

CITY OF LIMA  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 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 Jordan 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, Derry Glenn. Absent: Thomas Jones, Jon Neeper.

Others in attendance were: 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, Della Bradford – Human Resources Dir., Edward Moore – Public Works Dept. , 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., Jessica Begonia – Public Information Officer, Meri Foster – Finance Dir., Ron Holman – Police Major, Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:**

Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, amend the Agenda by adding Mayor Sharetta Smith to provide a report immediately following Resolution 013-24 and to move Reports of Officials after Privilege of the Floor. Motion carried.

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PRESENTED:**

012-24      A resolution honoring Anna Selfridge for her services to the Lima community.

Thompson 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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the resolution adopted on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

013-24      A resolution honoring the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister City partnership between the City of Lima and Harima-Cho, Japan.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the resolution adopted on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

Councilor Glenn expressed his excitement to have the representatives of Harima-Cho, Japan in attendance. He thanked them for their great partnership. Councilor Gordon expressed his thankfulness to have the representatives visit the City of Lima. Councilor Wilkerson is hopeful that their experience in Lima, Ohio is one that they won't forget forever and that they can take it back to Harima-Cho and share with others. Councilor Thompson expressed how wonderful it is to have an opportunity to share culture, knowledge and personalities and she thanked the representatives for bringing that all to Lima. Councilor Jordon welcomed the representatives and is hopeful they are having a good experience. President Dixon welcomed the representatives to the City of Lima and explained he looks forward to continuing the sister city relationship for another 25 years.

Mr. Yuji Hirano, Deputy Mayor of Harima-Cho, Japan, expressed what an honor it was to read the message from Council for 25 years of friendship. He thanked the City for all of the arrangements they have made for the reception. He expressed how great of a pleasure it is for him to meet everyone. He expressed his deepest gratitude for the friendships that have been built over the past 25 years. He further expressed his wish to continue to deepen exchanges in various fields. He referenced the visit of the Mayor and other representatives to Harima-Cho in June 2023. He further referenced the Expo in Osaka, Kansai, Japan. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the many people who helped make their visit a success.

## **REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:**

Mayor Smith introduced Matthew Neely, Lima Sister Cities Association President. Mr. Neely thanked Council for helping Sister Cities Association celebrate 25 years in the making. He explained without the help of the City of Lima, they would not have been able to put on such a presentation. He advised they visited Lima Senior High School and was able to show all of the various programs available to students to which the guests were impressed with how much has been invested into the youth of the area. He thanked Council, because without the support of Lima, they would not be able to be a Sister City. He thanked Mayor Smith for being involved, doing diplomatic delegations and continuing to extend a hand out to shake hands around the world.

**SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING:**

President Dixon called to order the Public Hearing for the request for an alley vacation between S. Metcalf St. and S. McDonel St. South of W. Market Street – Petitioned for by Mercy Health. There being no one wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Dixon closed the Public Hearing.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Daniel Moore, 4750 E. State Rd., recommended the Schoonover Pool be repurposed as an outdoor roller rink which he believes could be used for many different things. Mr. Moore advised he has owned his own roller rinks for the last 8 years. He believes a roller rink would be a great way to uplift that area.

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

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting not read since all received a copy;
- b. Treasurer's Report for September 2024.

Thompson moved, seconded by Glenn, that item "a" be received, filed, and approved and item "b" be received and filed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:**

Ric Stolly provided Council with a wrap-up of the City of Lima spring and summer parks programs. He advised the Playground Program averaged approximately 320 participants per week and lasted 8 weeks. He referenced the partnership with Lima Area Tennis Association for the City Tennis Program which had over 170 kids involved and also included an adult segment of the program. He advised the baseball and softball programs had over 75 youth teams involved and 26 adult teams which includes co-ed and the over 50 league. He explained adult volleyball attendance increased this year with 84 participants on a weekly basis. He referenced the decrease in attendance at the City's Start Spangled Spectacular due to wet conditions. He acknowledged the continued partnerships with Mike Skinner with Dancing in the Park and Bart Mills with the Concert in the Park Series. He explained they have not yet calculated numbers on attendance at the new Amphitheater events. He referenced the importance of all of the partnerships the City has. He named the various school events that utilize City facilities. He acknowledged the youth football program that started in July and the Locos baseball. He expressed his appreciation to all of the employees including seasonal and full-time, administration and Council.

Lt. Matt Douglass provided Council with update of the recruitment efforts for the Lima Police Department. He advised there are currently 8 members on the recruitment team. He listed the various events the recruitment team has attended and expect to attend this year. He referenced the recruitment commercial that has been aired on television and social media. He explained the team plans on hitting the various are police academies in the next couple months. Councilor Wilkerson encouraged Douglass to continue touching the youth of the community as it is important to employ individuals from the Lima community. President Dixon thanked Douglass for all they are doing and ask that they continue to stay safe.

**THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:**

1. From the President of LACNIP requesting support for sustaining insurance coverage for the building located at 1440 W. Spring Street.
2. From the Auditor regarding the September 2024 finance reports.
3. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to enter into contract with United Fire Apparatus Corporation.
4. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to create a Capital Project Fund for New Lima Fire Department fire station.
5. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation for the purchase of Trench and Confined space rescue equipment.
6. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Calgon Carbon Corporation.
7. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to bid and award a contract for the removal of Biosolids at the WWTP.
8. From the Utilities Dir. regarding a payment for the Ohio EPA Annual License to Operate Fee.
9. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 220-20.
10. From the Chief Technology Officer regarding the purchase of FortiNet FortiGate Firewall Hardware and Software.
11. From the Chief Technology Officer regarding legislation to enter into contract with Granicus.
12. From the Public Information Officer regarding a contract extension with Modo Media.

13. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to dispose of the DCD10 through govdeals.com.
14. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various entities for CDBG Projects (2024-2025).
15. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to enter into contracts with various entities for HOME Projects (2024-2025).
16. From the Finance Dir. regarding legislation to amend the 2024 annual budget.
17. From the Public Works Dept. regarding a contract with FB Engineering, LLC.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that communication numbers 1 through 17 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

President Dixon referenced Communication #1 which is a letter to Council from LACNIP. He expressed his appreciation to LACNIP for their letter, but he does have additional questions that he intends to speak to Ms. James about. He advised the letter states the building located at 1440 W. Spring Street is owned by the City which he believes the City does not own so as it stands, he does not support Communication #1. He explained if the City starts covering the cost of insurance for a building that is not owned or operated by the City, then they may have other entities that may make the same request which will take away from the services they provide the citizens. Councilor Glenn agreed with President Dixon and encouraged holding a meeting with Ms. James. Councilor Wilkerson referenced LACNIP standing for Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership and Allen County could be another government official they seek funding from as well. Dixon recommended the agency look at other sources of funding including grants and speaking with Carmillia Zion when the CDBG applications are being considered to determine if they are eligible for those funds as well. Mayor Smith advised 1440 W. Spring Street is owned by LACNIP and she believes ownership transferred to LACNIP sometime in 2016 or 2017. She further advised the City does have a Mortgage on the building but she would need to seek additional information to determine if they are current. She reminded Council that the payment arrangement was for a yearly payment that allowed LACNIP to deduct any improvements to the building from that payment. Councilor Thompson expressed the need to add the communication to Committee.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

1. Council of the Whole September 24, 2024 Meeting Report.

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

2. Council of the Whole October 7, 2024 Meeting Report.

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

**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:**

- 209-24 An Ordinance amending the 2024 annual budget.

Glenn moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 210-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with United Fire Apparatus Corporation for the Fire 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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 211-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Auditor to create a capital project fund for the planning of the new Lima Fire Department fire station.

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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 212-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Municipal Emergency Services for the Utilities Department and the Lima Fire Department.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 213-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the Utilities Department and the Lima Fire Department.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 214-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids and enter into contract for the removal of biosolids at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 215-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation for the purchase of virgin granular activated carbon 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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 216-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Municipal & Contractors Sealing Products, Inc. as authorized under Ordinance 220-20.

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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 217-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Granicus for the Public Works and Housing and Neighborhoods Departments.

Thompson moved, seconded by Gordon, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 218-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of a vehicle for the Department of Housing & Neighborhoods.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 219-24 An Ordinance vacating an alley between S. Metcalf Street and S. McDonel Street, South of W. Market Street.

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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 220-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Bradfield Community Association for Senior Health and Wellness program services.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 221-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Soldiers of Honor for administration of a youth boxing and recreation program.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 222-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Lima City Schools for My Brother's Keeper youth after-school program services.

Jordan moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.



- 223-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Trinity United Methodist Church, Lima, Ohio, for the Freedom School Program.

Jordan moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 224-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Oheneba Soccer Academy for administration of a Youth Soccer Camp/Sponsor a Child program.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 225-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide fair housing services.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 226-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with West Ohio Community Action Partnership to provide housing counseling services.

Jordan moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 227-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for housing property maintenance training.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 228-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing for the Future, Inc. for community housing development organization operating funding.

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, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 229-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Habitat for Humanity for the Shingles of Hope Project.

Jordan moved, seconded by Glenn, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 230-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Habitat for Humanity for the Ujima House Project.

Glenn moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 231-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New Lima-Housing For the Future, Inc. for the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Pre-Development Costs Project.

Glenn moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

- 232-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with New-Lima Housing for the Future, Inc. for the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside Project.

Glenn moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

233-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to administer funds for the First Home Lima Project.

Glenn moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

234-24 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to administer funds for the Home Update Project.

Glenn moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Wilkerson, Thompson, Jordan, Dixon, Glenn. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Councilor Jordan wished everyone a happy Halloween season and expressed that she would like people to consider not to be picky about the age of the children trick-or-treating. She explained it would be nice if parents could make it a point to attend parent-teacher conferences and believe the teachers, administrators and councilors are on the parents' side.

Councilor Glenn reminded everyone to be careful with the kids. He encouraged parents to make sure their children are arriving to school on time. He advised he will be at Oak Street and Holly Street tomorrow at 6:00 pm to check out some of the complaints he has been getting. He said you know code enforcement is doing a good job when they start to receive calls from residents.

Councilor Gordon thanked Mr. Dan Moore for throwing ideas out about Schoonover pool. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Stolly for all of the great things going on in the Parks Dept. He thanked Mr. Nick Casey in the Code Enforcement Dept. for doing a great job as he is working hard every day. He expressed his appreciation to the Police Recruitment Team which he believes the City has needed for a long time. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, to approve the absence and salary of Councilor Jones and Councilor Neeper. Motion carried.

Councilor Wilkerson referenced the need to create a program to encourage young students to get involved in and learn about the police department. He referenced traffic calming and asked for the speed wagon to be placed on Robb Avenue. He expressed the need to lead by example of how to drive in the community. He announced his grandson was born a couple of weeks ago and he expressed how impressed he is with how his son is parenting. He explained a parents' role is bigger than buying a pair of shoes.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to refer the issue of the relationship between LACNIP and the City of Lima to the Economic & Community Development Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Lima Public Library. She announced a Homebuyer's Workshop will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at the Lima Public Library. She announced Safety City Trunk or Treat is on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

Dixon moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a resolution congratulating the Lima Sharks on their victory in the Championship. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to adjourn until November 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

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Dana Addis, Council Clerk

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Jamie Dixon, Council President