

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: Mayor Sharetta Smith; Tony Geiger, Law Director; Randy Bartels, Auditor; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of Housing & Neighborhoods; Carmillia Zion, Deputy Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods; Amber Martin, Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Utilities; Kirk Niemeyer, Dir. of Public Works; Ric Stolly, Deputy Public Works Dir. I; Shane Coleman, Chief of Staff; Police Major Bishop; and Dana Addis, Clerk.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS TO BE READ:

015-22 A Resolution memorializing the late James Leaman, outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to his family on behalf of the Lima City Council. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Glenn, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. President Nixon explained his children had Mr. Leaman for music and band at Lima Senior and at North Middle School and Jim was one of the teachers that teaches kids more than just the subject they are studying or the instruments they are playing. He expressed his condolences to the family. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

016-22 A Resolution memorializing the late William White, Sr., outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to his family on behalf of the Lima City Council. Moved by Dixon, seconded by Thompson, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Wilkerson reflected back on conversations he had with William and one of the things he remembers is how humble he stayed and he didn't want you to talk about his accolades and success. He explained William strived to be the example for young kids and he didn't stray from that. He expressed his condolences to the family. Councilor Dixon extended his condolences to the White Family. He recalled his last conversation he had with Mr. White where he was expressing his interest in redeveloping duplexes in the Hope and Nova area and build more homes throughout the City of Lima. He stated his hopes and dreams are to be half the man that William White was because he gave back and was a strong man of faith. Councilor Glenn explained William loved Lima and did all that he can to showcase the City. He said William loved his family and everyone around him. He said typically you don't see famous football players

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investing in their hometown, but William did. He thanked the family for sharing Mr. White. President Nixon expressed his condolences to the White family and although he didn't know William well, he knew of his accomplishments on and off of the field. He said William had an Engineering degree that he obtained while playing football which is no easy feat. He said there were many things that William has done in the City that has his name attached to it, but there are also a lot of things that he did that did not have his name attached to it. He expressed his condolences to the family. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn, and Neep. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote. William White Jr. said it was an honor to receive the Resolution as his father was a great man. He thanked Council for the kind words. He said his father loved the City of Lima and he would like to continue his father's legacy by helping in the community as he can.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dave Smith, 515 W. Ashwood Ave., addressed public records requests and suggested that once records are found to be inaccurate, there should be a general entry or footnote used to show the problem that was corrected and the date it was corrected. He explained he puts in public records requests to gain a better understanding and shares the information with others. He quoted Thomas Jefferson. He advised if he has offended any members of Council or the Administration on his quest to request information, it was not his intent and he apologized if he has done so. He explained his only purpose is to make a better City for all of the citizens of Lima. He addressed issues with the POD Ordinance. He acknowledged the loss of William White's sister in a very short time after his passing. He expressed his respect for William White.

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 Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit application for Double Time Foods LLC dba Sunny's Quick Stop & Deli, 1434 Allentown Road. Neep moved, seconded by Glenn, to receive, file and authorize the Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objection. Motion carried.
2. From the Auditor regarding the August 2022 financial reports.
3. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2022 budget.

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4. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to submit Letters of Interest and applications to ODOT for Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding.
5. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to bid and award the 2023 WWTP Lab Contract.
6. From the Dept. of Housing and Neighborhoods Dir. regarding legislation to approve an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation for the Greater Lima, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District.
7. From the Dept. of Housing and Neighborhoods Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various local entities to implement projects/activities using HOME funds.
8. From the Dept. of Housing and Neighborhoods Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various local entities to implement projects/activities using CDBG funds.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, that Communications No. 2 through 8 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare any necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Lima Police Major John Bishop presented Council with the 2021 Lima Police Department Annual Report. He explained the annual report includes statistics from each shift and also includes the accommodations that has been presented to Officers in hopes of presenting an actual picture of what the Officers are doing that is good in the City and their recognition for the tremendous work they do every day to protect the citizens. He advised last year, dispatchers received 36,602 calls for service and of those calls, 23,865 incident reports were written. He advised there was a total of 1,905 traffic citations written, 2,194 arrests made and 1,185 traffic crashes investigated. He explained the department averages approximately 100 calls per day and employs 75 officers.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED:

017-22 A Resolution in support of ADA accessible transportation alternatives. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution is adopted on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

191-22 (THIRD READING) An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1830 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima regarding portable on demand storage units. Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the Ordinance be defeated on the third reading. President Nixon reminded Council that a Yes vote was in favor to defeat the Ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn, and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the Ordinance is defeated on the third reading by a 7-0 vote.

