



# CITY OF LORAIN

## Board of Control

### Meeting of March 19, 2026

#### I. ROLL CALL

The Board of Control meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Mayor Bradley. In attendance were Mayor Jack Bradley, Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto, Avery Brown, Lacy Hepp, Alex Berki, Assistant Chief Bowers, Bob Evans, Kate Golden, Gwen Frey and Veronica Newsome and Alonna Lopez.

#### II. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

**a. A request from the Lorain Water Purification Department for a purchase order in the amount of \$5,693.00 with Veolia WTS Analytical Instruments, Inc. for the annual service contract for preventative maintenance on TOC Analyzer. Funding GL Account 6020.P602.6440.6300.1500 Purification Operations – Contractual Service.**

Discussion: Veolia WTS Analytical Instruments is a sole source vendor. This is an annual expense. The TOC Analyzer measures the removal of organics from our water and helps the carbon dosage.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. A request from the Lorain Water Purification Department for an emergency purchase order in the amount of \$38,000.00 (\$32,000.00 + \$6,000.00 contingency) with Firelands Electric for the Plant Generator PLC replacement. If the power goes out the current generator will not turn on. The Millwrights would have to manually turn the generator on and operate the switchgear to switch from primary to auxiliary power in the event of a power outage. This creates a major safety risk to plant personnel and public health and safety if not resolved. Funding GL Account 6020.P602.6440.6300.1500 Purification Operations – Contractual Service.**

Discussion: This system needs to be automatic to avoid any safety or health risks. The cost came in lower than anticipated. The purchase includes a three-year manufacture warranty for the PLC and a one-year warranty for parts and labor. This system is tested monthly.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**c. The Black River WWTP requests permission to purchase a 6"X6" Silent Diesel portable pump from Ohio Cat. This unit was initially rented in December 2025 to convey sewage from a collapsed sewer pipe. The pump has remained in continuous use, and we are now entering**

**our third month of rental with no confirmed completion date for the project repairs. Ohio Cat has agreed to credit the first three months of rental costs toward the purchase of this unit. Given the ongoing need, the lack of a defined project completion timeline, and the rental credit being applied, purchasing the pump is the most cost-effective and operationally efficient option. The total purchase price is \$35,000 and will be funded from accounts: 6130.P613.6310.6700.1500 Facility Improvement, and 6130.P613.6460.6300.1500 Contractual Services.**

Discussion: Renting this unit costs the city \$2,700 for eight hours of run time. This unit has been the main pump in this area since the issues at Root Road began. The pump has been running 24 hours a day. This is a sole source vendor. It is more cost effective at this point to purchase the generator. The generator can be used for other projects/situations.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**d. Lorain Fire Department had to make an emergency purchase for a new hot water tank for Central Station. Central Station was without hot water for approximately a week. The tank was purchased from Winsupply of Cleveland. The cost is \$6,904.81 and will be taken from G/L account #1010.S500.6400.2200.**

Discussion: This is a sole source vendor. Acting Safety/Service Director Soto was notified about Central Station having not hot water.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. A request from the Department of Public Property, Garage Division, to open a purchase order for necessary vehicle collision damage repairs performed by Autonation for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Funding will be through account 7010.I701.6400.3500.**

Discussion: An amendment was made to the request to change the requested amount. This request will be for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This purchase order will be used to cover deductible payments. The city is responsible for a \$5,000 deductible per vehicle.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request as amended; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**f. A request from the Engineering Department to issue a purchase order to Terminal Ready Mix, Inc., in the amount of \$49,850.00 with a contingency of \$4,985.00 for a total amount of \$54,835.00, to perform repairs to the sidewalk and retaining wall adjacent to the Black River**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant. Quotes were requested from 4 companies, with 1 quote received. This work will be funded from account 6160.P616.6300.1500 Contractual Services.**

