

**5:45pm- Judge Webber will administer the Oaths of Office to Lorain City Council for the 2026-2027 term.**



# **LORAIN CITY COUNCIL**

## **Regular Meeting Agenda**

### **Monday, January 5, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.**

1. **OPENING OF COUNCIL:** Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
3. **ORGANIZATION OF THE 2026/2027 TERM OF COUNCIL:**
  - a. Discussion establishing Council Rules.
  - b. President Arredondo's Standing Committee recommendations and appointment to the Tax Incentive Review Board.
  - c. Nominations/election for the position of President Pro Tempore.
  - d. Nominations/appointment of the Clerk of Council & Deputy Clerk of Council for the 2026-2027 term of Council.
4. **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**
  - a. December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
5. **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.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.:**
  - a. Correspondence received 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 O.R.C. Chapter 718 and Lorain Codified Ordinance 192.18.
  - b. Law Director Riley's Correspondence received from the Ohio Supreme Court of Ohio relative to the Court of Appeals Case #s 24CA012095 & 24CA012142- "Tia Hilton, et al. V. City of Lorain, et al."
7. **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).
8. **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC: None.**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (The sign-in sheet will be collected prior to commencement of the meeting) The two (2) minute per person limit and twenty (20) minute max will be observed.
10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.**
11. **LEGISLATION - FIRST READING:**
  - a. \_\_\_\_ Reso. enacting the Rules of Council from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, repealing Resolution 1-24.
  - b. \_\_\_\_ Reso. declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of the 1.7 mil Property Tax to supplement the General Fund for the purpose of providing and maintaining adequate and consistent fire service, apparatus, building or sites.

- c. \_\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to make application to ODOT for 90/10 funding for planned safety improvements on Broadway.
  - d. \_\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies- concrete for the city of Lorain from Terminal Ready Mix.
  - e. \_\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies- asphalt concrete for the City of Lorain from Kokosing, Inc.
  - f. \_\_\_\_ Ord. auth the Auditor to pay invoices submitted by the IT Department that invoke the Then and Now Certification Process, per ORC, and to pay for said invoices.
12. **LEGISLATION - SECOND READING: None.**
13. **LEGISLATION - THIRD READING: None.**
14. **COMMITTEE CALLS:**
15. **MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:**
16. **ADJOURNMENT.**



**CITY OF LORAIN**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**3. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE**

Draft of the proposed Rules of Council with changes highlighted.

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Waive the regular order of business to consider item 11a.

**Admin Only (descrip. for agenda)**

Discussion establishing Council Rules.

**Attachments**

Draft- Council Rules

**Form Review**

Form Started By: Breanna Dull  
Final Approval Date: 12/29/2025

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Carter			Arredondo		

Resolution No.

**A Resolution enacting the Rules of Council from  
January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027,  
repealing Resolution Number 1-24  
and declaring an emergency.**

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

**SECTION I:** The following Rules are for the Government of the Council of the City of Lorain and are hereby adopted:

<b>MEETINGS OF COUNCIL</b>
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**RULE 1 - Regular Meetings**

The regular meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Monday evenings of each month promptly at 6 p.m. If the day of the meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. Council shall recess during the month of August.

Agendas along with the corresponding packet may be viewed on the city's website @ [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

**RULE 2 - Special/Emergency Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) members of the legislative authority, or by a majority vote of the legislative authority during any meeting upon providing at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice to each member of the legislative authority and to the news media that have requested notifications, except in the event of an emergency requiring official action. In the event of an emergency, notification must be provided to the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting in accordance with O.R.C 121.22.

The business to be transacted as a special and/or emergency meeting shall be identified in the notice and no other business shall be considered. Should the legislative authority adjourn into Executive Session during a special and/or emergency meeting, the topic shall be directly related to matters identified in the notice.

**RULE 3 - Public Meetings**

All regular, special, emergency, committee, work sessions and public hearings etc., of the legislative authority shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22. All minutes and records of the Council shall be available to the public to view and/or purchase in the Clerk of Council Office during business hours.

**RULE 4 - Committee-of-the-Whole**

The Council may resolve into a Committee-of-the-Whole by a majority vote of members present during a regular, special or emergency meeting. The President, President, Pro-Tempore, or his designee, shall preside during the Committee-of-the-Whole sessions. The rules of Council shall be observed and comments from the general public may be heard. No votes shall be taken during a Committee-of-the-Whole.

**RULE 5 – Executive Sessions**

An executive session may be held in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 upon concurrence of an affirmative roll call vote of a majority of members elected unless a larger number is required per O.R.C Section 121.22. No persons other than the legislative authority and appropriate personnel shall attend the executive session unless invited by the President and/or Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6 – Public Hearings**

The President of Council, or his designee, shall preside over Public Hearings required and/or scheduled by the legislative body. No Public Hearing shall be scheduled unless a Resolution setting forth the reasons therefore is adopted or it is a requirement stipulated by state statute or is requested by the appropriate city official.

**OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF COUNCIL**

**RULE 7 - Presiding Officer**

The President, and in his absence the President Pro-Tempore, shall preside over meetings of the legislative authority. He may refer matters as provided for in the Rules of Council. He shall preserve the order and decorum at all times and prevent the impugning of personalities or motives, confines debate to the question under discussion and shall decide all points of order subject to an appeal of the Council and control all aspects of the agenda.

**RULE 8 – President Pro-Tempore**

At the organizational meeting, Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a member to serve as President Pro-Tempore who shall preside in the absence of the President of Council.

**RULE 9 – Clerk of Council and Council Employees**

At its organizational meeting, the Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a Clerk and other staff as required and establish the salaries and benefits provided. The Clerk of Council, or other any other approved substitute, shall be required to attend all meetings of the Council. The Clerk shall keep all records, files, orders, or any pertinent papers considered public records under the Public Records Act. No person, except for the Clerk of Council, or any other approved substitute, shall have direct access to the Council vault or any other storage area where official records of the City are kept. The office hours shall be posted and may change from time to time due to staffing.

\*The Clerk of Council office shall maintain a schedule for the use of the council chamber to prohibit conflicts and shall have discretion, in concurrence with the Safety/Service Director, as to the events permitted in the chamber area. Due to requirement for additional personnel and security, after hour requests for non-governmental meetings or events shall require written approval by the Safety/Service Director and/or his designee.

## COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

### **RULE 10 – Standing Committees**

At the organizational meeting, the President shall present a slate of proposed members for each Standing Committee. Each Standing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and three additional members. The Council shall accept or amend the proposed slate of Standing Committees by a motion, duly seconded, and with the concurrence of an affirmative majority vote. Upon Chairperson vacancy, Vice-Chair will be asked first, then order of committee members by seniority before opening to other members.

Subcommittees may be appointed by the Chairman consisting of members of his committee.

- A. BUILDINGS AND LANDS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but are not limited to all acquisitions, construction, maintenance, lease or sale of buildings or lands owned by the city, matters involving building codes and enforcement, (new) property maintenance codes and enforcement issues, public transportation energy conservation, railroad issues and all matters involving the city's zoning code, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, and other related entities.
- B. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but is not limited to all matters involving state and/or federally funded programs, matters pertaining to business attraction/retention and economic development, community programs and services, joint economic development matters and community and regional partnerships, enterprise zones and reinvestment areas.
- C. FINANCE:** The responsibilities of the finance committee shall include all matters involving the city's budget, indebtedness, appropriations/transfers, payment of monies, taxation, tax abatement and/or financial incentives, wages and/or benefits provided to city employees, issues pertaining to the Civil Service Commission, any franchise or any and all matters pertaining to communications and/or technology within the city. The Finance Committee shall also serve as the "Audit Committee" and assume all duties involved in the review of the city's financial reports on a quarterly basis and the official entrance and exit conferences with outside audit firm.
- D. POLICE, FIRE, AND LEGISLATIVE:** The responsibilities of this committee include matters pertaining to the safety forces, all issues involving Homeland Security and community

preparedness, security issues, school safety and matters pertaining to the health district and any matter not covered by any other committee including Council Rules and/or procedures or protocols.

- E. PARKS AND RECREATION:** The responsibilities of this committee include all matters pertaining to city parks, public recreation, playgrounds, beaches, our river, harbors, and shores and all matters involving the Port Authority and other coastal regulatory boards.
- F. STREETS AND UTILITIES:** All matters relating to streets, construction, maintenance or improvement or repair, sidewalks, utilities, utility projects, street and sewer cleaning, matters involving waste and refuse collection services, sewage disposal, snow/leaf removal, drainage, sewers, water/water distribution, assessments; and matters of water and air pollution.