205-22 (SECOND READING) An Ordinance enacting Section 1060.11 designating all City owned parks and other outdoor recreational facilities as smoke and vape-free environment. Neeper moved, seconded by Thompson, to place the Ordinance on a third reading. Motion carried.

208-22 An Ordinance amending the 2022 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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

209-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit letters of interest and applications to the Ohio Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternative Program funds. Wilkerson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

210-22 An Ordinance authorizing payment for services. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

211-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the 2023 Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Lab Contract. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

212-22 An Ordinance approving amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of 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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

213-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for housing property maintenance training. Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

214-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for a CHDO Set Aside – North Rosedale Avenue Homeownership Unit. Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

215-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. to serve as CHDO for housing development. Thompson moved, second by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

216-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for First Home Lima Administrative Support. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

217-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide fair housing services. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

218-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Bradfield Community Association for Senior and Youth Health and Wellness Program services. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

219-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Lima City Schools for My Brother's Keeper youth after-school program services. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

220-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Soldiers of Honor for administration of a youth boxing and recreational program. Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

221-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Grand Lake Theatrix Community Theatre Association for administration and implementation of the Youth for Change program. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

222-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Trinity United Methodist Church, Lima, Ohio, for the Freedom School Program. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

223-22 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Oheneba Soccer Academy for administration of a youth soccer camp/sponsor a child program. Thompson moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

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224-22 An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1830 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima regarding portable on demand storage units. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Mayor Smith advised that Ordinance 224-22 replaces Ordinance 191-22. President Nixon clarified there were questions that came from one of the businesses that rents and distributes the storage pods which resulted in the new Ordinance. He thanked administration for working with the business to put a good ordinance together. Mayor Smith thanked Amber Martin for leading the engagement with the business owners. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

225-22 An Ordinance amending Section 618.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio concerning general animal regulations. Glenn moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the ordinance passes on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Thompson thanked Councilor Glenn for bringing forth the Resolution in Support of ADA Transportation and she hopes we as a community continue to support the notion set forth in the Resolution. She explained communities that are more accessible actually attract people to them. She announced the “I Think I Can” breast cancer run/walk is on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. She announced October 14th and October 15th is the Health and Feeling Fair located at three locations, Lima Senior High, Veterans Memorial Civic Center and Vibe Coffee House. She announced “Dinner in the Dark” is happening Wednesday, October 12th and encouraged attendance. She explained the concept behind Dinner in the Dark. She announced the Women’s Wellness and Wine will be happening at Artspace on October 20th.

Councilor Dixon thanked the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association for holding an event over the weekend at MLK Park. He acknowledged the NAACP who held a voter registry over the weekend at Vibe Coffeehouse. He congratulated all of the speakers and individuals who came out for TED Talk, including Courtney Owens who was one of the speakers and one of Lima’s own. He thanked Dave Smith.

Councilor Glenn thanked the Neighborhood Concerns group who helped with the Republic Service issue. He recalled a conversation he had with a resident who expressed her appreciation for Councilor Wilkerson taking calls from residents even though he holds a full time job. He expressed his appreciation to Mike Boden for cleaning up the Jameson overpass bridge every year. He explained they are going to bring back “Kid of the Month”. He said he enjoyed himself at the MLK Park over the weekend. He announced the community center is looking for a gas stove. He announced he will be setting dates for walking around 6th Ward. He encouraged the public to

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register to vote.

Councilor Neeper explained the Public Works Committee meeting was cancelled due to an illness and the legislation has been placed on the 3rd reading.

Councilor Gordon welcomed the new Chief of Staff, Shane Coleman. He advised he will be volunteering at the "I Think I Can" breast cancer run/walk is on Saturday. Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Ehora. Motion carried. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson reminded everyone the leaves are falling and to be a good neighbor and help out.

Gordon moved, seconded by Dixon, to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the compensation of a public employee. The following vote was recorded on the motion. Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Nixon, Dixon, Glenn and Neeper. Nay, none. Motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session.

Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, to adjourn from executive session. Motion carried

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Neeper, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President