Discussion: The sidewalk near the Lorain Harbor Boat club is deteriorating and rebar is exposed. There is a retention wall on the other side of the sidewalk. The fence that was in this location fell in 2025. The Lorain Harbor Boat Club has agreed to replace the fence. The city will cover the structural portion of the repairs.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**g. A request from the Engineering Department for approval to enter into an agreement with LJB, Inc. for professional services associated with the preliminary design of the Various High-Visibility Markings & RRFB Systemic Safety Project in an amount not to exceed \$120,894.00. ODOT shall pay 90% of these preliminary design costs. Local match required is 10%, or \$12,089.40. Four (4) firms submitted their qualifications; LJB, Inc. was rated and ranked as the most capable and then provided a cost proposal at our request. The Auditor has confirmed funds are available in fund 4010.C401.6300.2305 - ODOT Projects (PIDs).**

Discussion: This was approved by Lorain City Council on March 16, 2026, via Ordinance #39-26 (Attached to these minutes as Exhibit A).

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**h. A request from the Engineering Department for approval to enter into an agreement with American StructurePoint for professional services associated with LOR-MR4321-0.00 Tower Blvd. Rehabilitation project in an amount not to exceed \$492,046.**

Discussion: This was approved by Lorain City Council on March 16, 2026, via Ordinance #41-26 (Attached to these minutes as Exhibit B). Work will take place from Oberlin Ave to Leavitt Road.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

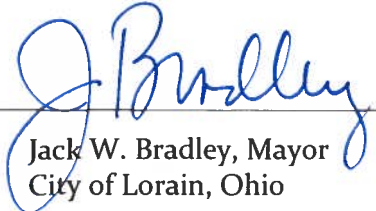
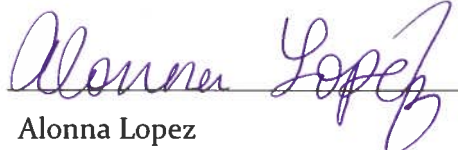
**i. A request from the Engineering Department for approval to modify an agreement with QCS A25-045, known as Amendment 1, for additional inspection services associated with PID 120792 LOR-58-25.41 Tower/SR58 Traffic Signal Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$43,126.00 for a new total project cost of \$100,758. The City of Lorain shall be responsible for an additional amount not to exceed \$4,312.60 which shall be funded from 4010.C401.6300.2305.**

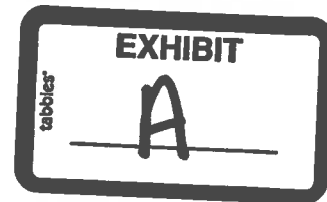
Discussion: This was approved by Lorain City Council on March 16, 2026, via Ordinance #40-26 (Attached to these minutes as Exhibit C). Signal improvements at this intersection.

Mayor Bradley made the motion to approve the request; Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Acting Safety/Service Director Rick Soto-aye; Mayor Bradley-aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Control Meeting of March 19 adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

 3/28/2026   
Jack W. Bradley, Mayor  
City of Lorain, Ohio  
Alonna Lopez  
Secretary for Board of Control



ORDINANCE NO. 39-20

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LJB, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN OF VARIOUS HIGH VISIBILITY MARKINGS & RRFB SYSTEMIC SAFETY PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain applied for and was awarded funds for the design of systemic pedestrian improvements throughout the City of Lorain via the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Highway Safety Improvement Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Council passed and adopted Resolution No. 100-25 authorizing the Lorain Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT); and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain has advertised a Request for Qualifications as required by the Ohio Revised Code Section 153.67 for the purpose of professional services related to the design of the Various High Visibility Markings and RRFB Systemic Safety Project, Project Identification (PID) No., 124448; and

**WHEREAS**, the firms were rated and ranked; and

**WHEREAS**, LJB, Inc. was selected as the highest rated firm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Department seeks to enter into a professional services agreement with LJB, Inc. in the amount of \$120,894.00, to be paid at 90% by ODOT and 10%, or \$12,089.40, from the City of Lorain from Fund 4010.C401.6300.2305 - ODOT Projects (PIDs).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION I:** That the Safety/Service Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for professional services with LJB, Inc., for the purpose of design, surveying, construction

management, and any and all services related to the design of the Various High Visibility Markings & RRFB Project, PID 124448, in form substantially similar to Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference, and as approved by the Lorain Law Department.

