

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

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The Council of the City of Lima met in regular session at 7:00 p.m.

Attending were: Anthony DiPietro, Deputy Law Director; Susan Odenweller, Chief Deputy Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Sharetta Smith, Chief of Staff; Chief Martin; Chief Heffner and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to amend the Agenda by adding Resolution 012-21 and removing Item B under Reports of Officials to the next meeting. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

009-21 A Resolution supporting the "Ohio Jobs for Ohio Workers" Campaign. Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Glenn expressed his appreciation to Taft Mangus for getting the information out to the people and he also expressed appreciation to Council for their support. Councilor Dixon thanked the Union workers for their trades and for being productive citizens in the community. Councilor Wilkerson said he is impressed with solidarity when it shows itself and encouraged the Union to continue to stay strong. 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. Tim LuceWireman, Business Manager of Local 329, expressed his appreciation to Council for their support. He advised the Union's force going forward is to gain support from the community.

010-21 A Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Lima City Council to Reverend Charles M. Manley. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Dixon said Pastor Manley is a man who is bold not only in his faith but in his walk and is an example of a man of God. He explained Manley led him and many others to Christ. He referenced the Manly whopper and the property of Mr. Manley. He reminisced of his experiences with Pastor Manley and said Pastor Manley is deserving of the Resolution. Councilor Glenn expressed his love and appreciation for Rev. Manley. He recalled a time when Rev. Manley helped coordinate the Martin

Luther King Dinner. President Nixon explained he got to know Pastor Manley in 1981 when he delivered bread to Pastor Manley's restaurant. Nixon said he has been aware of Manley's contributions to the community and expressed his appreciation for his kind words and advice. 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.

011-21 A Resolution expressing the appreciation of the Lima City Council to Patrick Coon. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Ehora thanked Major Coon for handling Council orientation and walking them through the concerns and duties of the Police Department. She thanked him for his services to the City of Lima. Councilor Wilkerson explained Major Coon dedicated himself to the community with class and dignity and thanked him for his services to the City. Councilor Dixon thanked Major Coon for his time and service and expressed the pleasure of working with him over the last four years. Councilor Gordon thanked Major Coon and explained serving the amount of time that he did is amazing. President Nixon congratulated Major Coon on his retirement and explained the solutions that he has led have helped make the City better. 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. Patrick Coon thanked Council although he doesn't feel that he deserves the accolade that his time as there are still those who are working and more deserving. He thanked God for getting through and to the place that he was at with the support of his family. He explained he is still working as a volunteer for the dive team and serving the community.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing #3 for the proposed 2021-2022 CDBG/HOME Funds. There being no one wishing to speak, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Autumn Swanson spoke on behalf of the Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership (LACNIP). She explained what LACNIP is and highlighted some of the things that LACNIP has done in the community. She explained LACNIP has hosted the Ottawa River Cleanup and supported City Wide Pride. She advised over the years, LACNIP has served over 5,000 residents, provided well over 20,000 volunteer hours to the City worth more than \$520,000.00. She explained LACNIP runs off of a budget of just \$12,000.00 annually which comes from grants, memberships and fundraisers. She expressed the pandemic has hurt their ability to fundraise. She asked the City to consider financially supporting LACNIP with an annual donation of \$10,000.00. She advised other cities that financially support their neighborhood organizations consist of Ft.

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Wayne, Dayton, and Columbus. She expressed her appreciation for the consideration of her request.

Phyllis McGee spoke in support of the renaming of the alley after her brother, Joe Henderson. She expressed her appreciation of her brother's name being thrown in and believes it is time for some recognition. She explained her brother worked hard doing what he did. She gave a shot out to her parents who were patient with him. She explained there are 15 brothers and sisters and she reminisced about them growing up and his travels including him getting sick in Japan. She thanked the City for their recognition of her brother.

Sally Windle, Artspace Lima, explained they would like to be a partner in honoring Joe Henderson. She explained Artspace was given \$40,000.00 in December to do community outreach. Artspace then applied for a GIG grant which they were later awarded \$2,500.00 to bring in an artist to do community artwork. She explained she contacted Corey Barksdale, an artist originally from Lima, who agreed to create the mural. She explained how they decided on the space for the mural. She noted there is an alcove that used to be named Sugar Alley in between Artspace and the Cornerstone Building. She has worked with the owner of the Cornerstone Building to repurpose the space with umbrellas and lights and have it be a place to host events and music to give others a format to perform. She said they hope it will continue to grow with a little bit of inspiration.

