Dana Addis, Clerk