**SECTION II:** Professional services for the Various High Visibility Markings & RRFB Project, PID 124448, shall require the City of Lorain to pay LJB, Inc. an amount not to exceed \$12,089.40 as compensation for said professional services.

**SECTION III:** That the total cost of professional services shall not exceed \$120,894.00, with 90% paid by ODOT and 10% shall be paid from account 4010.C401.6300.2305 - ODOT Projects (PIDs).

**SECTION IV:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were conducted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION V:** That this Ordinance shall, after passage by Council and approval by the Mayor, take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

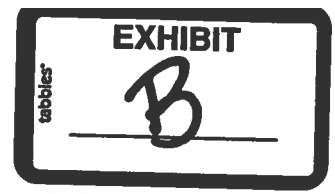
PASSED: March 14, 2026

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL - ~~Pro Tempore~~

ATTEST: Breanna Dill, CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: March 14, 2026

  
MAYOR



ORDINANCE NO. 41.20

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE HIGHEST RATED AND RANKED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING FIRM FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOR-MR4321-0.00 TOWER BLVD. REHABILITATION PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain has advertised request for qualification as required by the Ohio Revised Code section 153.67; and

**WHEREAS**, the firms have been properly rated and ranked; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain is responsible for 100% of the project administration costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional agreement which is the subject of this ordinance will be prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) upon its receipt of an ordinance approved by Lorain City Council authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1:** That, the Safety/Service Director, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with the highest rated and ranked firm, in the amount not to exceed \$492,046 for the purpose of construction management, and any and all services related to the construction of the Tower Blvd. Rehabilitation Project, which agreement shall be in form subject to the approval by the Lorain Law Director.

**SECTION 2:** This project is funded by the City of Lorain in the amount of \$492,046.

**SECTION 3:** That, the Auditor, shall utilize fund 4010.C401.6300.2305, with a not to exceed amount of \$492,046.

**SECTION 4:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 14, 2026

ATTEST: Breanna Bell, CLERK

APPROVED: March 14, 2026

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

  
MAYOR



ORDINANCE NO. 40-20

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO MODIFY A CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES (QCS) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH PID 120792 LOR-58-25.41 TOWER/SR58 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain has advertised a request for qualification as required by the Ohio Revised Code section 153.67; and

**WHEREAS**, the firms have been properly rated and ranked; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain has secured federal funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to cover 90% of eligible construction costs, up to a maximum of \$57,632.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has encountered additional scope and will require additional hours of inspection accounting for an increase in cost of \$43,126, which exceeds the current contract, ODOT has agreed to pay 90% of this increase meaning only 10% (\$4,312.60) of the additional construction administration costs must now be funded by the City of Lorain, cost not to exceed \$100,758; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional agreement which is the subject of this ordinance will be prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) upon its receipt of an ordinance approved by Lorain City Council authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:**

**SECTION 1:** That, the Safety/Service Director, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for professional services with the highest rated and ranked firm, in the amount not to exceed \$100,758 for the purpose of construction management, and any and all services related to the construction of the PID 120792 LOR-58-25.41 Tower/SR58 Traffic Signal Improvement Project which agreement shall be in form subject to the approval by the Lorain Law Director.

**SECTION 2:** This construction management agreement is funded by the City of Lorain in the amount of \$10,075.80.

**SECTION 3:** That, funding for the project has already been acquired and hereby appropriated in the following account 4010.C401.6300.2305. The project is not to exceed \$100,758.