Heather Howard was not present to speak.

Tom Offenbacher spoke regarding his complaints about the trash service provided to the City of Lima by Rumpke. He said Rumpke cannot remember to pick up the trash and provided an example of trash being left behind for up to three days and more. He explained the City will need to find out if the potential new trash hauler's customer service is satisfactory in other areas. He does believe the City needs a better hauler.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy.
- b. Board of Health Minutes of June 11, 2021.

Gordon moved that item "a" of the consent calendar be received, filed, and approved, and that item "b" 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 on premises in the City of Lima. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

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2. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments on premises in the City of Lima. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

3. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to provide a CRA tax abatement for Heaphy Harmony Real Estate LLC. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

4. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to provide a CRA tax abatement for Heaphy Harmony Real Estate LLC. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

5. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to provide a CRA tax abatement for CDC Real Estate Holding LLC. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

6. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to adopt and submit the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan update of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to HUD. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

7. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2021 budget. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

8. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to apply for, accept and administer an Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant for Firefighters Exposure to Environmental Elements. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

9. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to amend a contract with NEC Corporation of America. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

10. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to allow a payment to Woolace Electric Corp. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

11. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to purchase a Hillside Mower from Kut Kwick Corporation. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

12. From the Utilities Operations Manager regarding legislation to request bids to allow the sale of used meters removed from the Water Meter Replacement Project. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

13. From the Utilities Operations Manager regarding legislation to request bids and allow for the sale of radios. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Wilkerson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

14. From the Utilities Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with MS Consultants. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

15. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to purchase various vehicles and equipment. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

16. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Ribway Engineering Group, Inc. moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

17. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to dispose of items from the Public Works Dept. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Thompson, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

18. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to amend a contract with The Shelly Co. for State Issue I Various Street Resurfacing Project. Moved by Ehora, seconded by Neeper, that the communication be received and filed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

City of Lima Police Chief Kevin Martin gave a brief history of how the Mental Health Task Force came to fruition. He advised of the accomplishments that came from the Mental Health Task Force including the EMC and the We Care Crisis Stabilization Unit. He advised of the problems with the current system. He explained Coleman's Behavioral Health, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, the Lima Fire Department along with the Lima Police Department are in the process of creating an emergency responder mental health collaborative. He advised legislation will be coming to Council to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Coleman's Professional Services. He explained from the Police perspective, the biggest benefit is that it will allow them to get the mental health service providers to the person rather than having to get the person to the mental health service provider. He explained the Police will continue to respond and make sure the situation is stabilized and everyone is protected as best as they are able to do. He thanked Sharetta Smith for her leadership in the initiative. Margaret Lawrence from Coleman

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Professional Services expressed her excitement for the collaboration because they can meet clients where they are at. She explained Coleman has an access team who goes to the hospitals and the jails to do screenings with the clients, but the clients are resistant. She explained they want to get to individuals so they can have a conversation with them to help deescalate, educate and maybe put them in the right level of care. She expressed the need for community members who are licensed professional counselors or licensed social workers because there is a shortage. Fire Chief Andy Martin expressed how amazing of a benefit the collaboration will be to the Fire Department. He provided a scenario that happens on average where they know they will receive continuous calls for the same individuals and the outcome is always the same. He explained this collaboration gives an avenue where they can have a better outcome for mental health and addiction crisis and also gives his guys a better peace of mind that there can be a positive change.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Thompson advised the Economic & Community Development Committee met on June 28, 2021 to hold the first public hearing for the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan. All members have received a copy. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

151-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson 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.

152-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima, Ohio. Thompson 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.

153-21 An Ordinance amending the 2021 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.

154-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer funds from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant. Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was

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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.

155-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with NEC Corporation of America as authorized in Ordinance 122-21. 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.

156-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts to purchase vehicles and equipment for the Public Works 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.

157-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of Public Works Department equipment. Ehora 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.

158-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with the Shelly Company as authorized in Ordinance 143-21. Ehora 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.

159-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Inc. 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.

160-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the sale of used maters. Gordon 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.

161-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the sale of used radios. 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.

162-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make a payment to Woolace Electric Corp. 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.