#### **RULE 11 - Committee Meetings**

A majority of members of the committee in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only members of the Committee shall have voting power on motions of recommendation put before the Committee. Every attempt shall be made to hold committee meetings on the second and fourth (or fifth) Mondays. The date and subject for all meetings shall be set and announced at regular and/or special meetings of Council by the committee chairman or by a majority of members of the specified committee (unless deemed an emergency by the Chairman and/or majority of committee members).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Anyone wishing to speak must state their name for the record; address, optional. Must leave contact information with Clerk's office if wishing for Elected Officials to reach out after. Comments shall not exceed two (2) minutes.

Attendance of any City Official, Department Head or other city employee may be required requested by the Chairperson to properly dispose of the matter under consideration. In the event the Chairman is absent the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

#### **RULE 12 - Committee Reports**

Committee reports are recommendations from said committee and shall be prepared in writing by the Clerk of Council and placed on the next agenda for consideration by the full Council for reading and receipt into the official record.

#### **RULE 12 -a - Council Work Session (CWS)**

A Council Work Session (CWS) shall be a meeting open to the public and conducted for the purpose of obtaining information related to the publically announced subject of the CWS.

Council Work Sessions (CWS) may be called by the President of Council and/or any three (3) members of the legislative authority. If a CWS is called by the President of Council, he (or in his absence the President Pro Tempore) shall chair the CWS. If called by three (3) members of the legislative authority, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior council member or the chairman of the related committee subject matter.

The chairperson shall invite all participants and guests and from time-to-time may allow for tours of facilities, permit special presentations and/or invite individuals or experts to address topics regarding the subject matter of the CWS. Public notice of the date, time and subject of all CWS shall be provided for in accordance with state statutes and the rules of Council shall be observed at all times.

There shall be no comments from the general public permitted during a CWS. The Clerk shall provide an overview and summary of CWS, which shall serve as the minutes of the session.

**RULE 13 – Reports from Directors**

Directors and Elected Officials are required to issue reports to Council *annually* and in a timely manner. The Clerk will keep records on all matters referred to Directors, Boards and Commissions for follow up purposes.

**RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURE, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES**

**RULE 14 - Opening Procedures**

The President shall call the meeting to order and follow the order of business as listed below on the agenda. In the absence of the President, the President Pro-Tempore shall preside. In the event that the President and President Pro-Tempore are absent and a quorum is present, Council shall designate a member to preside until the President or President Pro-Tempore arrives.

**RULE 15 – Quorum**

A majority of Council members elected shall be considered a quorum to conduct business.

**RULE 16 – Order of Business**

The business of all regular meetings of the Council shall be transacted in the following order:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Minutes from Previous Meeting
4. Correspondence/Reports from Directors, Boards and Commissions and other Governmental Agencies
5. Public Comments (20 minute maximum)
6. Committee Reports
7. Ordinances & Resolutions (First, Second, Third Readings)
8. Committee Calls
9. Adjournment

\*The President of Council may permit matters to be introduced out of the regular order of business for good cause at any time.

\*Presentations and commendations shall be included on the Council agenda upon approval of the Presiding Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:**

\*(item 8 – Rule 16)

- a. A 20 minute maximum time is set aside for public comments.
- b. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes (unless extended by Council)
- c. Speakers must sign up prior to commencement of the meeting.
- d. Speakers must provide their name, address (contact information) and topic they wish to comment on, on provided sign in sheet.
- e. Speakers are called up on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- f. ~~Speakers will engage their comments through the Chair. in civil discussion through the chair and refrain from personal attacks. Violations will result in removal from the Chamber.~~
- g. The Council President reserves the right to rule comments dilatory at all times.
- h. Speakers are encouraged to use their time to comment or ask for clarification on agenda items, report concerns, make a suggestion or announcement of community events and should not expect debate or any discussion on the topic.
- i. Individuals may only sign up to speak once per meeting.

**RULE 17 – Roll Call of Council**

Every member shall be in his seat at the time of Roll Call; otherwise, he shall not be recorded as present. The Clerk shall record the names of the members present and absent in the minutes.

**RULE 18 – Absences/Pay Schedule**

The legislative authority shall, by ordinance, fix the salaries of its members which shall be paid in equal monthly installments. For each absence from a regular meeting of the legislative authority, unless authorized or excused by a two-thirds vote (8) of all members elected thereof, there shall be deducted a sum equal to two percent (2%) of such annual salary. Absence for ten successive regular meetings shall operate to vacate a seat of a member unless such absence is authorized by the legislative authority.

**RULE 19 - Voting by Roll Call**

A roll call vote will be required on all Ordinances, Resolutions, and when so ordered by the Presiding Officer or a majority vote of the legislative body and recorded in the **official minutes**.

**RULE 20 – Precedence of Motions**

When a question is before the Council, the Chair shall refer to the precedence of motions in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

**RULE 21 – Duty to Vote**

Every member present shall vote on all questions upon the call for the vote unless a conflict of interest is present under applicable statutes and Ethics Opinions.

**RULE 22 - Speaking**

When called upon by the Chair, no member shall be allowed to speak for a period of longer than (3) three minutes at any one time unless permission is granted by the Presiding Officer. No member shall speak more than once on the same matter until each member desiring to speak on the matter has had an opportunity to do so.

**RULE 23 - Right of the Floor**

When a member desires to address the Council, they shall request permission from the Presiding Officer. Upon receipt of permission, he shall confine his remarks to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning upon the motive of any other member's argument or vote.

**RULE 24 - Right of Appeal**

Any member may appeal to the Council any ruling of the Presiding Officer. If an appeal is moved and seconded, the member making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the appeal and then the Presiding Officer may briefly explain his ruling. There shall be no debate on an appeal and no other members shall speak. The Presiding Officer shall then state, "Shall the decision of the Chair be upheld?" If only a majority vote is received, the ruling of the Chair shall stand.

**RULE 25 - Amendments**

It shall be in order to amend an Ordinance or Resolution at any time. If amended by an affirmative majority vote of all members elected during a Third Reading, the matter shall revert back to a Second Reading for further and final action

**RULE 26 - Reconsideration**

After the decision on any question, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider any action prior to the adjournment of the current meeting. A motion to reconsider shall require the same number of votes required to adopt an ordinance or resolution. After the motion to reconsider has been acted upon, no other motion for reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent.

- a.) The initial vote determines whether to reconsider the prior action and,
- b.) If passed by a majority of members elected, the motion the body wishes to reconsider shall again be placed before the legislative authority for discussion and a vote after being restated by the Chair.

**RULE 27 - Attendance Requested**

The Mayor, Safety/Service Director, Law Director, Auditor and Treasurer, or their designee and/or any other Sub-Department Heads requested by Council, **if in attendance**, shall answer questions from Council relating to matters of the city under their respective supervision. The Mayor and his Directors may participate in the discussion of all questions before the Council upon invitation by the body.

**RULE 28 - Reports of City Officers**

All Ordinances, Resolutions and communications pertaining to matters that come under the supervision and control of the Mayor and Directors shall, in addition to being referred to the proper committees, also be referred to such respective Administrative Officers for recommendation. All reports from City Officers suggesting or recommending action by Council, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, shall be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

**RULE 29 – Reserved For Future Rule**

**RULE 30 – To Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order unless the Council is engaged in voting.

**RULE 31 – Requests for Public Records**

Public record requests will be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during business hours of the Clerk of Council Office. Such requests may first be forwarded to the Law Director’s Office for review in order to ensure information protected by Federal and/or State law is not disclosed.

Public record requests shall be accommodated as soon as practicable based upon the volume and nature of the requested material and the completion of the legal review, if necessary. Copies of public records shall be provided at a charge of 5¢ per page after the first five pages and the cost shall be paid in advance. A copy of the public record may be transmitted through the United States mail provided the individual making such request pay costs associated with the mailing in advance. A copy of the public records policy is posted and available in the Clerk’s Office.

**RULE 32 - Audio/Video Recordings of Council Meetings**

The Clerk of Council shall be the custodian of all audio and video recordings housed on city-owned equipment and software installed in the Council Chamber and shall be considered the official custodian of said records and kept in compliance with the Records Retention schedule approved by the Records Commission and retained on file in the Clerk of Council office. Any subsequent recordings and/or reproductions from other sources shall not be retained or supported by the City Council Office.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RULE 33 – Introduction**

All legislation shall be introduced by members of Council present with their names endorsed thereon. The Law Director, or his assistant, shall approve all proposed general legislation to be in the manner prescribed by law prior to submission to the Clerk of Council for placement on the appropriate agenda.

