

CLERK DULL: In the absence of President Arredondo, at 6:09pm the meeting was called to order, and Council entertained nominations for a temporary Chairperson for this evening’s meeting.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo to nominate Mr. Dimacchia.

Moved by Mr. Drwal to nominate Mrs. Springowski.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

At this time Clerk Dull passed out and then collected paper ballots.

After reviewing the ballots, it was announced by Law Director Riley that Mr. Dimacchia would be the Chair of this evening’s meeting.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 0 President Arredondo.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to excuse the absent member. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Dimacchia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORGANIZATION OF THE 2024-2025 TERM OF COUNCIL:

Chairperson Dimacchia requested a motion to suspend the regular order of business and consider item 3c, President Pro-Tempore.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Arroyo to suspend the regular order of business and consider item 3c. The motion carried unanimously.

c.) Nominations/election for the position of President Pro Tempore.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Arroyo, to nominate Councilmember Dimacchia.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Arroyo, to close nominations of President Pro-Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time Clerk Dull passed out and then collected paper ballots.

After reviewing the ballots, it was announced by Law Director Riley that Mr. Dimacchia was nominated President Pro-Tempore.

a.) Discussion establishing the Council Rules.

Councilmember Torres spoke regarding this matter.

b.) President of Council’s Standing Committee recommendations and appointment to the Tax Incentive Review Board, in his absence the Tax Incentive Review Board appointment will occur during the next Regular Council Meeting.

<p><i>Building & Lands Committee</i> Mary Springowski- Chairperson Victoria Kempton- Vice-Chairperson Tony Dimacchia Jeff Bearer Sabrina Gonzalez</p>	<p><i>Federal Programs Committee</i> Mitchell Fallis- Chairperson Angel Arroyo- Vice-Chairperson Pam Carter Victoria Kempton Sabrina Gonzalez</p>
<p><i>Finance & Claims Committee</i> Pam Carter- Chairperson Mary Springowski- Vice-Chairperson Jeff Bearer Mitchell Fallis Sabrina Gonzalez</p>	<p><i>Parks & Recreation Committee</i> Victoria Kempton- Chairperson Pam Carter- Vice-Chairperson Angel Arroyo Andy Drwal Eileen Torres</p>

<i>Police/ Fire & Legislative Committee</i> Tony Dimacchia- Chairperson Andy Drwal- Vice-Chairperson Mary Springowski Angel Arroyo Eileen Torres	<i>Streets & Utilities Committee</i> Josh Thornsberry- Chairperson Tony Dimacchia- Vice-Chairperson Mitchell Fallis Andy Drwal Eileen Torres
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Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Carter, to concur with the Council President’s recommendations for standing committees.
 AYES - 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
 NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried.

c.) Nominations/election of the Clerk of Council & Deputy Clerk of Council for the 2024/2025 term.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to nominate Breanna Dull as Clerk of Council and Maggie Partin as Deputy Clerk of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to appoint Breanna Dull as Clerk of Council and Maggie Partin as Deputy Clerk of Council. Motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

a.) December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Correspondence from Mayor Bradley to members of Council sharing the 2025 accomplishments and the 2026 goals of each department in the City of Lorain. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.
 Mayor Bradley and Councilmember Fallis spoke regarding this correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

a.) Correspondence from Treasurer Soto recommending the appointment of Julia Ecker and Dana Olszowy to serve as members of the Board of Review and the Mayor to consider appointing Michele Pullin as his appointment per Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718 and Lorain Codified Ordinance 192.18. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to receive and file.
 Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to withdraw the previous motion and concur with those appointments. The motion carries unanimously.
 b.) Correspondence from the Supreme Court of Ohio relative to the Court of Appeals Case #s 24CA012095 & 24CA012142 – “Tia Hilton, et al, V. City of Lorain, et al.” Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mr. Fallis, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:

a.) Correspondence received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a new C1 permit application received for Nothing But Growth LLC, Green Store, located at 912 West 9th St., 44052 (2nd Ward). Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Clerk Dull announced that there is one member of the public signed up to speak this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

- Resolution 1-26 a.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, a resolution enacting the Rules of Council from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, repealing Resolution number 1-24 and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Councilmember Fallis spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. Drwal, to amend the rules to add prayer to Rule 16, number one.
- AYES- 8 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 3 Messrs. Dimacchia, Torres, Gonzalez. The resolution is amended.
Ms. Torres spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution, as amended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 1 Ms. Torres. The resolution passed, as amended.
- Resolution 2-26 b.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of the 1.7 mill property tax to supplement the General Fund for the purpose of providing and maintaining adequate and consistent fire service apparatus, building or sites therefore of the City of Lorain and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Drwal, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Councilmembers Fallis, Drwal, Bradley, Dimacchia, Arroyo, Springowski spoke in support of this matter.
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 1-26 c.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to make application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on behalf of the City of Lorain for 90/10 funding for planned safety improvements on Broadway in the City of Lorain.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

- Ordinance 2-26 d.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies; concrete for the City of Lorain from Terminal Ready Mix.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 3-26 e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies; asphalt concrete for the City of Lorain from Kokosing, Inc.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 4-26 f.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Auditor of the City of Lorain, Ohio to pay invoice submitted by the Utilities Department that invoke the Then and Now Certification Exception Process as per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 and to pay for said invoices and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Councilmembers Dimacchia and Springowski spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: None.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS: President Pro-Tem Dimacchia called a Police, Fire and Legislation, and all of Council, for Department Updates for Monday, January 12th at 5:30pm.
Safety/Service Director Carrion spoke regarding this.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:

Councilmember Torres spoke regarding sponge cities.
Councilmember Arroyo spoke regarding First Energy and streetlights.
Councilmember Fallis spoke regarding First Energy. Also asked about a manhole cover near intersection of Park Ave., and W. 30th St.
Treasurer Soto invited all of Council to come to the Tax Dept. and also regarding e-filing software.

Law Director Riley welcomed new council and introduced the Law Dept. and invited anyone that would like to stop by, to do so.

Auditor Harper welcomed new council members and invited anyone that would like to visit the Auditors Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with two dissenting votes from Mr. Dimacchia and Mr. Arroyo. The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL-PRO TEMPORE



Clerk of Council

Accepted: January 20, 2026