

CITY OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 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 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, 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, Amber Martin – Workforce & Small Business Dev. Dir., Jessica Begonia – Public Information Officer, Meri Foster – Finance Dir., Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief, Zachary Leland – Police Major

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Dan Angel was not present to speak.

Pastor Claytonia Logan, 1870 Brookhaven Court, expressed her appreciation to Council for allowing her to speak. She advised on Thursday, January 16th, she encountered extreme racism, sexism and a threat to her life by an intoxicated employee of Wally's Gas Station. She explained gas station and convenience store owners met with her at her request only for them to inform her of their wealth and that they make problems disappear with money. She explained that Lima cannot afford to allow such evil attitudes and behaviors to go unchecked. She referenced the various individuals that have not told their story who have endured what she had. She expressed these types of conflicts and conditions should not be tolerated for they undermine the accomplishments of decades of gender equality, racial equality and women's empowerment.

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 of December, 2024.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Thompson, that 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 for Four Seasons Tees, LLC, 1214 W. Robb Avenue.

Wilkerson moved, seconded by Gordon, 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 for LIOH Associates LLC dba Holiday Inn & Suites, 803 S. Leonard Ave.

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

3. From the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a liquor permit for 1590 Northwest LLC, 1101 W. North St.

Jordan moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that communication number 3 be received, filed, and authorize the Clerk to notify the Ohio Division of Liquor Control of no objections. Motion carried.

4. From the Workforce & Small Business Dev. Coordinator regarding legislation to enter into contract with ACSM, Inc.
5. From the Fire Chief regarding legislation to dispose of a Ram Cargo Van and miscellaneous equipment.
6. From the Fire Chief regarding the purchase of radios and equipment from Motorola Solutions, Inc.
7. From the Dir. of Housing & Neighborhoods regarding legislation to sell a parcel located at 317-319 S. McDonel St.

8. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Calgon Carbon.
9. From the Utilities Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with Buckeye Pumps.
10. From the Public Works Dir. regarding an agreement with Woolpert, Inc.
11. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with Toole Design Group.
12. From the Public Works Dir. regarding a contract with Miller's Textile Services.
13. From the Auditor regarding legislation to dispose of City equipment through govdeals.com.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, that communication numbers 4 through 13 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

1. Finance Committee Report of January 27, 2025.

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

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

- 038-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of a vehicle and miscellaneous equipment 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, 8; Gordon, Wilkerson, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8-0 vote.

- 039-25 An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with govdeals.com and to otherwise dispose of equipment for the Auditor.

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

- 040-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Toole Design Group, LLC, to assist in developing a neighborhood traffic management program for the Public Works Department.

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

- 041-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with ACSM Inc. for Phase Two of the Wayfinding Program.

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

- 042-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Calgon Carbon Corporation, for the regeneration of granular activated carbon 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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8–0 vote.

- 043-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Buckeye Pumps, for the water treatment plant 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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8–0 vote.

- 044-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sell real property located on South McDonel Street to Doug Hartinger.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Councilor Thompson announced February 15th there will be a Pop Out Party at the Lima Public Library from 11am to 1pm. She announced the Central Lima Neighborhood Association will be meeting on February 15th at 3pm at the Lima Public Library.

Councilor Jordon referenced a statement made by Martin Luther King Jr. in March of 1968. She explained now is a good time to think about what we believe government is, what it should do, who it serves and how we help make it do that. She reminded everyone that even in times when everything is confusing, take the time to think and get information from many sources.

Councilor Jones thanked Councilor Thompson for her poem. He thanked Pastor Logan for her bravery in stepping up the way she did to acknowledge an issue she is dealing with personally. He explained that her words did not fall on deaf ears and he does think as Councilors and members of this community that Pastor Logan's experience should be heard more in detail.

Jones moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the issue of discrimination from local businesses to the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Jones announced the Neighborhood Concerns Committee will meet on February 12th at 6:00 pm.

Councilor Glenn thanked everyone who attended the second annual Mental Health event. He expressed his appreciation to the Church in Shawnee that passed out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to children in the Hope and Nova area.

Glenn moved, seconded by Jones, to refer the issue of information regarding City of Lima Housing Programs to the Neighborhood Concerns Committee. Motion carried.

Councilor Glenn explained he has been around for a while and has done a lot for the community. He referenced an individual talking about him. He said he is a good person that cares for the City of Lima. He further referenced the individuals who have been calling and complaining and explained he is working on it as everyone wants to see their ward looking good.

Councilor Neeper expressed to Pastor Claytonia that he heard her and it will be discussed more in Committee. He referenced the potential bad weather and reminded everyone to be safe.

Councilor Gordon expressed his apologies to Pastor Logan for what she went through. He reminded people to be good to each other.

Councilor Wilkerson also expressed his support of Pastor Logan. He reminded everyone what ignoring weather conditions can look like. He reminded people that words have effects which can be devastating. He expressed the importance of thinking before you speak.

President Dixon referenced the potential for inclement weather and advised everyone to take precautions and be mindful of those on the roads. He thanked Pastor Logan for speaking up and saying something because we live in a culture where if it's not me and mine, it doesn't get addressed. He reminded everyone that if you see something, say something. He advised everyone has the right to speak truth to power and with doing that we have to call things out as we see them so that we don't experience those things that have been experienced in the past. He referenced a bible verse and explained although joy can't be seen right now, joy is coming in the morning.

The Neighborhood Concerns Committee was rescheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gordon moved, seconded by Wilkerson, to adjourn until February 24, 2025. Motion carried.

Dana Addis, Council Clerk

Jamie Dixon, Council President