Submission of agenda items for regular and special meetings shall be automatically forwarded to all designated officials in the approved

routing maps contained in the agenda software system. Should a recipient of an agenda item fail to act by either returning the item for corrections and/or is unresponsive, unavailable or not in agreement with the legislative content, the Clerk shall, after due notice forward the item on to the next location designated on the routing map and notate the action on the agenda.

*(The intent of the review/approval process is to provide accuracy and accountability to members of the legislative authority by verifying that each level of authority has been provided with the opportunity to review items prior to council consideration. In no way shall non-approval or lack of action on any agenda item submitted for Council's consideration result in its omission or placement on the next regularly scheduled agenda.)*

Submission of agenda items for regular meetings shall be submitted into Agenda software by 5:00pm on the Wednesday before a Regular Meeting (unless deemed necessary to change by the Council Clerk). Emergency items submitted after publication of the agenda on the city's website shall follow the same requirements as above along a motion from the floor, duly supported, and receive an affirmative vote of three-quarters affirmative vote (9) of council members elected to officially add the item to the agenda for consideration.

Agendas, packets, minutes and notifications are accessible to the legislative body and general public electronically via the city's website and designated as the approved method by which the body receives information and notifications associated with O.R.C. 121.22 and other related sections. Members of the public wishing to receive agendas are encouraged to utilize the "Subscribe" button on the Lorain City Council Agendas & Minutes website.

#### **RULE 34 – Form of Ordinances and Resolutions**

The enacting clause of all Ordinances shall read, "Now, therefore be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio." The enacting clause for Resolutions shall read, "Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio."

All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be typewritten in 12 point font and in a format provided for by the Clerk to retain uniformity. No ordinance, resolution or sections thereof shall be revised or amended unless the new legislation contains the entire ordinance, resolution or section being revised or amended and the original resolution or ordinance shall be repealed.

#### **RULE 35 – Three Readings**

No Ordinance or Resolution shall be passed until it has been read on three (3) separate days in accordance with O.R.C. 731.17, unless the statutory requirement has been dispensed with by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the legislative authority. All Ordinances and Resolutions may be read by caption only provided all members have copies.

#### **RULE 36 - Emergency Legislation**

If an emergency Ordinance or Resolution fails to receive a two-thirds affirmative vote, the emergency clause has no force and effect. However, provided the ordinance or resolution receives the statutory number of affirmative votes required for passage, the Ordinance or Resolution shall be deemed approved and become effective at the earliest period provided by law.

**RULE 37 – Appropriation Ordinances**

Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of the appropriation and contain a brief description of the transaction. No money shall be appropriated unless by ordinance.

**RULE 38 – Legislation with Fiscal Impact**

All legislation presented to Council having a financial impact (as either revenue or an expenditure) to any city fund shall be required to select the appropriate agenda template upon submission into the agenda automation software and include the detail (or estimate) required for review by the Auditor’s Office for review.

**RULE 39 - Passage or Adoption**

All Ordinances, Resolutions, and Rules of Council shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of Council members elected, unless the law requires a greater number. A roll call vote is required and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES**

**RULE 40 – Violations of Council Rules**

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, violates any of these rules, the President shall, or any member may call him to order. The question of order shall be decided immediately and without debate.

**RULE 41- Other Rules/Council Chamber**

- Except as provided herein, the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of Council.
- It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to comprehend and enforce such rules together with the rules herein set forth.
- No person, other than members of Lorain City Council, staff or other city official shall enter the designated area beyond the bar of the chamber assigned to the Elected Officials **at anytime.**
- A space shall be designated in the Council Chamber as “Reserved for the Media” and shall be used only by the media in attendance for that purpose.
- **The Clerk of Council shall provide summary minutes of all Regular, Committee, Public Hearing and Work Session Meetings**
- **In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Council Members, or their designee, shall attend the Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Law Training.**

**RULE 42 – Conduct**

All members of the legislative body shall conduct themselves with decorum (appropriateness and propriety of behavior, conduct or

appearance, following Council Rules) at all times while in the confines of the Council Chamber. This includes and extends to regular city council meetings, work sessions, committee meetings public hearings and executive sessions; et al. Proper business attire shall be worn at all regular meetings of Lorain City Council. Jeans, work uniforms or athletic attire are not considered appropriate business attire, and the wearing of the same shall result in a member being subject to a reprimand by the Presiding Officer.

~~Profanity insults, threatening language, racial, ethnic or gender slurs or epithets and rude or~~ Threatening conduct will not be tolerated. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the meeting immediately by the Presiding Officer.

Upon the concurrence of a majority vote of legislative body, the first act of a violation of Council Rule 40 by a member of Council shall result in the offending member receiving a verbal and written warning from the Presiding Officer detailing the infraction. This written warning shall be read into the record at the next regular meeting. In addition, and with the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative authority, the member may be expelled for the remainder of the meeting after having been notified of the violation(s) against him or her via the verbal warning. The member violating Rule 40 will be provided with an opportunity to address the verbal and written warning against them at the next regular council meeting.

Any subsequent violation of Council Rule 40 during the current term, upon the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative body, shall result in a 1/12 reduction of annual salary of the offending member. In addition, the member(s) in violation may be removed as chairperson and/or vice chairperson of any council committee for a period of time specified upon a 2/3 vote of all members elected.

Comments or outburst from the general public that result in disruption of a public meeting or that are intended as personal attacks/insults on any attendee shall not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the chamber and/or meeting by the Presiding Officer for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **RULE 43 - Amendments to Council Rules**

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members elected in the affirmative to during any regular or special meeting of Council. All amendments or new rules adopted by the Council shall be attached to this resolution.

#### **RULE 44 - Suspension of Council Rules**

These rules, where not precluded by state statutes, may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Council by a concurrent vote of the majority of all members elected. The motion shall clearly state which rule is requested for suspension and the vote shall be taken by roll call with the results recorded in the minutes.

#### **RULE 45- Use of Electronic Devices**

(1) Use of City Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall be provided a City owned personal laptop or tablet and a city owned cell phone.

(b) Members of City Council shall endeavor at all times to use City owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(c) Upon termination from his/her elected office, a Council person shall, without delay, return city owned electronic devices to the Clerk of Council.

(2) Use of Privately Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall endeavor to avoid the use of privately owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(b) Members of City Council who issue or receive electronic messages which document the functions of his/her public office shall do the following:

(1) Retain such electronic messages in accordance with the City Council Records Retention Schedule; and,

(2) Forward such electronic messages to the corresponding City owned cell phone, personal laptop or tablet.

**RULE 46- Electronic Devices to Transmit Meetings Prohibited**

City Council members shall not use any electronic device to transmit the conduct of a meeting of Council or any committee thereof or any public meeting conducted as a function of any office of City government.

**RULE 47- In accordance with ORC Section 2917.12- Disturbing a Lawful Meeting**

(A) No person, with purpose to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, shall do either of the following:

(1) Do any act which obstructs or interferes with the due conduct of such meeting, procession, or gathering;

(2) Make any utterance, gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disturbing a lawful meeting. Except as otherwise provided in this division, disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the first degree if either of the following applies:

(1) The violation is committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet any assemblage of people met for religious worship at a tax-exempt place of worship, regardless of whether the conduct is within the place at which the assemblage is held or is on the property on

which that place is located and disturbs the order and solemnity of the assemblage.

(2) The violation is committed with the intent to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering of people for religious worship, through use of a computer, computer system, telecommunications device, or other electronic device or system, or in any other manner.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Computer," "computer system," and "telecommunications device" have the same meanings as in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Virtual meeting or gathering" means a meeting or gathering by interactive video conference or teleconference, or by a combination thereof.

**SECTION II.**

That Resolution No. 1-20 and all other Ordinances, Resolutions, and by-laws in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

**SECTION III.**

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted 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 in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION IV.**

That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of which is to adopt rules for the conduct of all meetings of the Council commencing with the first meeting in January following the General Election in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lorain; therefore, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

3. b.

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

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### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

President Arredondo's Standing Committee recommendations and appointment to the Tax Incentive Review Board.

### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Concur with the committee recommendations.