163-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Kut Kwick Corporation. 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.

164-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with MS Consultants, Inc. 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.

165-21 An Ordinance adopting the 2021-2022 Annual Update to the Lima Consolidated Plan (2020-2024), and authorizing submission thereof to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Thompson moved, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Thompson recognized the work that goes into the consolidated plan and the presentation. She thanked Susan Crotty for putting the work in and listening to the concerns and taking those things into account and making the process run smoother. Councilor Dixon thanked Susan Crotty for making this year a seamless process by answering questions, making applications more available, and assisting more individuals to be a part of the process. President Nixon congratulated the Community and Economic Development Committee for the work they put in advance and over the past few years. He agrees this has been the smoothest process that he has seen in his thirty years on Council. He believes that recognizes the dialogue of the Committee members and administration is productive. He believes the program is balanced, fair and maximizes what they can do with dollars. 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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166-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a CRA Tax Exemption Agreement with Heaphy Harmony Real Estate for 113-115 East Spring Street. 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.

167-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a CRA Tax Exemption Agreement with Heaphy Harmony Real Estate for 147 South Main Street. 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.

168-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a CRA Tax Exemption Agreement with CDC Real Estate Holdings, LLC. Thompson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Dixon explained in 2019 a tax abatement was awarded to TK Sarno LLC for the property for this type of thing. His question is why the City would give an additional tax abatement for a property that was already given a tax abatement. Susan Crotty advised the tax abatement is for a different building. She explained the previous abatement was for 207 S. Central is a three-story building that is currently under renovation and the current abatement before Council is for the Makerspace building at 219 S. Central. She advised Tracey Sanchez who is working with Jerome O'Neil on the project, has acquired three different buildings together. Councilor Dixon explained the applications mirror one another including Makerspace. He said two different properties will be receiving a tax abatement for something they have already received a tax abatement for. Susan Crotty explained the tax abatement is to reduce the taxes on the value of the improvements to the building and is to encourage the rehabilitation project. She advised the abatement is tied into an agreement that they enter into with the applicant for job creation, which is not required, but it is mainly to encourage renovation and rehabilitation of the building. Councilor Dixon referenced the 2019 application where it indicates the nature of the activity being retail, arts, and technology, coffee shops, kitchens, office space, recording studios, open mic night, and makerspace. He referenced the current application advises the tax abatement will be given for a makerspace and an abatement for 12 years at 75%. He asked why they are receiving two separate tax abatements for the same type of deal and it is like giving Market Street McDonald's a tax abatement for the property next to them for a parking lot. President Nixon explained the applications are submitted by two different owners and further explained, the tax abatement is only on the improvements if they are made. He advised it is not a double tax abatement being made. He explained the tax abatement process and that the owners pay taxes on what they purchased the property for, they get tax abatement on the amount they invest. Councilor Dixon explained both applications have the same concept. Susan Crotty explained the development spans the whole area which includes three buildings and she anticipates another request for tax abatement when they are ready to start construction on the third building. She

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understands the first building was to have office space on one floor, discussion about recording studio and other retail uses which is still going to continue. She advised the makerspace building is owned by a different LLC and will be a Makerspace which is a collaborative workspace where people can do their craft and get started on their business. She understands the Makerspace is in the 219 S. Central Building. Councilor Dixon re-iterated in both applications it stated the use was for a Makerspace. Crotty believes it would be better if Tracy Sanchez or Jerome O'Neill were to further explain because sometimes plans do evolve for each building. President Nixon understands where Councilor Dixon is concerned but asked if it would make difference if the Application listed the use said Makerspace 1 and the other application listed Makerspace 2, would it be any better? Councilor Dixon explained it would because it would be two different programs. Councilor Thompson withdrew her motion to pass the Ordinance on the first reading and said to her it looks like lazy paperwork. She expressed her concern with receiving a third application to do the same four things in another building. She would like a clearer picture of what they are proposing. President Nixon explained there is no abatement on taxes unless money is invested to improve the property and make it useful. He is not concerned whether it is makerspace, 1 or 2, a coffee shop, or a child care center as long as it fits in the zoning and as long as money is invested to improve a building. He pointed out the purpose of the community reinvestment area is to encourage and incentivize investment in buildings and nothing is abated unless they invest money and they could delay that investment. Nixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Neeper pointed out the two prior Ordinances that were approved were the same uses. Councilor Dixon advised those applications are two different buildings and list different uses. Neeper explained this is a 2.5 Million Dollar project that will bring brand new businesses downtown. Dixon is not disputing the investment, but rather wants clarification on what will be in the building. Further debate was held regarding the first abatement application and the second abatement application and whether there are any consequences to taxpayers. Councilor Ehora suggested simplifying the language so it doesn't look as though there are duplicated uses and also suggested that someone come back to council and provide an update on the project since there are so many moving parts. Councilor Thompson advised she will support it but she believes they should all make note of the expected completion date. 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 Glenn expressed his appreciation for the comments on the Makerspace Ordinance. He thanked everyone who donated towards the 6th Ward yard sale that will be on August 6th and 7th at 125 Kibby Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all benefits will go towards the neighborhood programs. Glenn expressed his appreciation to Chief Hefner, Chief Martin, and his boss at Coleman Professional for addressing mental health. He expressed appreciation for all those sitting on the Economic & Community Development Committee for all the hard work on the CDBG process. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to refer the request from LACNIP for an

