

CITY OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2025 @ 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 President Dixon 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, Jon Neeper Absent: Derry Glenn

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, Della Bradford – Human Resources Dir., Amy Harpster – Public Works Dir., Warner Roach – Deputy Dir. of Public Works, Ric Stolly – Deputy Dir. of Parks and Rec., Mike Caprella – Dir. of Utilities, Amber Martin – Workforce & Small Business Dev. Dir., Meri Foster – Finance Dir., Zachary Leland – Police Major, Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Patricia Carter, 1825 S. Main Street, advised that she is the daughter of the late Pastor C.M. Manley and inquired about the status of the honorary street name designation.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that item “a” be received, filed and approved. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit for Winning Spot Sports Lounge, LLC, 692 S. Main Street.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Thompson, that communication number 1 be received, filed, and authorize the Clerk to file an objection with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control and request a hearing be held in the City of Lima. Motion carried.

2. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the deadline for objections to the renewals of all retail liquor permit holders.
3. From the Workforce and Small Business Development Coordinator regarding legislation to provide a tax abatement for 2885 Bird Creek Lima, Ohio.
4. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to enter into contract with Sig Sauer Public Safety Sales.
5. From the Utilities Dir. regarding a payment to GS Overhead Door Service, LLC.
6. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to apply for, receive, and expend funds from a Visit Greater Lima grant.
7. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Marimor Industries, Inc.
8. From the Civil Service Dir. regarding a recommendation for the 2025 proposed seasonal pay scale.
9. From the Auditor regarding the February 2025 Finance Report.
10. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation for SA support and RNI services to Core & Main.

Jones moved, seconded by Neeper, that communication numbers 2 through 10 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Amy Harpster, Dir. of Public Works, provided Council with the Public Works 2024 Annual Report. She highlighted the success in 2024 for the various Departments within Public Works including the Building, Engineering, Parks and Streets Departments. (A complete copy of the report can be found in the Council office).

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

075-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from a Visit Greater Lima grant for the Lima Stadium Park.

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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

076-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Marimor Industries, Inc.

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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

077-25 (SECOND READING) An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a CRA Tax Exemption Agreement with Shawnee Lakes, LLC a Limited Liability Company, for a project on Allentown Road.

Neeper moved, seconded by Thompson, that the ordinance be placed on a second reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

078-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Sig Sauer, Inc. for the 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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

079-25 An Ordinance amending Section 246.16 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Part-Time Seasonal Employment Authorized Positions.

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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

080-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Core & Main LP 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, 7; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7-0 vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Neeper advised he attended the Chili for Charity event over the weekend hosted by Activate Allen County. He acknowledged the various programs that deal with the youth in the community including Apollo Career Center, Autism Life Center, Solid Rock Youth, The Ohio State University and Warriors Way. He also recognized the various entities that sponsored the event including Mental Health & Recovery Services Board, Cenovus, Good Food Inc., Lima Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Allen Lima Leadership and Mercy Health. He announced the State of the City Address will be held on Thursday at Lima Senior High. He announced Dirty Dancing will be at the Civic Center on Wednesday evening and the Symphony will close their year on April 5th at the Civic Center.

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to authorize the absence and salary for Councilor Glenn. Motion carried.

Councilor Gordon reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson recited a quote from the Dalai Lama which made him pause and think about enjoying the moment and enjoying life. He encouraged everyone to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson announced the Lima City Schools Open House will be on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at Lima Senior High. She encouraged the public to attend as it is a good way to see all of the programs the school has to offer.

Councilor Jordan referenced the trees that are starting to bloom in her yard.

Councilor Jones thanked Ms. Carter for her request which he believes is a good idea for Rev. Manley to be honored in that area which he invested so much time and energy in.

Dixon moved, seconded by Jones, to appoint Bill Jackson to the Citizens Advisory Committee as the Council President Appointee for 2025. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to adjourn until April 7, 2025. Motion carried.

Dana Addis, Council Clerk

Jamie Dixon, Council President