We recommend to council

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### Attachments

Committee Recommendations

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### Form Review

Form Started By: Breanna Dull  
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## 2026-2027 Standing Committee List

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### **Building & Lands**

Mary Springowski, Chairperson  
Victoria Kempton, Vice-Chairperson  
Tony Dimacchia  
Jeff Bearer  
Sabrina Gonzalez

### **Federal Programs**

Mitchell Fallis, Chairperson  
Angel Arroyo, Vice-Chairperson  
Pam Carter  
Victoria Kempton  
Sabrina Gonzalez

### **Finance**

Pam Carter, Chairperson  
Mary Springowski, Vice-Chairperson  
Jeff Bearer  
Mitchell Fallis  
Sabrina Gonzalez

### **Parks & Recreation**

Victoria Kempton, Chairperson  
Pam Carter, Vice- Chairperson  
Angel Arroyo  
Andy Drwal  
Eileen Torres

### **Police /Fire & Legislative**

Tony Dimacchia, Chairperson  
Andy Drwal, Vice- Chairperson  
Mary Springowski  
Angel Arroyo  
Eileen Torres

### **Streets & Utilities**

Josh Thornsberry - Chairperson  
Tony Dimacchia, Vice- Chairperson  
Mitchell Fallis  
Andy Drwal  
Eileen Torres

As of: January 5, 2026



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### **City Council Regular Meeting**

**3. c.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

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### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

Nominations/election for the position of President Pro Tempore.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

We recommend to council

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### **Form Review**

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## CITY OF LORAIN

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### **City Council Regular Meeting**

**3. d.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

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### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

Nominations/appointment of the Clerk of Council & Deputy Clerk of Council for the 2026-2027 term of Council.

### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

We recommend to council

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### **Form Review**

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**City Council Regular Meeting**

**4. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

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**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Administration only**

December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

We recommend to council

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**Attachments**

Minutes

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**Form Review**

Form Started By: Breanna Dull  
Final Approval Date: 12/31/2025

Started On: 12/31/2025 11:37 AM

Chaplain Sylvia DuVall led council in the prayer and President Pro-Tem Dimacchia led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the regular meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

ABSENT - 2 Mr. Thornsberry, President Arredondo.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Henley, to excuse the absent members. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

a.) December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. DuVall, 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 a values statement.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: You may be wondering why I would propose a values statement for the City of Lorain, I was at a conference a few weeks ago and I was with about 200 mayors, one of the mayors brought up the fact that she had done a values statement after there was a tragedy in here community, and asked some of the mayors if they had values statements in their community. I was not able to raise my hand, but I came back from the conference and I thought, maybe we do need to have a values statement. Now with the shooting in Providence, Rhode Island, I was there with Brett Smiley, one of the mayors that was there with us, and the massacre at Bondi Beach in Australia, and our own President, making insensitive remarks about Rob Reiner and his wife and I think we forget about values sometimes so I am going to read this statement because I think it is important to read it out loud. We are going to have it posted here at City Hall, because I think that it is important for all of us to realize that we as members of the administration and also members of the executive branch, and also members of the legislative branch do have values and we believe in these values. (at this time Mayor Bradley read his statement) *At this time of year, I thought it would be appropriate to present to you a Values Statement. In Lorain, we should be guided by a simple but profound principle: every person has dignity, and every person belongs. As Mayor, I affirm that our city is strongest when we lead with integrity, listen with humility and, and govern with fairness. As a city, we must commit ourselves to: Respect every resident, visitor, business owner, and city employee. Ensure that no one is pushed to the margins because of race, religion, ethnicity, ability, identity, or economic circumstance. Earning trust through open communications and responsible stewardship of public resources. Remember that local government exists to solve problems, support families, and build opportunities for all. Courage, especially when decisions are difficult or when the easiest path is not the right one. Accountability, holding ourselves to the highest standards in conduct, ethics, and respect for the rule of law. Our strength has always come from a wide range of cultures, languages, and traditions that make Lorain one of the most diverse cities in Ohio. Free speech is a fundamental right – but hate that threatens, isolates, or dehumanizes is not who we are. Today and every day, I affirm: We will protect the dignity of our residents. We will confront hate swiftly, clearly, and without hesitation. We will support those targeted intimidation. We will create spaces for dialogue, understanding, and civic unity. We are a city of union workers, educators, small-business owners, veterans, artists, and families from every corner of the world. We know what it means to pull together. We know what it means to lift each other up. And we know that hate has no home here in Lorain. As we move forward, together we will continue to build a*

*Lorain that reflects our highest ideals. A city where opportunity grows, where compassion leads, and where every person is treated with dignity.*

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Mayor, please consider posting that on the city website as well, as I think that it is an excellent statement and not only is it a values statement, but it should be our mission statement.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Henley, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

- b.) Mayor Bradley's request for Council to approve the appointment of Kristen Massey to the Sewer and Water Advisory Board effective immediately through December 4, 2029. Moved by Ms. DuVall, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.: None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:**

- a.) Correspondence received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a D1, D3 permit transfer application received for Crystal Rock Inn located at 2215 E. 28<sup>th</sup> St., Lorain, from Tammy and Michael Losiewicz located at 2215 E 28<sup>th</sup> St. (6<sup>th</sup> Ward). Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the Board that no complaints have been received.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I had talked to the Police Department about this this morning, and they wanted to do a little bit more work on this matter before it was approved by council. Chief Failing was not there this morning, he wasn't able to be there, but Captain Thompson was there and he indicated to me that he would like to have a little bit more time before this was voted on by council. If you could give a little bit more time.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: I would like the Chief to touch base with me, not today, in the next... I ask for this to go on a 30-day \_\_\_\_ and we can touch base on this issue that the police are having.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to rescind motion, and request a 30-day extension. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC: None.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Clerk Dull announced that there are no members of the public signed up to speak this evening.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a.) The Police, Fire and Legislative Committee met on Monday, December 8th to discuss a proposed ordinance amending Ord. 266-74 which establishes 509.12 - Curfew - of Chapter 509 of the codified ordinances. The committee recommended amendments be made to the proposed legislation by the Law Department and the matter was referred back to council for consideration. Also, the committee discussed the Rules of Council and the City Council Agenda. The committee referred the item back to council for consideration once all updates and amendments have been made. Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**

Resolution 29-25 a.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, a resolution recognizing and commending Joanne Moon for outstanding public service as a member of Lorain City Council. Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

- Moved by Mr. , supported by Mrs., to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.  
*At this time, Mrs. Carter presented the resolution to Ms. Moon.*
- Resolution 30-25 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution recognizing and commending Beth Henley for outstanding public service as a member of Lorain City Council.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. DuVall, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.  
*At this time, Mrs. Springowski presented the resolution to Mrs. Henley.*
- Resolution 31-25 c.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, a resolution recognizing and commending Dan Nutt for outstanding public service as a member of Lorain City Council.  
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.  
*At this time, Mr. Dimacchia presented the resolution to Mr. Nutt.*
- Resolution 32-25 d.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, a resolution recognizing and commending Sylvia DuVall for outstanding public service as a member of Lorain City Council.  
Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Henley, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Henley, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.  
*At this time, Mr. Arroyo presented the resolution to Ms. DuVall.*
- Resolution 33-25 e.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, a resolution recognizing and commending Mary Spellacy for outstanding public service as a member of Lorain City Council.  
Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Ms. DuVall, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.  
*At this time, Ms. Kempton presented the resolution to Ms. Spellacy.*

Resolution 34-25 f.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, a resolution recognizing the month of December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in the City of Lorain.  
 Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 35-25 g.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, a resolution concurring with the proposed subdivision of city owned property at Permanent Parcel No. 02-02-028-105-001, for the future development of single-family dwellings.  
 Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Ordinance 187-25 h.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Lorain Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.  
 Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Ms. DuVall, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I think that it would be good to let the citizens know that this is something the city has to do. It is an expenditure of around \$7,000 but it is necessary and it is required. Just so citizens know there are bills that maybe you don't know why they are there, but they are required for the city.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 188-25 i.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, an ordinance repealing ordinance no. 266-74 Chapter 509.12 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances and adopting new Chapter 509.12 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: I wanted to first, apologize, I was stuck in the warm weather last week and in Florida, I was trying to watch the meeting that was going on, but the reason that I asked for this, as we continue to fight for our citizens and the safety for our youth, I was going over some of the things that might assist with addressing this and the curfew was one of them. I know I have reached out to the Chief a few times with juveniles, 12, 13 years old at 9:00pm, 10:00pm on the streets on my side of the town causing havoc. I looked at the ordinances and looked

at the information that was presented by the Police Department and I thought 12:30am was too late, and I think 10:30pm is going to be, at least a step in the right direction with pushing forward to try to keep our youth off the street, and now trying to hold the parents accountable if its continuing going forward. It is not just the city elected officials' responsibility, but it's the citizens as a whole, our responsibility. South Lorain has always been known as the neighbors take care of each other and this is a step that I ask you guys to pass.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: I have actually had people that have reached out to me asking for this because they have been fearful of some of the activity of some of our younger people, and they think that this is something that is going to start to address it. They were appreciative of it.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: For the record, for a point of clarification, the time starts at 11pm, not 10:30pm.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: I just wanted to say, I do think this will make a positive impact as well, but I did have a couple quick questions about some of the verbiage in... I believe it is under C, item 1, where it says, the following shall constitute valid exceptions to the provisions, item 1, just a little clarification there, it says when the minor is 21 and is accompanied by a natural or adoptive parent, how is a minor 21? That was confusing.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: It should be 18.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: So, we need to amend that to be 18? Does that sound good?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: We can take it to a second reading or amend it.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Amend by substitution?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: It is Mr. Arroyo's choice. It is his legislation.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: I would make a motion to amend it.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Perfect, thank you sir. And then just one more real quick, and I apologize I wasn't able to call earlier and get some clarification on this. Item 4, when you read, it does say... information, informing the division of the time such event... the sponsoring organization shall register the event with the Police Department at least 24 hours in advance. Is there a certain protocol for that? Or is it, they can just call in, let PD know? I don't want kids to randomly get into issues if an event sponsor forgot to notify PD within 24 hours for that.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Point of order, we have a motion on the floor to amend, and it needs a second.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: He didn't get to make that motion because I was still speaking.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: My mistake, I apologize.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Thank you, no, we will get there, absolutely.

