

CITY OF LIMA  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 04, 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 Jones 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, Randy Bartels – Auditor, Anthony Geiger – Law Dir., Eric Pheneger – Deputy Law Dir., Carmillia Zion – Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods, Edward Moore – Public Works Dept. , Warner Roach – Deputy Dir. of Public Works, Ric Stolly – Deputy Dir. of Parks and Rec., Mike Caprella – Dir. of Utilities, Sara Weekley – Deputy Dir. of Utilities, Amber Martin – Workforce & Small Business Dev. Dir., Ron Holman – Police Major

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:**

014-24        A resolution congratulating the Lima Sharks Youth Varsity Football Team for winning the City League Championship.

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, 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, Jordan, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the resolution adopted on the first reading by a 8–0 vote.

Councilor Glenn congratulated Coach Jackson and the players on their victory. He referenced the way in which Coach Jackson works with his kids and talks to them about life. Glenn thanked the parents for being involved in their children as they are our future. Councilor Wilkerson recalled his time playing for the Sharks which is where his dreams of playing high school football started. He expressed to the

Coaches that they have the power to develop and mold the young people and not to take their responsibility to the children lightly. Councilor Gordon explained he was a coach and he knows what it takes to win a Championship. He expressed how proud he is of the players and coaches and thanked them for attending the Council meeting. Councilor Jones expressed how proud he is of the coaching staff and the players. He referenced the prayer that brought the teams together at the end which he believes to be very important. Councilor Neeper recalled when he played in the City league back in the 70's. He encouraged the kids to remember these times as they get older and remember the relationships they have built. He thanked the coaching staff for doing a great job. President Dixon thanked the Sharks for attending the meeting and congratulations on their big win. He expressed his appreciation to Coach Lydell who is an employee of the City of Lima Parks Department. He encouraged the players to keep up the good work and to continue to be the great people that they are.

Coach Lydell thanked God for putting him in the position he is in. He thanked Council for the recognition. He explained winning the Championship was not easy but they had a team who worked through it with a lot of hard work and tears. He thanked everyone who has supported the team on their Championship run.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since all received a copy;
- b. Bd. of Health Minutes of September 13, 2024.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the consent calendar item "a" be received, filed and approved, and item "b" be received and filed. Motion carried.

**THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:**

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

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that communication #1 be received and filed. Motion carried.

2. From the Mayor regarding the 2025 Mayor's Estimate.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that communication #2 be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

3. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd.

4. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to accept a grant from Department of Energy.
5. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to accept a \$2,000,000.00 grant from Department of Energy.
6. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to amend City Code Section 1804.33.
7. From the Chief of Police regarding a donation from Heidt Veterinary Services.
8. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to accept a donation from St. Rita's Mercy Health.
9. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Statewide Ford.
10. From the Public Works Dir. regarding a Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan.
11. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to amend the contract with Charles Construction Services.
12. From the Public Works Dir. regarding a professional engineering services contract with Peterman Associates, Inc.
13. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with American Structurepoint Inc.
14. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with the Village of Bluffton.
15. From the Auditor regarding legislation to enter into contract with Harris ERP.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, that communication numbers 2-15 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

Mayor Smith thanked Finance Chair Councilor Neeper for working with Administration and moving up budget presentations for communication #2.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

1. Public Works Committee Report of October 28, 2024.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the committee report be received, filed, and approved. Motion carried.

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:**

- 235-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with St. Rita's Mercy Health to utilize the third floor of the GME Building for the Police Department.

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

- 236-24 An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Statewide Ford to purchase a police cruiser 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, Jordan, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

- 237-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Village of Bluffton for the provision of services for the enforcement of the State Commercial Building Code.

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

- 238-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Charles Construction Services, Inc., as authorized under Ordinance 062-24.

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

- 239-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with American Structurepoint, Inc. for the Downtown Streetscape Phase 2 (Central Avenue) project.

