

MINUTES OF LIMA CITY COUNCIL
LIMA, OHIO

October 25, 2021

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

Attending were: Mayor David Berger; Anthony DiPietro, Deputy Law Director; Randall Bartels, Auditor; Steven Cleaves, Finance Director; Kari Keener, Dir. of Human Resources; Susan Crotty; Dir. Of DCD; Mike Caprella, Dir. of Util.; Howard Elstro, Dir. of Public Works; Shareta Smith, Chief of Staff; Fire Chief Andy Heffner; 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.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

020-21 A Resolution Memorializing the late John MacDonell. Neepor moved, seconded by Gordon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Ehora explained there is no nicer man than John MacDonell and expressed her condolences to the MacDonell family. President Nixon explained John MacDonell had a deep love for the community and his contributions will live on for a long time. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

021-21 A Resolution Supporting the Lima City Schools 5.99 Mill Renewal Levy. Ehora moved, seconded by Dixon, that the Resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councilor Gordon encouraged the public to vote for the renewal as it is critical in continuing the great things the schools do. Councilor Wilkerson explained the local school system is important to the community and everyone is responsible. He encouraged the public to vote in support of the levy. Councilor Ehora is a firm believer that the health of the school system contributes to the health of our community. She encouraged the public to vote in support of the renewal levy. Councilor Dixon encouraged the public to vote yes for the levy as he is a graduate of the school system and a champion of the Lima City School District. Councilor Glenn encouraged people to call the schools if they do not understand what the levy is for. He also encouraged the public to vote in support of the renewal levy. Councilor Thompson explained her son is enrolled in the City School System and explained the things he is learning as a 5th grader. She expressed how impressed she is at what is happening in the Lima City Schools. She explained the public schools never turn children down and welcomes all of Lima's residents and treats them all as a priority. The following vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Ehora, Dixon, Glenn, Neepor and Nixon. Nay, none. The Chair declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted on the first reading by an 8-0 vote. Jill

Ackerman expressed her appreciation to Council for their support.

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 September 10, 2021;
- c. Treasurer's Report of September 30, 2021.

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

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS 1-15 WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Auditor regarding the contract labor report for September, 2021.
2. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with United Fire Apparatus Corporation.
3. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2021 annual budget.
4. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments.
5. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to place tax assessments.
6. From the Dir. of Community Development regarding legislation to levy special assessments for the PLAYWITHYOURFOOD, LLC Energy Special Improvement District Project.
7. From the Utility Operations Manager regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with FCx Performance.
8. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to allow the Utilities Dept. to purchase envelopes from Prime Business Solutions.
9. From the Dir. of Utilities regarding legislation to allow payment to the Ohio EPA for the 2021 Annual Discharge Fee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
10. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 029-21 regarding Marimor Industries, Inc. 2021 contract.

11. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into contract for bulk fuel purchases for 2022.

12. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to enter into a funding agreement with the Lima Rotary Club/GLR Downtown Park and Amphitheater.

13. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to apply for, receive and expend state funds administered through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC).

14. From the Dir. of Public Works regarding legislation to advertise, bid, and award construction of the Lima Rotary Club/GLR Downtown Park & Amphitheater.

15. From the City Engineer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Cotterman and Company, Inc.

Councilor Dixon moved, seconded by Thompson, that Communications No. 1 through 15 be received and filed. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Mayor David Berger explained they are talking about forming an Arctaris Lima Fund which will leverage money that the City would loan to the Chamber and would multiply into 5x the amount of equity for investing in projects in the community. He introduced Jonathan Tower, Founder of Arctaris Impact Investors. Mr. Tower explained Arctaris is a social impact, community impact fund which is focused on underserved communities and underrepresented individuals. He further explained they partner with government and philanthropy to help fill the gap left behind by commercial banks and private equity firms. He provided a history of Arctaris' investments and the different programs they had created throughout the country. He explained that Arctaris is looking to create pathways of prosperity for all residents. Councilor Glenn inquired about Detroit Michigan. Mr. Tower provided a brief summary of the program in Detroit Michigan which is focused on businesses as opposed to housing. He explained they may have an initial vision but the plan may change depending on the needs of the community. He pointed out that Arctaris has a strict rule against displacement.