MAYOR BRADLEY: An amendment to make it under the age of 18...

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Sure. Yes. But then the current question, if we could, is there a way in which, or a protocol, for an organization or a sponsor of an organized event to notify PD within that 24 hours just in case, so kids aren't accidentally getting into an issue or if that sponsor of that organization does not notify PD, are we able to have a work around for that?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: Chief Failing or Captain Morris, do we have a process...

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Or we can work on it later?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: I am assuming we will establish that process.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Just trying to get some clarification, just in case somebody doesn't notify the police, I don't want that to become an issue for an event in the city, where some kids might be coming home a little late. As long as there is something there that we are going to set up, I just want to make sure that happens.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: In my notes from the last council meeting, there was discussion about if we did find somebody out, without their... the 21-year-old, we went to their house and the parents say, 'oh yeah, I gave them permission.' One of the things that we had talked about was written permission for that child to be under... and I am just wondering, are we letting that go, or is that something that we are still concerned about, that the parent may just say, oh yeah, I had him.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: Does anybody from the administration have an answer?

MAYOR BRADLEY: That was my suggestion, that it be in writing, so if you want to... a second amendment would be after the word, who is duly authorized, in writing, to have custody of the minor, by the minor's parent or legal guardian.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: Can that be part of the... I will make that motion.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: We don't have a motion yet.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend the ordinance by changing the age from 21 to under 18.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance is amended.

Moved by Ms. DuVall, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend the ordinance, by adding the words in writing.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance is amended.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance, with both amendments.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously, as amended.

Ordinance 189-25

j.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award of the 2026 Safety First Grant, from Norfolk Southern and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: For informational purposes, I was able to ask a few questions about that and those additional funds going for this item are coming from the LETF, which I believe are the... the Law Enforcement Trust Funds, so that is where those funds are coming from, they are not coming out of the General Fund. I think that will be very useful and helpful for our Police Department.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I had a question about how many of the incidents, it talked about safety during rail incidents, how many of those have we had in Lorain?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: We are not quite sure of the numbers, but we can certainly find out through our Police Department and also with the railroad.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 190-25

k.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of 10 (ten) L3 Harris Radios through the State Of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program without bid, pursuant

to Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04, not to exceed forty-six thousand, four hundred sixty-six dollars (\$46,466.00) and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 191-25

1.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Clerk of Court to accept a grant from the Ohio Attorney General to fund the implementation of Integrated Electronic Reporting of Dispositions to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and execute all necessary documents associated to its award and declaring it an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I believe last year, we were directed that every court system had to report who came in and who came out, we had to get software for that. Is this software different than that? Or is it compatible with that, or is there any change? Do we have to have training on that? What is the cost to the city?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: I don't see anybody here from the courts, however, we can relay that question onto them and get you that answer. I don't have a better answer this evening for you.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I just wondered, the courts had submitted a tentative budget, and so if this is a big expense over that, I wondered if they are already paying some contingency things. Nobody knows?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: No, they are not here.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: My understanding of this is that the court will fund the upkeep for the software, I believe, I am trying to search for it now, I think the total for... I thought it was a 5-year period was \$49,000, I am assuming it is \$6,000 for the upkeep, but I am trying to find that, it is in the accompanying documentation, and this is for submitting to the state, which they currently mail in those documents. It is not exactly the software that runs the day to day, it is for inputting the dispositions and various information to the Ohio Attorney General. That is my understanding.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I was just assuming that they are asking \_\_\_ software for that and...

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Your mic is not on.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I did read that they were going to fund it for a while, I just wondered if everything is synchronized so that we don't have any walls between our communications.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: In the executive summary, it does state that the project... the cost associated with this project will be averaging around \$9,740 per year, for five years. I don't know if that helps you.

MAYOR BRADLEY: The executive summary from the court indicates that this is an upgrade of the current system that they have. I guess this is going to upgrade their reporting, that is required, to the State of Ohio. They were all going to have to assume the cost of maintenance and upkeep, which is going to be an additional \$9,740 per year. There is money appropriated out of the General Fund for the upkeep and maintenance, but this actually helps them pay for the upgrade to the system to better report this information to the State of Ohio.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: It should also be noted that any type of expenditures, \_\_\_\_ equipment, platforms, software, those are all vetted also through our IT Department to assure that there is compatibility, to assure that issues with firewalls are not... will not impact one program over the next. All of the information, whether it be elected officials or not, \_\_\_\_ good report with IT Director to make sure that everything syncs.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 192-25 m.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to accept the donation of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Second Harvest Food Bank 'Harvest for Hunger' Program from Brilliant Source Cares.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 193-25 n.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with Coldwater Consulting, LLC, for professional services related to the Black River Dredge Material Reuse Facility – 2026 Facility Management.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 194-25 o.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance amending ordinance 127-25, and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 195-25 p.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into an agreement for the acquisition of real property and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo.

NAYS- 1 Ms. Spellacy. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I'd just ask Council to look at the third whereas, it indicates the address is 1069 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street, it needs to be amended to Place. It is also... the purchase agreement, the same thing, the third paragraph needs to be Place instead of Street.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Ms. Spellacy, to refer the matter to committee.

AYES- 4 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Kempton, Spellacy.

NAYS- 6 Messrs. Springowski, Henley, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo. The motion to refer to committee is defeated.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: On paragraph six, concerning utilities in the purchase contract, I was curious as to perhaps why, maybe I am just not understanding the verbiage there, why there is not like a whole \_\_\_\_ for water and sewer fees just in case the city does get stuck with those fees at time of transfer. Also, I do believe it states about the second to last paragraph, buyer shall be liable for all unpaid utility charges that have been incurred during their occupancy of the property, which obviously makes sense, but that would be after transfer. Then it goes on to say, including but not limited to any utility charges that have or may hereafter accrue prior to actual transfer of the title of the property to buyer. Does that mean that once this is signed, the city could potentially have to take care of some of the unpaid utilities? Because it says including and then prior... before the transfer. Am I just misunderstanding?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: The ordinance, as it's written, provides for my authority to make modifications to the document prior to closing. As late as this morning, Safety/Service Director Carrion and I have addressed the issue of utilities with the perspective buyer. For your information, there is a sum of \$2000 or more, unpaid water bill there. You can be assured that the closing will also require that monies be held back, as we discussed with the buyer this morning, all utilities including the amounts owed to the City of Lorain. That issue, I am glad you brought it to the public's attention but it has been addressed and I will make those modifications accordingly.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Thank you, sir, I appreciate that. Also, I do support that this does pass, I think there were some questions, some concerns perhaps from some of the council members and possibly future council members concerning this, but no one had signed up for statements or what not, so I know obviously it was defeated to send it to subcommittee, but at this time, my understanding is that there is that support, so I would make the move for passage if there is no other comments. I want to make sure that that's...

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: I am going to need a motion to amend it though.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: I will. Just in case, after, there are any other comments, sir.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to amend the ordinance, correcting the address from Street to Place.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance is amended.

MAYOR BRADLEY: I just want to remind everyone that we had five properties in Lorain that were hotspots, and four of those properties were addressed by the Law Department, where they were going to file for nuisance on those properties. They contacted the owners of those properties, because they were rental properties, all four owners agreed to evict the tenants, so we didn't have to file a lawsuit. This was the only property of the five that was an owner-occupied property. This matter was discussed by council in committee, and it was my understanding that because of a Town Hall that was held on this particular property several years ago, because there had been numerous shootings, numerous drug transactions, the neighbors... one neighbor actually said that her husband had to like crawl on his hands and knees to

get into his vehicle because he was so afraid of being shot. That is how often gunfire was taking place at this residence. This was the fifth, and I think in a category of one of the worst, and so our solution was get out of dodge. Our Law Department was able to accomplish that and hopefully we are eliminating a problem because this family is no longer going to be living in the City of Lorain, they are moving to, I think, Kentucky. This is good for the city, this is good for the residents in that area, I think it is going to help them increase their property values, it is a very nice area of the City of Lorain that needs to be safe for our citizens. We are not going to do this... this is not a regular thing, this is like a one-shot deal, and I think it is warranted in this particular case.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the ordinance, as amended.  
AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously, as amended.