**SECTION 4:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

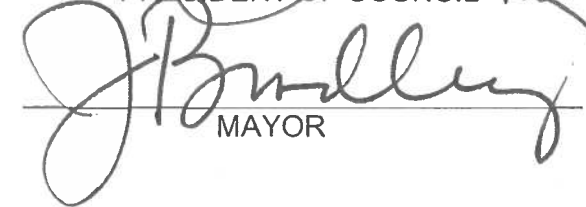
**SECTION 5:** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: March 16, 2026

ATTEST: Breanna Bell, CLERK

APPROVED: March 16, 2026

  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL - ~~Pro~~ *Tempore*

  
MAYOR



February 4, 2025

Veronica A. Newsome, PE  
Engineering Department  
200 W. Erie Avenue – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lorain, OH 44052

RE: LOR-58-25.41, PID No. 120792 (Tower Blvd. Traffic Signal Improvement)  
CEI Services Extension

**Letter No. 003**

Dear Mrs. Newsome,  
Quality Control Services LLC (QCS) originally based our Construction Engineering and Inspection Estimate off the Contractor's baseline schedule which showed 8 weeks of construction work. To date, there are over 10 weeks of active construction work and there are another 6-7 weeks of construction work expected. Therefore, we are requesting an additional \$43,126.00 to our original estimate of \$57,632.00, bringing the NTE CEI Estimate to \$100,758.00 for our services.

Reasons for the additional construction work time includes:

- Slow execution of the bid work by the Contractor or inaccurate baseline schedule
- Additional sidewalk and drainage work from Change Order #2 (up to 2 weeks)

Additional time remaining per Contractor:

- 1 week for installing poles
- 1 week for wire installation
- 2-3 weeks for signal equipment installation
- 1 week for signal removal
- 1 week for pavement markings and landscaping

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**Construction Engineering and Inspection Revised Estimate  
Tower Blvd. at Rt. 58 Signal Improvement**

<b>Work Item</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Original Estimate	N/A	N/A	\$ 57,632.00
Project Manager (6 weeks @ 4hrs/wk)	24	\$192.00	\$ 4,608.00
Project Engineer (6 weeks @ 4hrs/wk)	24	\$192.00	\$ 4,608.00
Inspector (6 weeks @ 40hrs/wk)	240	\$125.00	\$ 30,000.00
Inspector OT (6 ks@ 2hrs/wk)	12	\$187.00	\$ 2,244.00
Vehicle	34	\$ 49.00	\$ 1,666.00

~ Rates effective through 6/1/2026

**Total: \$ 100,758.00**

Sincerely,



**Quality Control Services LLC**  
Matthew Pawlak, PE, MBA  
Vice President



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

7. g.

**Meeting Date:** 03/16/2026

**Submitted by:** Veronica Newsome

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### **AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE:**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR TO MODIFY A CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CONTROL SERVICES (QCS) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH PID 120792 LOR-58-25.41 TOWER/SR58 TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

The City of Lorain has advertised a request for qualification as required by the Ohio Revised Code section 153.67. The firms have been properly rated and ranked. The City of Lorain has secured federal funding through the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to cover 90% of eligible construction costs, up to a maximum of \$57,632.00. The project has encountered additional scope and will require additional hours of inspection accounting for an increase in cost of \$43,126, which exceeds the current contract, ODOT has agreed to pay 90% of this increase meaning only 10% (\$4,312.60) of the additional construction administration costs must now be funded by the City of Lorain, total cost not to exceed \$100,758. The professional agreement which is the subject of this ordinance will be prepared by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) upon its receipt of an ordinance approved by Lorain City Council authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into the agreement.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Consideration and passage.

### **Admin Only**

\_\_\_\_ Auth S/S Director to modify a contract w/ Quality Control Services for professional services associated w/ Tower/SR58 Traffic Signal Improvement Project.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

<b><u>Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):</u></b>	Y
<b><u>Estimated Total Expenditure:</u></b>	4312.60
<b><u>List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:</u></b>	4010.C401.6300.2305
<b><u>Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):</u></b>	33813.40
<b><u>Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):</u></b>	

ODOT has agreed to pay 90% of this increase meaning only 10% (\$4,312.60) of the additional construction administration costs must now be funded by the City of Lorain.

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### **Attachments**

AMEND CM ORD 120792  
 120792 FEE ADDITION

**Form Review**

**Inbox**

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 Mayor Bradley  
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**Reviewed By**

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