Doug Olsson, President of Greater Lima Region (hereinafter referred to "GLR"), explained his organization has been working together with Mayor Berger and his team for over two years to put this plan together and advised they are in full support of the program. He believes the program will have a huge impact on the City of Lima especially in the Opportunity Zones. He explained the role of GLR will be to work with City Administration to create a Local Advisory Board to ensure local input is determined in what projects move forward. Councilor Thompson inquired how GLR would prioritize what projects need to happen. Mr. Olsson advised they will be working with City

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Administration, The Chamber Foundation and will encourage community input. He stressed the process will be inclusive and will cast a wide net in getting input into the projects. She expressed her concern with the lack of diversity on the GLR Board and expressed her appreciation for the project. Councilor Dixon also expressed his concern of lack of diversity on the GLR Board and the lack of members who display the “average Joe”. Mr. Olsson acknowledged the significant investments of GLR and asked Council to take into consideration the mission and the focus of what GLR has done. He advised GLR has a 95 member organization that represents all segments of the community. Mayor Berger explained he is proposing the City invest the \$5 Million and it has not been made clear of any other entities wanting to step up although the opportunity is there. Councilor Dixon asked if it would be possible for the City to create their own Advisory Board and move forward without GLR and the Chamber Foundation due to lack of inclusion and diversity. Jonathan Tower advised the Community Advisory Boards typically include Business members, members of the community, Mayor’s Administration, and diverse groups. He explained in order for them to succeed they need multiple viewpoints at that level and explained they are looking for accountability, help with responding with new things as they happen and feedback. Councilor Dixon expressed the need for a Local Advisory Board being created by the City and inviting GLR and the Chamber to be included. Doug Olsson advised it is perfectly fine if the City would create an advisory board and Council have a say so in who sits on that Board. Councilor Thompson thanked Mr. Olsson and explained she asks questions to ensure that they are looking for the same outcome. She expressed her hope for minority business owners to join the Chamber and one day have a voice on the GLR Board. Mayor Berger confirmed the City of Lima could create an Advisory Board that includes GLR. He explained the contract will be between the City and the Chamber Foundation as a public charity to receive a loan from the City with certain terms which will include provisions. President Nixon suggested that there be a Council designee as part of the Advisory Board piece.

Jed Metzger explained the Chamber Foundation mission is around business development, economic development and education which includes the arts. He referenced the investors he had met throughout the day. He explained the outcome will be a much stronger City and more opportunity for minority owned businesses. He reiterated the projects are allocated in the opportunity zones. He expressed his confidence and belief that this process will work and will be good for Lima. Councilor Wilkerson asked if there will be local contact person housed in Lima. Mr. Tower advised the norm is for any investment \$25 Million and larger, there will be a full-time boots on the ground person which acts as the local community relations person. Councilor Ehora explained diversity to her means City resident representation, not necessarily black or white and expressed the importance of having that representation at the table. Councilor Dixon thanked the Mayor and Mr. Tower. President Nixon confirmed with the Mayor that there has not been an opportunity to have an investment of this size in the City of Lima. He expressed his support because what will be invested in, will continue to be a concern and this group will be able to advise and make it successful. He explained the necessity to move forward with the investment. (A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Council office).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

President Nixon reported that the Council of the Whole Committee met on October 18, 2021 to discuss the status of ARPA spending and Ordinances 193-21 and 194-21. All Council members received a copy. Nixon moved, seconded by Dixon, that the report be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

193-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to establish a Community Improvement Corporation. 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.

194-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Projects West, Inc. dba Downing Community Advisors. 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.

246-21 (Second Reading) An Ordinance amending Chapter 1040 of the Codified Ordinances of Lima, Ohio. Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the second 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 second reading by an 8-0 vote.

254-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. 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.

255-21 An Ordinance levying special assessments for property maintenance code charges on premises in the City of Lima. 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.

256-21 Levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in the City of Lima, Ohio in cooperation with the Northwest Ohio Advanced Energy 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, 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.

257-21 An Ordinance amending the 2021 annual budget. Neeper 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.