Ordinance 196-25 q.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to purchase gasoline, fuel, oil, and other petroleum products all needed for various city departments as listed in Section 1, through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program, or from a vendor whose pricing is at or below Ohio State term pricing, without bid, pursuant to ORC section 735.053, commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: MAYOR BRADLEY: I read in the newspaper all the time about county offices giving back money to the county commissioners, well, our departments do give money back occasionally, to the General Fund and this is one of those cases where because gas prices went down, the amount of money that was budgeted last year in 2025 for petroleum products, actually was under what was budgeted. Lori Garcia informed me this morning at the manager's meeting that she is actually giving money back. Hopefully gas prices continue to be down, she will be able to do that again next year. This is a yearly expense, but we get money back too. I wanted you to know.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 197-25 r.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance assessing the cost of abating nuisance by removing litter and deposit of garbage, rubbish, junk etc. during the current calendar year and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I noticed on that list there were a couple of duplicates, and that made me think, do we have LLCs or other corporations or things that are abusing the city's, or stretching the city's resources to cleaning up their property over and over and over again? I wondered if there was a way that if it is a person that constantly violates this and it has to be cleaned up by the city, of invoking the nuisance ordinance against them?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: That is something that we have discussed, looking for repeat offenders. So far in this program, this is a \_\_\_ program, we haven't seen many, even though you see some that are duplicate, it can

be a duplication based on the date when a cleanup was required, or in one particular case, two different properties under the same name. We are keeping a close look at that. Normally, through our Public Properties Department, if we see over the course of a year a particular group having three or four, that is when we start really looking at it with a closer eye. Those are things that we will certainly discuss, we can try to meet with our Law Department and determine at what threshold do we want to consider something kind of veering off into the nuisance area.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 198-25

s.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a one-year agreement with Clariti Cloud (USA), inc. (f.k.a. Camino Technologies, Inc.) for professional services and software implementation, and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: Is this the contract for the Building and Housing Department?

BHP DIRECTOR MATT KUSZNIR: Yes, it is.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: Since you are up there, at the mic, could you explain just a little bit of what this will accomplish for your department?

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: This software will allow the Building Division of the Building, Housing and Planning Department to do a lot more online processing of permit applications, annual licenses, electronic plan review, so it will really get the Building Division up into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in terms of how we operate as a department. It will definitely increase operational efficiencies, which is the entire goal. I could really dive into what it is going to do, but that in a nutshell is what we hope to accomplish with this.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: Always reminding the citizens that the people we have here at this building, are really, really working for their good.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 199-25

t.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance authorizing the City of Lorain to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement with Absolute Machine Tools Holdings and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Could we get a little more information on this specific \_\_\_? I understanding is that the investment being made, the \$1.8M, obviously we always appreciate any business investing in building the City of Lorain, that building is built and complete, and are they currently already operating within the facility with those 8... 12... 12 employees?

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: Yes, they are.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: With this, I just don't fully understand why we would want to use this mechanism, obviously this is something to incentivize individuals to obviously invest, to build, to come to the city, I am just not sure why it applies to

a district where they already are building, investing and coming into the city. I don't want to stifle business, obviously that is not my goal, just what I am trying to ask, can you sell me on this? I am not sure if I see the need for if it is already built, already running and already employing the individuals to then give them this tax.

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: In addition to the idea that this is an incentive that we provide any kind of expansion, whether it is industry or any kind of commercial building, we do want to build the City of Lorain, what do \_\_\_ establish ourselves to have \_\_\_ the reputation that we are easy to do business with and also that when you come to the City of Lorain, we can offer a variety of incentives to encourage economic development and any kind of investment into the city. That in a nutshell, in addition to the additional \$1M of annual payroll that they are going to generate, we feel like it is more than warranted to provide this kind of incentive. I should note that Absolute Machine is eligible for a higher incentive for a longer term, but they have opted to go to the 50% threshold as opposed to the 100% threshold in an effort to be good partners, not only with the city, but with the Firelands School District, which is where the business is located. In maybe not so ordinary circumstances, I can see where you are coming from Councilman, but at the same time, given the fact that they have made the significant investment, they are bringing another \$1M of annual payroll that will come directly to the City of Lorain via income taxes and they are not asking for the full amount, it is something that we can definitely get behind.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Can I ask... like I said, this isn't a conversation to stifle investment in the City of Lorain, can I ask is there any fear, I guess, of losing this manufacturer in the City of Lorain, because the purpose of these questions, honestly, yes, we want to incentivize businesses to come here, but the business is already here and it is already operating, and it is already profitable, and is already willing to invest and to build, and to hire, yes, we want to do what we can to help them, but I feel like maybe some of those dollars could be used to attract new... do you see what I am saying? Is there...

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: The other side of that coin is we also want to retain that business in future years. We have seen, whether it is the City of Lorain, or the City of Elyria, we have seen businesses come and go. Whether they move to Avon or whether they move to Cuyahoga County, we want to make sure that when they do their next couple million-dollar expansion, that they do that here in the City of Lorain and they don't look elsewhere.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: Did they come to the city before plans were drawn up and approved for this, or after it was already done? I am curious.

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: They came to the city seeking the abatement while they are under construction.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: In the process?

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: Correct. During the process.

COUNCILMEMBER NUTT: They are at the 50%, not the 100%?

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: Correct.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 200-25 u.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance amending ordinance 76-24 exhibit "A", Section 6.1 establishing the compensation of the Auditor and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to amend to add the Treasurer and remove the emergency clause to the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the ordinance, as amended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously, as amended.
- Ordinance 201-25 v.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance transferring funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by ordinance #35-25 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.
- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 202-25 w.) Introduced by Mr. Nutt, an ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by ordinance #35-25 beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.
- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Nutt, supported by Ms. DuVall, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Springowski, Henley, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:**

- Withdrawn Ordinance a.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, an ordinance amending ordinance no. 266-74 which establishes Chapter 509.12 Curfew- of Chapter 509 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances.
- Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Ms. DuVall, to withdraw the item.
- AYES- 8 Messrs. Dimacchia, DuVall, Kempton, Carter, Nutt, Moon, Arroyo, Spellacy.
- NAYS- 2 Mrs. Springowski, Mrs. Henley. The ordinance is withdrawn.

**LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.**

**COMMITTEE CALLS: None.**

**MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:**

COUNCILMEMBER MOON: When is my last day that I can email people and when do I turn my phone in? I have until December 31<sup>st</sup> or is it December 15<sup>th</sup>? Also, on the curfew, how are we going to get that out into the community to let parents know? I have been talking to some of the students and letting them know

that they need to behave. Hopefully we can get that out into the community. When do I turn my phone in?

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM DIMACCHIA: Bre will send all of that information to you.

COUNCILMEMBER HENLEY: I just wanted once again to thank everyone and to wish everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and good health, and much happiness in the new year.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: I just want to say it has been an honor to serve with Ms. Moon, my road dog, I am going to miss you, you made it fun on council. Mr. Nutt and Ms. Spellacy, it has been an honor to serve with you too. Mrs. Henley, definitely been an honor to serve with you, you have been probably one of my biggest supporters outside of council. I appreciate you and wish you guys the best. As far as, I guess maybe a question for... maybe a solution for Ms. Moons question with the parents, Mr. Dimacchia, if maybe the schools are able just to send out a letter as they do for other stuff going on in the city, just to the parents, give it to the parents as a text message or what not, this is a new ordinance and go that way. As far as the city, I would like to first, I would like to give an appreciation for Kevin and the street workers, I have been on council previous and I got the complaints of why don't we plow the streets or why don't we do this street or that street, but I never took it upon myself to reach out to actually jump in the trucks. This past weekend I jumped in the truck with Kevin, one of the street workers, and I give them a lot of respect for what they do. I guess one of my concerns is, maybe moving forward, the parking ban, obviously I know that is going to be hard, but I know that we are really good at parades and towing vehicles on Broadway. One of the big things I have seen, one of the streets he went down there was probably 6" between two vehicles, it was a learning experience, I was able to post some of the pictures and videos, and a lot of the citizens actually started to see some of the obstacles that these men and women go through. Hopefully in the next parking ban we are able to actually enforce that so they are able to do their job, and any city vehicles that are taken home, that they also oblige and take those vehicles off the streets so they are not parked on the street. I think if we are able to do it with our city vehicles off the street, it will let the citizens know that they take their vehicles of the streets so our streets can be cleaned. If I am able to get a number of what it would cost the city, I know it has been probably about 20 years since they did all of the streets, one of the questions that I get all the time is, how come we don't salt all the streets. If I am able to get a number so I can give the constituents of what we actually spend on salt and how much more it would cost us, that would also educate them to understand why we don't do some of those side streets.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: I had some residents calling me today about all of the solicitations that they are getting with Brightspeed and other utility companies, even when they have no solicitation up on their doors or posted on their property. They are getting a lot, especially Brightspeed. We have had one person that called me today, said that in the last 90 days, he has been visited by Brightspeed no less than 7 times. He works from home, it has been very disruptive to him and they wanted to know, what are the rules with the city regarding this. I said I would bring it up tonight. I got the call later in the day. People do not want to have all of the solicitations.

