

CITY OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 07, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL

The roll call showed the following members present: Todd Gordon, Anthony Wilkerson, Carla Thompson, Jeannine Jordan, Jamie Dixon, Thomas Jones, Derry Glenn, Jon Neeper.

Others in attendance were: Dana Addis – Clerk, Sharetta Smith – Mayor, Shane Coleman – Chief of Staff, Anthony Geiger – Law Dir., Mariah Cunningham – Assistant Law Dir., Carmillia Zion – Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods, Mike Caprella – Dir. of Utilities, Edward Moore – Public Works Dept., Amber Martin – Workforce & Small Business Dev. Dir., Jessica Begonia – Public Information Officer, Meri Foster – Finance Dir., James Baker – Police Chief, Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:

- 011-24 A resolution memorializing the late David Adams, outstanding citizen, and extending condolences to his loved ones on behalf of the Lima City Council.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that the resolution be adopted on the first reading after having been read. The Clerk read the resolution. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the resolution adopted on the first reading after having been read by a 8-0 vote.

Councilor Glenn explained he would attend neighborhood conferences with Dave Adams. He referenced the block patrol's Dave started with Riverside North Neighborhood Association and that Dave helped other communities implement their own block patrol programs. He also referenced the poems Dave would recite at the end of every Council meeting. He explained Dave really loved Lima and will be missed. Councilor Wilkerson advised his memory of Dave Adams goes back to the Neighborhood Association and his activism. He referenced Dave's relatability to not just adults but also children, which is unique. Councilor Gordon explained he would watch recorded Council meetings in preparation for his term where he would hear Dave speak. He referenced Dave's gentle, peaceful spirit and expressed his gratefulness that Dave was a part of City Council as he laid the ground work for all of the current Council members. Councilor Thompson referenced how she met Dave and that every time she saw Dave, she learned something else because he did so much. She referenced the various ways Dave was a part of the community. She explained she was glad to have Dave to look up to and that she had a chance to know him. President Dixon explained Dave was a substitute teacher with the Lima City Schools for a short period of time. He referenced Dave playing the orchestra during silent reading, which was the first time he and his peers heard the orchestra. He thanked the family of Mr. Adams for lending him to the Lima Community and explained when you look at what a champion of the Lima community is, you will see Mr. Adams.

Judy Gilbert thanked Council for their kind words about David Adams who was really a man for all seasons and was everywhere all of the time. She explained David loved working with his community and doing all of the things that he did.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Lisa Ashafa with The National Center for Urban Solutions located at 219 S. Central Ave., explained they were originally located in Lima in the early 2000s and are back in Lima with the focus of workforce development. Perry Gregory, Senior Vice President, explained The National Center for Urban Solutions is a national social enterprise organization that focuses on empowering and uplifting communities for the better through workforce development, education, health and wellness and community engagement. He advised they are partnering locally with West Central Ohio Manufacturing Partnership to bring their Untapped Workforce Program to the Lima region which will help employ individuals with records, no diploma and currently making low wages.

Philip Rice was not present to speak.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since all received a copy;

- b. Minutes of the special meeting held on Sept. 11, 2024 not read since all received a copy;
- c. Treasurer's Report for August, 2024.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Neeper, that the consent calendar items "a & b" be receive, file and approved and item "c" be received and filed. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

- 1. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding an application to change stock ownership for TLD Ohio, Inc. 701 W. North Street.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that communication number 1 be received, filed, and authorize the Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objections. Motion carried.

- 2. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit application for 3Bees Rentals, LLC.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that communication number 2 be received, filed, and authorize the Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objections.

Mayor Smith advised the location of the permit holder is MaxxBox and inquired about additional information as to why MaxxBox is in need of a liquor permit.

Councilor Thompson withdrew her Motion and Councilor Wilkerson withdrew his second.

Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that communication number 2 be tabled. Motion carried.

President Dixon advised the communication has been tabled so Council may obtain further information with regards to the applicant.

- 3. From the Clerk of Courts regarding legislation to enter into contract with Civica North America, Inc.
- 4. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Davey Resource Group.
- 5. From the Utilities Dir. regarding an agreement with CDM Smith Professional Services.

6. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to apply for, receive, and expend funds from Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant.
7. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with Evans, Mechwart, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. (EMH&T).
8. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into a MOU with Veteran's Memorial Civic and Convention Center.
9. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with Local Impact Analytics (LIA).
10. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with the Civic Center Foundation.
11. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with Lima Community Foundation.
12. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with Benefactor Group.
13. From the Police Chief regarding legislation to apply, accept and administer an award from the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant.
14. From the Police Chief regarding legislation to de-asset Motorola Radio Transmitters.
15. From the Police Chief regarding a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc.
16. From the Police Chief regarding legislation to dispose of City Patrol Vehicle #48.
17. From the Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods regarding the 5 yr. Consolidated Plan.
18. From the Human Resources Dir. regarding a contract with PEM Consulting Services, LLC.
19. From the Utilities Dir. regarding an agreement with MS Process Corp.
20. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Northwestern Ohio Security Systems, Inc.

Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that communication numbers 3-20 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

- 200-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Civica North America, Inc. for the Municipal Court Case Management System 2025 License, Support & Maintenance Fee.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8-0 vote.

- 201-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of City patrol vehicle #48 for the Lima Police Department.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8-0 vote.

- 202-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of three (3) Motorola Radio Transmitters for the Lima Police Department.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Jones, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8-0 vote.

- 203-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, accept, and administer grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Local Solicitation), and to enter into an agreement with Allen County for the distribution and administration of such grant funds.

Councilor Thompson asked for clarification as to what the funds would be solicited for. Chief Baker advised it is a JAG grant which helps provide funding for the multi-jurisdictional drug task force.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8-0 vote.

- 204-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Davey Resource Group for the Utilities Department.

Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8–0 vote.

- 205-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from U.S. Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY25 to be used for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 3 – Union Avenue.

Thompson moved, seconded by Jones, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8–0 vote.

- 206-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center for the Greater Lima Region Park & Amphitheater.

Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8–0 vote.

- 207-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Civic Center Foundation for the Greater Lima Region Park & Amphitheater.

Thompson moved, seconded by Jordan, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8–0 vote.

Mayor Smith thanked the Law Department and Ric Stolly for working with the City and the Commissioners’ Office. She advised the last two pieces of legislation are edits to the previous contract for the operation and maintenance of the Amphitheater and will allow them to advocate at the State level for two changes to the State Ordinances.

208-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Northwestern Ohio Security Systems, Inc. for the Public Works Department.

Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be amended to change the contract amount from \$108,841.99 to \$110,299.17 in Section 1. Motion carried.

Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading as amended. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper, Jordan. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 8-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Thompson announced October 26th will be at Safety City Trunk or Treat from 12-2 p.m. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on October 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Lima Public Library.

Councilor Jordan explained she only knew David Adams just in passing but she pointed out that with him gone there is a bit of a void in the community. She encouraged everyone to not be afraid to nurture their talents and get out there and learn new things.

Councilor Jones thanked the National Center for Urban Solutions for coming out and revealing the information for what they are doing the community to help the workforce.

Councilor Glenn thanked the National Center for Urban Solutions for coming to Council and expressed that he is 100% behind them on their project. He announced October 27th there will be Halloween festivities where they will be giving out savings bonds. He expressed the importance of adding an educational piece in the youth events. He explained they are still working on their new neighborhood association and need more people to sign up. He expressed the importance of the neighborhood associations encouraged the public to become more involved. He expressed his appreciation to the Public Works Director.

Councilor Neeper reminded everyone as they are raking leaves, to be careful of what is in the leaves and that it is not legal to put the leaves in the streets. He reminded everyone to be careful with the children as it is getting darker earlier.

Councilor Gordon thanked the National Center for Urban Solutions for attending the meeting tonight. He explained the importance of helping people in the community.

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to refer the issue of Lima Police promotional exams to the Human Resources Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Gordon reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson also thanked the National Center for Urban Solutions for attending tonight's meeting. He referenced the complaint that nobody wants to work which he thinks is more of a problem that the employers need to up their thinking that they are in completion for employees and give someone an opportunity to make a living wage so they can go home and feel good about what they are providing for their family. He reminded people to be good neighbors.

President Dixon thanked Lisa Ashafa for being an advocate working hand in hand with various agencies to make sure we have feasible jobs that are in place for individuals to earn a honest and livable wage and also giving them a tool to grow the economics of their own culture and household. He recognized his baby brother in the audience and thanked him for coming to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that Council adjourn until October 21, 2024. Motion carried.

Dana Addis, Council Clerk

Jamie Dixon, Council President