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

- 240-24 An Ordinance amending Section 1804.33 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Ohio, concerning appeals to the Board of Building Appeals.

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

- 241-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Jones and Henry Engineers, Ltd., for the Utilities Department.

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

- 242-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from the Department of Energy for the Utilities Department.

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

- 243-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from the Department of Energy for the Utilities Department.

Gordon 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, Jordan, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

244-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Harris ERP for maintenance and support for the Harris ERP Financial Management Software (Innoprise).

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilor Jones referenced the young football players who were in attendance tonight and expressed that he was proud of them. He explained his son had a tournament in Sandusky and they came back in second place. He explained the team inspired him to not give up personally and encouraged everyone to not give up, keep the faith and keep their goals in proper perspective.

Councilor Glenn announced the Kibby Corner Neighborhood Association will be starting the first week in January and the Lima Towers Neighborhood Association will be starting the week after Thanksgiving. He referenced the need for more low income housing and the shortage of drug stores. He expressed the need to see the COP Officers back. He expressed the importance of voting. He announced they will be assisting the elderly with raking their leaves. He explained he has had discussions with law about the trailers.

Councilor Neeper announced the Budget Hearings will be on November 12, 13, and 14th starting at 6:00 pm. He announced leaf pickup will start on the 18<sup>th</sup> and advised residents not to put their leaves in the streets but rather in the tree lawn. He announced tomorrow is the day to vote and encouraged everyone to do their research and to vote for the candidate they feel is fit.

Councilor Gordon expressed his appreciation to the Council members that they can disagree and move forward with honor, dignity and do not call each other names. He referenced the Sister City dinner they had which was wonderful. He expressed his appreciation to the Sister City Association and the Mayor and expressed his interest in being a part of the celebration in the future. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson expressed his appreciation for the invitation to celebrate with the Sister Cities as he and his wife had a ball. He referenced the two young individuals who were able give a dissertation in Japanese and not stumble their words. He also referenced the young man who played the flute which spoke to the talent we have within this community. He expressed the need to applaud the young folks in the community because they are doing amazing things. He thanked all of the veterans ahead of next week's Veterans Day. He expressed that he does not believe the veterans know everything that is available to them and challenged every

veteran to go down to the Veterans Office at the County and see what they are entitled too. He recited Thessalonians 5:15. He reminded everyone to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson encouraged everyone to vote. She announced November 6<sup>th</sup> CASA is having a fundraiser at Purple Feet from 6-9pm. She announced the ONU Healthwise Mobile Clinic will be at the Central Lima Neighborhood Associations Reading Park the first Thursdays until the end of 2025 from 9-11am. She also announced Walk with a Doc will be on Saturday at 9am at the YMCA. She further announced the Low Vision Coalition will be holding a general meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Lima Public Library. She announced November 14<sup>th</sup> is the LACNIP annual dinner and the Lima News Best in the Region.

Councilor Jordan reminded people with the time change it is getting dark early and to be careful as they are driving. She referenced the upcoming election and suggested not watching the news. She explained the football players were inspiring but mentioned she was a high school teacher who taught seniors and after every football season she would have one or two football players in her room often in tears because they had just played their last game ever. She explained as great as it is to be involved in things, she encouraged parents to make sure their kids is coming up with an identity that is beyond just being a football player.

Councilor Neeper referenced Communication #10 regarding the neighborhood traffic management plan and gave kudos to Ed Moore and Mayor Smith for taking this issue seriously and getting on it.

Councilor Glenn announced there will be a Human Resources Committee meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Lima Police Department promotional exams.

President Dixon thanked Mayor Smith and Ed Moore for Communication Number 10 which allows Council to know they are moving forward to find a solution to the traffic issues.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Gordon moved, seconded by Jones, to adjourn until November 18, 2024. Motion carried.

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Dana Addis, Council Clerk

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Jamie Dixon, Council President