COUNCILMEMBER DUVALL: I would like to thank the community for putting me in this seat for two years. It was an honor, and it was a learning experience. Again, I want to encourage everyone to continue to pray for our city and really respect the work that our elected officials and our departments do in the city. I also will tell you, I will be back, revisiting flashing lights crossing for Hawthorne, I will be back, and a couple of other places, especially on Leavitt Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Street, there is a lot of foot traffic there. I think that it is worthy of having a sign there, it is a little more than just stop sign. I do want to thank you for the bicycle lanes, that was a learning experience for me, in how citizens can complain about things, but I think it worked out very well and I want to commend the Building and Planning

for thinking about the future health of our community. I am leaving you all with my best wishes and that you do well, that you stay safe, you stay healthy and continue to do your hard jobs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Henley, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dimacchia, the meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

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MEMBER OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT PRO-

*Breanna Dull*

Clerk of Council

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## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

5. a.

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Alonna Lopez, Executive Assistant

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### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Correspondence from Mayor Bradley to Members of Council sharing the 2025 accomplishments and the 2026 goals of each department in the City of Lorain.

### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

We recommend to council

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### Attachments

Correspondence

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### Form Review

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# *The City of Lorain, Ohio*

## *Jack W. Bradley*

### *Mayor*

December 29, 2025

#### **2025 Accomplishments and 2026 Goals**

President of Council and Members of Lorain City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to report on the City's accomplishments in 2025 and to outline our goals for 2026. It is my honor to serve as the mayor of my hometown and to work alongside all of you and with our dedicated workers on behalf of the people of Lorain.

#### **2025: A Year of Progress and Resilience**

##### **1. Building Department**

Chief Building Official Dave Faciana prioritized organization of the department to make it more efficient, and this is ongoing. Building plans are being scanned and are submitted either by PDF or zip drive. The overall team in Building has been improved, and they are working together to accomplish the department's goals. Policies and procedures continued to be addressed including the demo board, rental registration, and high grass.

##### **2. Police Department**

2025 will be remembered for the tragedy that struck our community on July 24. Officers Peter Gale, Brent Payne, and Phillip P. Wagner were attacked in an ambush. Officer Wagner succumbed to his injuries in the line of duty. We honored his heroism citywide and proclaimed July 24 as Officer Phillip Wagner Day, and supported the memorial ceremony attended by thousands.

Our new Police Chief, Mike Failing, helped to complete the new dispatch center, and the dispatch staff was expanded to the highest level in 15 years.

Several employee wellness initiatives were launched reflecting an overall commitment to long-term health and resilience. Over 15 supervisors attended advanced training in professionalism and leadership. The patrol division implemented a new patrol guide to assist incoming employees in strengthening consistency and expectations.

Community engagement saw remarkable growth. The Community Unit doubled in size and tripled the number of community engagements.

##### **3. Engineering**

Our City Engineer Dale Vandersommen and his staff continued road work projects maximizing the use of available funding. The Longbrook/Yorktown project was completed; Edgewood is underway, and Tower Blvd. design work was completed.

The department worked with the Utilities Department on the construction process for the Sandy Springs Easement Interconnection project. Drafts were completed for utilities review regarding updates and revisions of ordinances on backflow prevention and cross-connection control. Lead service lines were monitored using the GSI system. Handheld GPS receivers were used for collection of field data and dashboards were developed for a quick view of informative data.

4. Department of Human Resources

H.R. Director Lori Kokoski worked with Assured Partners and Medical Mutual to increase prescription drug rebates. Rebates in 2022 were \$271,232 and have increased every year with 2025 hitting over \$550,000 in rebates.

Unemployment claims continued to be challenged to avoid the city paying claims for ineligible claimants. The city paid less than \$300 in unemployment claims in 2025. The Smart Shopper program was implemented, and employees are being rewarded for choosing less expensive procedures that resulted in savings to the city.

Exit interviews were also conducted with 83% of employees leaving the city indicating they liked the type of work they did. 75% thought they were paid fairly and 67% felt they had an opportunity for promotion and received adequate training to be successful. The interviews also indicated the city needed to improve communication within departments, and that ideas and suggestions from employees were not given adequate consideration.

5. Utilities Department

Utilities Director Joe Carbonaro's department issued construction notices on 3 wastewater pumping stations at Jaeger, Tacoma, and the Pearl Pump Station Projects. The department continued to monitor Water Works and Water Pollution Control Funds in 2025. The Water Works fund expenditure was below projections and revenue remained flat. Water Pollution Control Funds are seeing a deficit and will continue without an increase in revenue generation capabilities. Rates have remained at 2017-2018 levels despite inflation averaging 3.8% per year since 2020. This was a concern in 2025.

6. Housing and Planning

In 2025 Director Matt Kusznir and his department made significant progress in strengthening Lorain's zoning framework, delivered impactful housing and community development programs, modernized internal operations, and strengthened partnerships that support the city's long-term revitalization.

Policy, code, and regulatory improvements included major legislative and regulatory initiatives. Included were the rezoning reclassification for the Choice Neighborhood grant area, revision to the Short-Term Rental process, updating the zoning code to allow permanently sited manufactured homes, and expanded opportunities for infill housing. Internal policies and procedures were improved, the BHP webpage was updated, and Fair Housing training was completed.

Grant Awards from the Lorain County Land Bank helped to demolish several commercial structures. 13 essential home repairs, 3 HOME rehabilitations, 1 basement project, and 3 lead remediations were completed.

Partnerships were strengthened with the Choice Neighborhood Initiative, Food Forward Lorain, Habitat for Humanity, and other community organizations.

Significant strides were made in internal efficiency, digital transformation, and team cohesion. The department workspace was reorganized for improved functionality, and the 360 Business Loan Program has been transitioned to a digital format.

#### 7. Fire Department

Under Chief Chris Radman, the fire department in 2025 saw overtime down even though 2 firefighters were off duty for a substantial amount of time putting a strain on the overtime budget. Bringing dispatch as well as EMS in house were studied for future implementation. A new Administrative Assistant was hired and a new record keeping platform has been added to bring the department into the digital age and improve record keeping. The department worked with the Administration and Auditor to make sure compliance with record keeping is attained based upon recommendations from the State Auditor's office.

Staff and firefighting equipment have continued to be maintained. The department has worked with outside legal counsel to address PFAS concerns including gear, equipment, and fire department properties.

#### 8. Information Technology Department

I.T, Director Dave Comer, and his staff in 2025 saw the department install new hosts to stabilize the virtual environment. I.T. implemented new hardware in the new police dispatch center to ensure the center was fully functional. Based upon legislation passed by the Ohio Legislature, cyber security is currently being addressed and a fully implemented comprehensive security platform will be in place soon to ensure the City of Lorain is in compliance with House Bill 96 requirements.

#### 9. Parks and Recreation

Under Park Superintendent Mindy Stoyka, the department planted 100 trees in Oakwood Park and kicked off the Living Legacy tree planting campaign. In addition, the roads at Oakwood Park were repaved in conjunction with the Hispanic Veterans Memorial. Over half of the games for the Lorain County Hot Stove Softball Tournament were hosted in Lorain. Campana Park and the Pipeyard continued to provide a premier location for baseball and softball in N.E. Ohio.

Other accomplishments included the successful summer camp program with a 100% increase in attendance. Oakwood Pool continued to be a success and included the opening of the concession stand. Recreational programming continued to grow and the Move With the Mayor national program provided numerous opportunities for healthy lifestyle changes.

New dugouts were placed at Oakwood Park field number 4 and fences around the ballfields at Oakwood Park were repaired.

