

CITY OF LIMA
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 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 Councilor Jordan followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Daniel Schiel with the Boy Scouts of America.

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, 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., Sara Weekley – Deputy Dir. of Utilities, Amber Martin – Workforce & Small Business Dev. Dir., Jessica Begonia – Public Information Officer, Meri Foster – Finance Dir., James Baker – Police Chief, Jack McDermitt – Fire Chief

SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING:

President Dixon called to order the Public Hearing for a portion of a north-south alley in the 1100 block of West North Street – Petitioned for by 1590 Northwest LLC. Thomas Ball, 1130 W. High Street, asked what will happen to the property that is the alley now after it is vacated. Mayor Smith advised the vacation is to facilitate a new gas station going in so the alley will become private property that will be used by the proprietor. Mr. Ball inquired about the other half of the alley which he advised is adjacent to his property. Mayor Smith explained the Petitioner is asking for the whole alley to be vacated so there will no longer be egress and ingress access. Mr. Ball clarified his property is attached to the alley so he was wondering if it became a vacant lot. Law Dir. Tony Geiger advised Mr. Ball that if he has the adjacent property on the other side of the alley, he would get half of that alley. There being no one else wishing to speak to the alley vacation, President Dixon closed the Public Hearing.

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 January 10, 2025.

Thompson moved, seconded by Wilkerson, 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 Chief of Police regarding legislation to apply for and accept an award from the Marathon First Responder Fund.
- 2. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to apply for and accept an award from the Cenovus Energy Grant.
- 3. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to accept an equipment donation from Lima Police Wives Association.
- 4. From Fire Chief regarding a donation of extrication equipment to Apollo Career Center.
- 5. From the Human Resources Dir. regarding legislation to enter into an agreement with AFSCME.
- 6. From the Court Administrator regarding legislation to amend Ordinance 315-21.
- 7. From the Chief of Police regarding legislation to de-asset an old universal weight machine.
- 8. From the Public Works Dir. regarding legislation to enter into contract with SAFEbuilt.

Jordan moved, seconded by Thompson, that communication numbers 1 through 8 be received, filed, approved and authorize the Law Dir. to prepare the necessary legislation. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PRESENTED:

- 045-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with SAFEbuilt Ohio, LLC for plan review services for the Lima-Allen Building 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, 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.

- 046-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc., as authorized under Ordinance 315-21.

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.

- 047-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to amend the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, Local 1002, as authorized under Ordinance 021-23.

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.

- 048-25 An Ordinance amending Section 246.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lima, Public Works Department Authorized Employment Positions.

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

- 049-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to dispose of a universal weight machine 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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8–0 vote.

- 050-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from the Cenovus Energy Grant for the Lima 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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8–0 vote.

- 051-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a donation from the Lima Police Wives Association.

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.

- 052-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for, receive, and administer funds from the Marathon First Responder Fund Grant 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, Jordan, Thompson, Dixon, Jones, Glenn, Neeper. Nay, none. The Chair declared the ordinance passed on the first reading by an 8–0 vote.

- 053-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to donate extrication equipment to Apollo Career Center.

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.

- 054-25 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the UAW Local 2075 to sub-lease space from the American Red Cross located at 610 S. Collett Street.

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.

055-25 An Ordinance vacating an alley in the 1100 block of West North Street.

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, 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:

Jordan moved, seconded by Glenn, to refer the request for a traffic study of Market Street coming towards Lima from Beer Barrel to the Traffic Commission. Motion carried.

Councilor Jordan encouraged everyone to enjoy the weather and hide from the news as often as they can.

Councilor Jones reminded everyone that Ms. Zion in the Housing and Neighborhood Dept. will be meeting with the Neighborhood Concerns Committee on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the various home programs that are available to the residents in the City of Lima.

Councilor Glenn explained he will be asking how residents can be involved in the pick for the Lima City Schools Superintendent.

Councilor Neeper reminded everyone to be mindful of the children outside playing as the weather is turning and to also be mindful of the slick streets. He referenced the play at the Encore Theater that he attended over the weekend and encouraged the public to check the Theater out.

Councilor Gordon referred to the play “Hairspray” at Lima Senior on Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged the public to attend. He asked everyone to think about those who are born on leap year.

Councilor Wilkerson reminded people about the availability of the Veterans Office in Allen County and explained they will guide veterans to various services. He also advised they offer transportation to all veterans for VA related appointments. He reminded everyone to be good neighbors.

Councilor Thompson announced the Public Works Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 pm regarding the management of the Aquatic Center. She encouraged everyone to attend the Hairspray play at Lima Senior. She thanked the Ball family for their attendance as is well-known in the scouting community. Mr. Ball explained he has been involved in Scouting for 65 years. She explained we are in a combative climate and encouraged everyone to try to be intentional about their kindness. She referenced the hate documents that are going around the different communities and encouraged those who receive one to reach out rather than react.

President Dixon thanked Daniel and the Ball Family for their attendance and all that they do for the Boy Scouts. He encouraged Daniel to reach out to Council if there is anything they can do to help inform him of what they do. He encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for Friday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m. for the John Lewis Day event at the City Club. He explained times are changing and encouraged everyone to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gordon moved, seconded by Jones, to adjourn until March 10th. Motion carried.

Dana Addis, Council Clerk

Jamie Dixon, Council President