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annual \$10,000.00 donation to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Neeper moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution be prepared memorializing the late Pat Miron who was a large part of what has gone on in the City. Motion carried.

Councilor Gordon reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson reminded people to be mindful of each other. He acknowledged that mask mandates have been lifted for vaccinated people, but he asked people to respect each other space and COVID has not gone away yet.

Councilor Thompson asked people to be respectful of each other and she would like to keep her parents alive although they are fully vaccinated, they are completely vulnerable. She encouraged people to review science and take into consideration the more vulnerable population who cannot be vaccinated. She used polio as a reference to show that vaccinations work. She announced the Back-to-School celebration will be happening on August 10th from 4-6 p.m. at MLK Park. She said the summer reading program has been beautiful and she thanked those who contributed. She reviewed the summer reading schedule and encouraged the public to attend. She thanked Chief Hefner, Chief Martin, and Margaret Lawrence for the mental health collaboration. She explained those with addiction issues and mental health issues are part of the community and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.


Councilor Ehora congratulated Major Coon. She is hoping to see good things with the downtown investments. She agreed with Mr. Offenbacher about the complaints with the trash service which is one of the top five complaints from constituents. She believes the complaints should be considered when they are choosing the next garbage company. She advised has noticed more people pulled over in the last two weeks than she has in a long time and she appreciates it. She explained she was in Cleveland and realized noise isn't just an issue in Lima, but any City. She sends her condolences to the Miron family as she has known Pat most of her life. She expressed that conversation is a good thing and the right thing to do so maybe you are asking what someone in the public is thinking but doesn't have an opportunity to ask. She appreciates all of Council and their opinions and that they are respectful to each other.

President Nixon expressed appreciation to Councilor Dixon for bringing up the discussion on the final CRA Tax Ordinance. He said when Rhodes State committed to invest, he said the project can single-handedly be the investment that can be the catalyst to turn around downtown Lima as much as the mall being built was the demise of Downtown Lima. He encouraged Council to be as pro-development and growth as they can be. He hopes there are a lot more development projects in the future.

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Councilor Dixon expressed his condolences to the Miron family and recalled his relationship with Pat Miron and the Miron family. He invited the residents of the 5th Ward to a round table talk about crime tomorrow evening from 5:30-7:30 pm at Unity Elementary. He said they are hoping to come back with positive solutions so they may take that information back to the Police and administration to help make the neighborhoods safe for everyone. He explained trash cans are not being taken back to the house after being picked up so he would like to work with Code Enforcement to see if they can start issuing warning tickets or citations. He invited the public to attend a skate night on August 15th in Martin Luther King Park. He invited the public to attend a family event in support of Mental Health Awareness Month on August 14th starting with family entertainment from 2-4:30 pm and adult entertainment from 6-8:00 pm in the downtown area. He thanked the individuals who put together the South Jackson Street Block Party over the weekend. He encouraged the public to continue to watch their community boards for events because it is free, clean, positive fun. He announced there are free meals offered to kids ages 18 and under Monday through Friday from 1-2:15 pm at South Jackson Street. He asked Lima Police Department for a mid-year crime report for the City of Lima so they can take the information back to the Ward round tables.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Wilkerson, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President