

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

August 22, 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; Randy Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of Housing & Neighborhoods; Carmillia Zion, Deputy Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods; Amber Martin, Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator; Della Bradford, Dir. of Human Resources; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Utilities; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Police Major Holman; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE READ:

013-22 A Resolution memorializing the late Robert "Bob" Schulte, outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to his family on behalf of the Lima City Council. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Neeper explained he had many interactions with Bob Schulte through different Boards and Committees and he will miss not being able to pick up the phone and call him. He expressed his condolences to the family. Councilor Ehora explained it is hard to say "Bob" without saying "Bob & Grace". To her Bob and Grace were a force to be reckoned with in our community and one would never know that they lived in Delphos as involved in the Lima Community as they were. She expressed her condolences to the family on the loss of Bob Schulte. President Nixon extended his condolences to the family and remembered Bob always having a smile on his face and always extended a handshake. He explained the Boards and Committees that Bob was involved in got a lot done and he is appreciated very much. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 6-0 vote. Bob Schulte's daughter, Karen, thanked Council for honoring her father. She referenced Councilor Ehora's comment about Bob and Grace Schulte and how that her mother and father loved Lima. She recalled back to a memory of her father running for write in Candidate for Mayor of Delphos and accidentally stated that he was running for Mayor of Lima during his campaign. She explained when her mother passed away, the priest stated "no one could bring Delphos and Lima together better than Grace and Bob Schulte".

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the amendment to the City of Lima Citizen Participation Plan for Housing and Urban Development Grants. Dave Smith, 515 W. Ashwood Ave., recited the displacement procedures and asked if the homes being demolished by the City will be required to be replaced. Susan Crotty advised the key word is “occupiable”. Nixon explained the homes on the list are both vacant and occupiable. Smith explained it should be clarified thoroughly and expressed the program as laid out is a good diagram to work with. There being no one else wishing to speak to the amendment, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the vacation of an alley between Grove Ave. and the Indiana & Ohio Railroad, South of East Market Street – Petitioned for by the City of Lima. There being no one wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

President Nixon called to order the Public Hearing for the vacation of an alley segment in the 1100 block of Bellefontaine Avenue – Petitioned for by DW Plaza/Manish Walia. There being no one wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Nixon closed the Public Hearing.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since each received a copy;
- b. Treasurer’s Report of July 31, 2022.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Auditor regarding the financial report for July, 2022.
2. From the Chief Technology Officer regarding legislation to dispose of numerous equipment.
3. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to request to bid and award a contract for the purchase of Utility Billing Envelopes.
4. From the Lima Municipal Court Systems Administrator regarding legislation to dispose of numerous equipment.

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5. From the Dir. of Dept. of Housing and Neighborhoods regarding legislation to provide a CRA tax abatement for 325-333 South Calumet Ave. and 1007 East Eureka Street.
6. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to apply for a T-Mobile Hometown Grant.
7. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Infinite Protection LTD.
8. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2022 budget.
9. From the Law Dir. regarding legislation to amend Section 246.06 – Authorized Employment Positions.
10. From the Civil Service Board Secretary regarding recommendations to make changes to the Assistant Water Treatment Supervisor III/IV and Assistant Wastewater Treatment Supervisor III/IV positions.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Councilor Dixon reported that the Human Resources Committee met on July 18, 2022 to discuss the criteria for determining the residency for elected officials. All members have received a copy of the committee report. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

Councilor Ehora reported that the Public Works Committee met on August 4, 2022 to discuss various issues. All members have received a copy of the committee report. Ehora moved, seconded by Dixon, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

171-22 (SECOND READING) An Ordinance authorizing ALL Actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4928.20 Ohio Revised Code and directing the Allen County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Dixon, to table the Ordinance indefinitely. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the Ordinance is tabled indefinitely by a 6-0 vote.

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172-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with AIM Ecyling, LLC to dispose of computer equipment for the Lima Municipal Court. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

173-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of metal enclosures for the Utilities Department. Moved by Gordon, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

174-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Infinite Protection LTD for the purchase of the iCYPHER Mobile Scout Commander for the Lima Police Department. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

175-22 An Ordinance vacating an alley between Grove Avenue and the Indiana & Ohio Railroad, South of East Market Street. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

176-22 An Ordinance vacating an alley segment in the 1100 block of Bellefontaine Avenue. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

177-22 An Ordinance establishing the salary for the Deputy Finance Director. Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

178-22 An Ordinance adopting an amended Citizen Participation Plan. Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Ordinance be placed on a second reading. Motion carried.

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179-22 An Ordinance amending Section 246.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Law Department Authorized Employment Positions. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

180-22 An Ordinance amending the 2022 Budget. Moved by Neeper, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

181-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and administer grant funds from the T-Mobile Hometown Grant. Ehora moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

182-22 An Ordinance amending Section 246.10 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Utilities Department authorized employment positions. Gordon moved, seconded by Ehora, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 6-0 vote.

183-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a CRA Tax Exemption Agreement with Creating Comfort Rentals, LLC for 325-333 South Calumet Avenue & 1007 East Eureka Street. Dixon moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 6; Gordon, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neeper, 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:

Councilor Neeper announced the Boulevard Neighborhood Association will be meeting August 25th, 2022 at 7:00 pm located at Community Resource Center. He reminded everyone that the Allen County Fair is going on and encouraged the public to attend. He explained there are ordinances on the books that prohibit blowing grass cuttings into the streets. He reminded the residents to bring their trash cans up to the house. He reminded everyone that the schools are back in session and to watch for students walking.

Councilor Gordon also reminded everyone to watch for students walking. He reminded people to be good to each other.

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President Nixon left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Councilor Ehora referenced the amount of grass in the sewer grates and reminded the public not to mow and release grass clippings into the streets. She explained summer is the worst for property maintenance because people do not take care of their properties. She asked everyone to take trash cans out and bring them back the next day when trash is picked up. Ehora moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a Resolution memorializing the late Bill Harnishfeger. President Nixon re-entered the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried. Ehora moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a Resolution memorializing the late James Leaman. She explained his contributions to the arts has been second to none. Motion carried. She reminded everyone to be good to their neighbors.

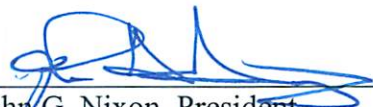
Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the issue of Lima Police Department officers working security in liquor establishments. Motion carried. Dixon moved, seconded by Ehora, to approve the absence and salary for Councilor Wilkerson and Councilor Thompson. Motion carried.

Councilor Glenn explained the Park Rangers can issue a ticket for residents who do not bring their trash cans back to the house after pickup. He thanked Carmillia Zion for all of the work she did for the Hope and Nova apartments. He expressed the importance of working together. He encouraged residents to attend the Neighborhood Concerns Committee Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. He explained there were 502 new and used air conditioners donated and thanked all of those who donated. He further explained there were 45 kids who attended the Rent-a-Kid program this year and some were hired at local establishments to continue to work. He reminded residents that roads are being paved and cars need to be moved off the streets.

President Nixon encouraged the public to attend the Allen County Fair and support the youth and vendors.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until September 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President