258-21 An Ordinance authorizing the payment from various Lima Municipal Court funds for 2022. 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.

259-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Lima-Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau using funds from the Hotel-Motel Tax. Thompson 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.

260-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to make a donation to Apollo Career Center. Dixon 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.

261-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with United Fire Apparatus Corporation. Dixon 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.

262-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract Prime Business Solutions. 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.

263-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to make Payment to the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. 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.

264-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract FCX Performance. 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.

265-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract for the purchase of bulk fuel for 2022. Ehora 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.

266-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept and administer grant funds from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. 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.

267-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract(s) for the construction of the Lima Rotary Club/GLR Downtown Park and Amphitheater. 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.

268-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a funding agreement for the Lima Rotary Club/GLR Downtown Park and Amphitheater project. Ehora moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. Councilor Ehora expressed his is just another tool that will make Downtown Lima wonderful and she is glad to see this moving forward and thanked the Architects for their hard work. The following vote was recorded on the motion.

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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.

269-21 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Marimor Industries, Inc. as authorized in Ordinance 029-21. Ehora 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Ehora explained the Community Improvement Corporation is another good thing that is happening in the City of Lima. She acknowledged that Lima now has a nice drive in coming from I-75 but believes there is still a lot of work to do. She advised there is a lot of investment being made in the community and Lima is doing great things all because of the hard work of the people. She attended the All Ability Ball Field ribbon cutting which is another positive thing happening in the community. She encouraged people to vote on Tuesday and expressed the importance of having a right to vote.

Councilor Dixon thanked Doug Olsson, Jed Metzger and Jonathan Tower. He also thanked the Mayor for his ideas and desire for the community for his many years serving as Mayor. He reminded everyone that Trick or Treat is Thursday and reminded everyone to be mindful of children walking in the streets. He invited members of the 5th Ward to the Neighborhood Association on November 17th at 6:00 pm at St. James Church. He explained the Black Violin was a treat for the community and thanked the Civic Center for putting on the event. He advised citizens that they can early vote and expressed the importance of voting.

Councilor Glenn thanked Mr. Tower for his investment in the community. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution of appreciation be prepared congratulating John Bebee on his retirement from the City of Lima. Motion carried. Glenn moved, seconded by Dixon, to authorize a Resolution congratulating the LCC Girls' Golf Team for their state championship. Motion carried. He announced there will be a Halloween Party at Heir Force Academy on October 29, 2021 and also at the American Legion on October 31, 2021.

Councilor Neeper acknowledged the LCC Girls' Golf Team and explain this is their 4th State title in a row. He wished luck to all of the area High School football teams. He also acknowledged the excellence of the Black Violin concert. He explained the Enrichment Dinner was one of the best that he has been to. He encouraged the public to vote as there are a lot of issues out there and advised this administration will change.

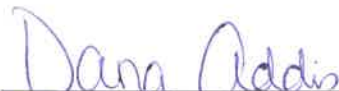
Councilor Gordon reminded everyone to be good to each other.

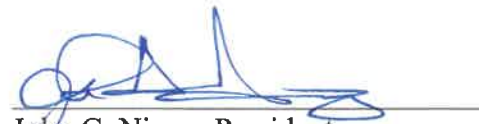
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Councilor Wilkerson acknowledged the death of a young man from COVID and reminded everyone the pandemic is not over. He referenced a young man who lost his father due to COVID and expressed if we won't do it for ourselves, we should do it for the ones who love us. He congratulated the LCC Girls' Golf Team and encouraged teens to get involved with their school. He quoted James 1:19 from the Bible and reminded everyone to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson expressed her condolences to Mr. Caprella, the Utilities Dept. and specifically the City of Lima IT Dept. for the loss of a good employee. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm and expressed everyone is welcome. She announced Crime Victim Services will be hosting the Healthy Love 365 Relationship Health Fair next week. She announced the last listening circle will be Tuesday, November 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at the YWCA. She encouraged residents to continue to participate in the listening circles. She announced at the Vibe Coffee House, Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30 they will have conversation on how to engage men in order to reduce relationship violence.

Gordon moved that Council adjourn until November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dixon, motion carried.


Dana Addis, Clerk


John G. Nixon, President