

CITY OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 06, 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.

President Dixon reserved 39 seconds of silence in memory of former President Jimmy Carter.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Others in attendance were: Dana Addis – Clerk, Shane Coleman – Chief of Staff, Randy Bartels – Auditor, Anthony Geiger – Law Dir., Mariah Cunningham – Assistant Law Dir., Carmillia Zion – Dir. of Housing and Neighborhoods, Della Bradford – Human Resources Dir., Amy Harpster – Public Works Dir., 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., Debra Vobbe – Civil Service Board Dir./Sec., Ron Holman – Police Major, Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief, Amy Harpster – Public Works Dir.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dan Angel was not present to speak.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes from the previous meeting not read since all received a copy;
- b. Bd. of Health Minutes from November 8, 2024;
- c. Bd. of Health Minutes of November 19, 2024.

Gordon moved, seconded by Glenn, that item “a” be received, filed and approved, and items “b-c” be received and filed. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS WERE PRESENTED:

1. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit transfer to G Mart Inc., located at 2295 N. Cole Street.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, 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 Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to sell three parcels to Health Partners Foundation.
3. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to sell 1218 Hughes Ave.
4. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC.
5. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Ben’s Construction, Inc.
6. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Ben’s Construction.
7. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to dispose of a generator on govdeals.com.
8. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Inc.
9. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to dispose of a vehicle on govdeals.com.
10. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Midwest Air Power, LLC.
11. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to apply for, accept and administer a grant from the Ohio EPA.
12. From the Utilities Dir. regarding the purchase of Neo WaterFX300.
13. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Ohio WARN.

14. From the Human Resources Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Verve Health.
15. From the Human Resources Dir. regarding legislation to to enter into contract with Stolly Insurance Group.
16. From the Human Resources Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Delta Dental of Ohio.
17. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 127-22.
18. From the Public Works Dept. regarding legislation to enter into contracts for services during the 2025 calendar year.

Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, that communication numbers 2 through 18 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

PETITIONS:

1. Petition for the Vacation of an Alley in the 1100 block of West North Street

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that the petition be received and filed; that the Law Director prepare the necessary legislation; that the Clerk cause publication of the legal ad and notify abutting property owners of the Public Hearing to be held on February 24, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS:

Major Ron Holman provided Council with an update on the Lima Police Department traffic trailers. He advised that in 2024 the Lima Police Dept. deployed two of their All Traffic Solutions Trailers for just over 30 times for 427 days total between the both of them. He advised the City was able to track almost 1.6 Million vehicles in 2024. He explained the nice part of having the traffic trailers is once they receive a complaint, they can deploy the trailers relatively quickly and obtain data which makes their allocation of man power much more effective.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

- 001-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Hohenbrink Excavating, LLC for the Catalpa Avenue & Holmes Avenue Improvements Project 07-24

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

002-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ribway Engineering Group, Inc., for streetscape engineering services.

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

003-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with J P Management Group, Inc., for contracted services for the 2025 calendar year.

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

004-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ben's Construction, Inc. for the Better Together Demolition, Project 3-25, for the Public Works Department.

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

005-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Ben's Construction, Inc. for residential demolitions.

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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 7–0 vote.

006-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com or otherwise dispose of a 2004 Sterling Asphalt Patch Truck for the Public Works Department.

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

007-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com or otherwise dispose of a generator, enclosure, nameplate, and transfer switch for the Public Works Department.

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

008-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Delta Dental of Ohio for ongoing services.

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

009-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Stolly Insurance Group for consulting services.

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

010-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Peterson Construction Company, as authorized under Ordinance 127-22.

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

011-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with The Ohio Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (OHIO WARN).

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

- 012-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

- 013-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Midwest Air Power LLC for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

- 014-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sell real property located at 1434 South Union Street, 108 East 7th Street, and 0 South Union Street to Health Partners Foundation.

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

- 015-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sell real property located on Hughes Avenue to Dorothy Peterson and Marsha Beasley.

Glenn moved, seconded by Neeper, that the ordinance be passed on the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded on the motion: Yea, 6; Gordon, Jordan, Thompson, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. Abstention, 1; Dixon. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by a 6–0 vote with 1 abstention.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

Councilor Gordon referenced the incident that took place in the City of New Orleans and explained it is important to look at the individual who caused the accident rather than point fingers at the City. He explained the City of Lima is blessed with a great Police Dept., Fire Dept., and Administration. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Thompson announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will meet on January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lima Public Library. She further announced there will be a Cafe Convo at St. Rita's Medical Center on January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. She encouraged everyone to purchase a ticket for the MLK Breakfast on January 20, 2025.

Councilor Jordan announced that CUP Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer Director or some people to be on their leadership team and to contact her for additional information if interested.

Councilor Jones referenced Major Holman's presentation which put him in the mindset of all the issues that the City has been having with the topic of traffic calming. He believes the Mayor and her administration are doing a great job of staying on top of the traffic calming issue and ensuring we come up with a solution. He referenced the phone calls he receives regarding traffic and it makes it easier hearing exactly what is going on so he can communicate the information with his constituents.

Councilor Glenn thanked the residents who got on him about different issues going on in his Ward. He expressed his appreciation to the President for bringing up specific topics during the Pre-Council meeting. He expressed the importance of seeing improvement and encouraged residents to continue loving their neighborhoods. He expressed how happy he is for the calendar in memory of Malik who was murdered. He announced there will be a coat drive held from 3pm to 6pm every Tuesday and Thursday at Providence Missionary Baptist Church and encouraged the public to donate. He announced there will be a second Mental Health Town Hall Meeting at Providence Missionary Baptist Church on January 12th from 4pm to 6pm. He announced he is working with Faith Christian Church to give the kids a meal every Thursday starting later in February. He announced the 43rd annual MLK Dinner on January 19, 2025 at City Club where they will be giving out awards. He announced he will be holding the MLK March rain or shine starting at 3:00 pm on Monday, January 20, 2025. He advised they will be having another landlord meeting at the Wingate Hotel on March 12, 2025.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the issue of Certificate of Occupancy for renovated properties to the Council of the Whole Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Neeper expressed his gratitude to the various groups in town as he had the privilege of attending various events including the Lima Symphony who put on a fantastic show as always.

Neeper moved, seconded by Glenn, to authorize a resolution of appreciation to the owners of the Ohio Theatre. Motion carried.

Dixon moved, seconded by Jones, to appoint Peggy Ehora to the Civil Service Board. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gordon moved, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn until January 27, 2025. Motion carried.

Dana Addis, Council Clerk

Jamie Dixon, Council President