

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

June 26, 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; Randall Bartels, Auditor; 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.; Sara Weekley, Deputy Dir. of Util.; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Dir. I; Jessica Begonia, Public Information Officer; Police Major Ron Holman; 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, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon.

Councilor Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, to amend the Agenda by adding Ordinance 129-23 and 130-23. Motion carried.

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 May 12, 2023;
- c. Treasurer's Report of May, 2023.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Acting Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2023 budget.
2. From the Workforce & Small Business Development Coord. regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for a Citywide Brownfield Assessment Project.
3. From the Chief of Staff regarding a request for an extension of the "Lima New Jobs Program".
4. From the Auditor regarding the May 2023 financial reports.

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5. From the Public Information Officer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Northeast Projections, Incorporated dba NPi Audio Visual Solutions.
6. From the Dep. Dir. II of Public Works and Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to advertise for bid and enter into contract to sell scrap iron, steel, copper and brass.
7. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to amend Ord. 142-22.
8. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to enter into contract with Cintas.
9. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for the construction of miscellaneous improvements at the Water Treatment Plant.
10. From the Chief Technology Officer regarding legislation to continue service with Rapid7.
11. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to accept any monetary donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #370.
12. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to amend section 446.03 of the Codified Ordinances.
13. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with The Shelly Company.
14. From the Law Dir. regarding a Notice of Correction to Exhibit A to Ordinance 105-23.
15. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that Communications No. 1 through 15 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Jessica Begonia, Public Information Officer, presented Council with the findings of the Community Survey conducted at the beginning of 2023. She explained 287 household responded to the survey out of the 2,800 households it was sent to. She noted there was poor representation of individuals under the age of 55, renters and minorities. She explained the survey provides a comprehensive picture of the livability from the perspective of Lima residents. She provided a summary of the perception of Lima residents and how it compares to the average results from other communities throughout the nation. She noted areas of excellent and good ratings include parks and recreation, transportation and mobility, health and wellness opportunities, in addition to

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utilities and infrastructure. She further noted areas in need of improvement include safety and overall economic health. She highlighted a few of the initiatives that the City has already implemented to increase safety including the use of 12 Flock cameras, implementing community oriented policing, increased engagement with community based organizations, increased use of speed trailers, increased lighting and administrative initiatives to improve recruitment for safety services. She also highlighted the major successes the City has achieved which will add to the overall health of the economy including the creation of the Community Entertainment District, community reinvestment area program, \$700,000 allocated to small business funding opportunities and many workforce development initiatives. Mrs. Begonia thanked the community members for being a part of the survey and also Council for their support. President Nixon inquired about the individuals who took the online open survey. Mrs. Begonia advised that there were 57 responses to the online survey results which were not included in the packet provided to Council. She explained there were steps taken to ensure individuals did not take both surveys. She advised the City would need to contract again in order to conduct another survey with Polco and in the future, the City of Lima can now create their own survey. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council office).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Thompson advised the Economic & Community Development Committee met on June 5, 2023 to discuss landlord licensing and rental registry. All members have received a copy. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

118-23 An Ordinance amending the 2023 annual budget. 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, 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.

119-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Northeast Projections, Inc., dba NPI Audio Visual Solutions, for GTV-Lima Broadcast Equipment Replacement. 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.

120-23 An Ordinance amending Section 882.07 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio, to extend the duration of the New Jobs Incentive Program. 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.

121-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Peterson Construction Company authorized under Ordinance 142-22. 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.

122-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Woolace Electric Corporation for electrical repair services at the Lima Treatment Plants. 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.

123-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Cintas for employee uniforms for the Utilities Department. President Nixon moved, seconded by Neeper, to amend the Ordinance by striking the words “for the Utilities Department” in the Caption and the first whereas paragraph and authorize the Law Director to provide a clean copy. Motion carried. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed, as amended, 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, as amended, on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

124-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract with a consultant for a Citywide Brownfield Assessment project. 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.

125-23 An Ordinance granting the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center Permission to utilize the Amphitheatre and surrounding park area for community events. Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, 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.

126-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract to sell scrap iron, steel, copper, and brass for the Public Works Department and the Utilities Department. 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.

127-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Shelly Company. 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.

128-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an LPA Agreement with ODOT for the ALL-Cable Road Improvements Project; PID 112573. 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.

129-23 An Ordinance amending Section 446.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio concerning prohibited operation of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles and all-purpose vehicles. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Wilkerson referenced the safety issues with off-road vehicles. President Nixon inquired about the exact change being authorized. Tony Geiger advised the change is to add Paragraph 8, 9 and 10. He clarified the Ordinance does not include toys such as power wheels. 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.

130-23 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a monetary donation from the Fraternal Order of Eagles #370. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Ehora explained animal control is a huge problem in the City. She expressed the importance of securing your animals over the holiday weekend. She referenced the success of the cat voucher program that the City has in place and expressed her appreciation for the program. She referenced the motorcyclists that ride wheelies down her street daily and how irresponsible people are driving. She expressed her appreciation for the speed trailers. She wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Councilor Dixon thanked everyone who participated in the Juneteenth event over the weekend as it was a successful event. He referenced an auto accident where a pedestrian was hit while crossing the street. He asked everyone to slow down and be cautious and mindful while driving. He reminded residents to clean up after letting off fireworks and not to drink and drive.

Councilor Glenn expressed his excitement about Ordinance 129-23 as he receives many calls about scooters on the sidewalks. He reminded everyone not to play basketball in the streets because it is dangerous. He thanked the individuals who helped with the Juneteenth festivities. He thanked the kids for attending the last Council meeting and expressed how neat it was for the Council President to ask a lady with a crying baby to stay during the meeting. He encouraged everyone to have a Happy 4th of July and to stay safe.

Councilor Neeper reminded residents to keep the festivities on the 4th of July. He explained he has preached about driving safety and slowing down but it is consistently getting worse. He expressed his disappointment in the City survey because he is proud of what the City has and where the City is going.

Councilor Gordon thanked Jessica Begonia for her report. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson referenced a situation that happened the past week when the power of social media helped find his son's dog that was loose. He wished everyone a safe 4th of July and encouraged everyone to be mindful of their neighbors while celebrating. He wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

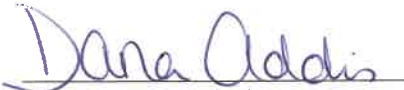
Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will meet June 28th at 6:00 p.m. at 300 W. Market Street. She thanked her husband and everyone who was involved in the Juneteenth Festivities over the weekend. She expressed the importance of word of mouth when it comes to certain issues in the City of Lima including the current speeding issues. She referenced a situation that happened over the weekend on her block where an animal was being abused. She explained Lima is an urban area and what might be acceptable in the country might not be acceptable in the City limits. She thanked the members of the CAC who helped review the community CDBG money and she looks forward to more participation in the years to

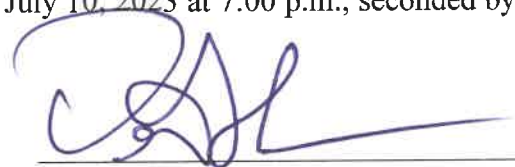
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come. She advised the public comment period will be from June 23rd until July 22nd and the applications can be viewed on the City of Lima website, the Housing and Neighborhoods Department and the Receptionist of City Hall.

President Nixon wished everyone a Happy 4th of July. He advised that on July 8th in 1776, a gentleman by the name of John Nixon is credited with the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until July 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President
Derry Glenn, Acting-President