#### 10. Street Department

For 2025, Public Properties Manager Lori Garcia and her crew paved approximately 5.2 lane miles of city streets. 23 city blocks were milled and paved, and approximately 1500 linear feet of curbing were replaced. In total, 4400 tons of new asphalt was used to pave the 5.2 lane miles which includes the interior roads at Oakwood Park, in conjunction with the Ohio Hispanic Veteran's Memorial, and some of the interior roads at Elmwood Cemetery.

The new brine tank inserts and 8 trucks with brine systems were used to pretreat roads before snow and freezing events. This resulted in the use of less salt doing winter weather.

Training was an important goal in 2025. Training has enabled the department to have more well-rounded employees and an easier transition for employees who receive promotions.

72 trees were removed from Oakwood Park due to storm damage. Trees were also removed from Fire Station No. 3, and Water Distribution.

The department assisted other departments with temporary patches after repairs, helped with demolitions, did concrete work, and helped with the Hispanic Veterans Memorial. Work was done for the Lorain City Schools for 2 parking lot replacements. Paving was also done at Elmwood Cemetery, and signage was provided to Engineering for roadway projects.

#### 11. Chief of Staff

Rick Soto in 2025 completed the Food Truck Ordinance working with LFD, BHP, the Clerk of Council and Law. He continued to work on new Lexipol policies and completed the City Hall security system. As in prior years, the Chief of Staff coordinated the "Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day" event in our city. In addition, all employees were given the opportunity to complete ethics training as required. Finally, Rick assisted Lori Garcia and Mike Leopold with the city hall first floor south door replacement project.

#### 12. Safety Service

Safety Service Director Rey Carrion has been very mindful of the budget in 2025, and he saw a 5% reduction in expenses being reached for 2025. The Vacant Property Registry has been revamped, and enforcement has been a major goal. A new portal has been approved for the Fire Department, and a feasibility study has been started in the department with Kramer and Associates. To focus on economic development, McIntyre, and Associates, and The Montrose Group have been retained to address State and Federal Grant Opportunities. The Safety Service Director continued in 2025 to make Lorain one of the most customer-friendly cities in Ohio.

#### 13. Mayor

Discussions with steel industry partners continued in 2025 reflecting strong confidence in Lorain's workforce, port access, and utilities. While no final agreements have yet been reached, the renewed interest in steelmaking is itself a major positive signal for Lorain's long-term economic revival.

Our Black River Dredge Material Reuse Facility-- a first of its kind nationally—has completed its first cycle and positions Lorain at the forefront of Great Lakes innovation. The Broadway Commons project moved into advanced pre-development stages in 2025. The project—a \$20,000,000 investment in Lorain—is poised to become Lorain's most significant supportive housing project in decades.

2025 will be remembered for the tragedy that struck our community on July 24<sup>th</sup>. We have expanded our officer wellness initiatives, reviewed departmental safety protocols, and sought state resources to support police safety.

The city took a multi-faceted approach to youth crime and violence with implementation of neighborhood stabilization efforts and tougher ordinances passed to address crime in our community. Demolitions, code enforcement, and brownfield assessment and remediation have helped to improve properties and reinvestment areas.

The city continued to invest in our roads, water and sewer upgrades and improved public rights-of-way. Work with NOACA and ODOT advanced future corridor improvements and safety on our streets for traffic, pedestrians, and bikers.

Our youth, parks and quality of life were an important consideration in 2025. We were mindful that programming for our young people will strengthen our identity as a diverse and welcoming community.

In 2025, we saw both progress and heartbreak. We honored the sacrifice of Officer Phillip Wagner, continued transformational economic and environmental projects, and strengthened neighborhoods and public safety.

#### Strategic Priorities for 2026.

##### 1. Building Department

The Building Department intends to upgrade software for permit review and provide for permit payment online. The use of tablets will make field inspections more efficient. Processes and procedures within the department will continue to be improved. The department will continue to work with our residents and use a common-sense approach in addressing code enforcement issues. Inspectors will apply for and receive certification in residential and commercial inspections, international zoning requirements, plumbing certificates, and OSHA training. The goal is to grow the department and increase efficiency.

##### 2. Police Department

The department will have a renewed emphasis on community engagement and transparency. A full-time Police Support Specialist will be hired to revitalize the social media presence and improve communication with the public.

The department will work with the community to reestablish and expand the Block Watch Program. The department will strive to return neighborhoods to the residents who live there and reinforce shared responsibility of maintaining a safe and vibrant Lorain. Staff must be maintained at an average of 100 sworn officers. Adequate staff will allow the reinstatement of the Patrol Impact Team. The team will focus on identifying and disrupting violent and drug-related crime. The unit will work with landlords and property owners to remove drug dealers and criminal activity from rental properties. The overall goal for 2026 is to promote safer and more stable neighborhoods throughout our community.

3. Engineering Department

For 2026, the department will continue to maximize road work based upon available funding. Our engineers will continue to assist other departments with infrastructure improvements and capital projects. This will include updating the overall water work project priority list, the design of the water interconnection project, and the third year of the lead service line project. The GIS system will continue to be improved to assist with water service valve location enhancement, the development of offline map books for utilities, and tracking of lead line services. The engineering department has secured over \$60,000,000 of grant funding since 2000 and the staff will continue to pursue grant funding aggressively in 2026.

4. Department of Human Resources

Lori Kokoski will continue to manage our health care program working with Assured Partners and Medical Mutual to ensure our employees receive quality health care. The Smart Shopper program will assist with lowering the cost of claims and reward our employees for making smart choices regarding their health care.

By attending monthly safety meetings, the city will receive discounts on Workers Compensation premiums. Working with Minute Men, employees injured on the job will be encouraged to seek quality health care focusing on early and safe return to work.

Assistance to our employees will be emphasized again in 2026. The city has a robust Employee Assistance Program to assist employees and their families every day of the year. The program is paid for through the wellness funds provided by Medical Mutual. The flu shot program will continue and employees receiving an inoculation will receive a health gift from the city (paid for with wellness funds).

H.R. will continue to monitor inmate fees paid by the city and work with the Courts, Law, Clerk of Courts, and Prosecutors to ensure that incarcerated individuals are charged under State Statutes and not local ordinances to avoid the payment of large incarceration fees to the County Jail.

5. Housing and Planning Department

Under the direction of Matt Kuszniir, BHP hopes in 2026 to modernize operations, strengthen housing and community development outcomes, enhance customer service, and advance economic growth throughout the city. The goal for 2026 is to complete at

least 24 homes through the Essential Home Repair Program, 4 homes through the HOME Rehab Program, complete 11 basement foundation repairs through the Basement Foundation Program in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, construct two new owner-occupied infill homes with Habitat for Humanity, and remediate 5 homes with lead hazards.

The department will also launch the Down Payment Assistance Program and commence construction of a Non-Congregate Shelter in partnership with Neighborhood Alliance. The department is working with the county to submit the Welcome Home Ohio grant application to support housing in areas of need throughout the community.

For economic development efforts, the department intends to reestablish a dedicated Economic Development Fund, establish new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts, secure HUD Section 108 loan approval, advance the 360 Business Loan Program and support the submission of the Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant. The Urban Agriculture Plan and Playbook will be published, and citywide branding will be implemented.

Phase 1 of the Longfellow Skatepark will be executed with implementation of a fundraising plan for Phase 2. In addition, Phase 2 of the Pawlak Park improvements project will be completed.

The goals are both ambitious and comprehensive and aligned with the Administration's priorities.

#### 6. Utilities Department

Director of Utilities Joe Carbonaro is hoping to increase reliability and operations capabilities in 2026. This will be accomplished through upgrades and improvements at the Water Purification Plant and associated water towers and pumping stations. To address uncollected revenues (arrears and delinquencies), Utilities will use collection referrals, expand affordability programs, explore creative water and sewer rate creation, condense the delinquency schedule for shut offs, and enhance activities to target customers who are habitually delinquent in paying their bill. Finally, the SWAB Board and Council will be presented with a new schedule to increase revenues in the Water Pollution Control (sewer) fund.

#### 7. Fire Department

Chief Radman is planning on the transition of the department to a new reporting/scheduling software program to increase efficiency. He continues to work on improving radio communication with the county dispatch center and intends to explore bringing dispatch in house. Using the fire department boat, fire fighters will continue to train on water rescues and improve their ability to handle water emergencies.

#### 8. Information Technology Department

Dave Comer was given a big task in complying with the House Bill Cyber Security mandates. He will get a plan in place and continue to work on compliance with House mandates. To improve security, he plans on the implementation of a redundant internet

circuit along with a new web security system. 2026 will also see cooperation with the City Treasurer to implement an online tax return filing system.

9. Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mindy Stoyka will continue to improve equipment, daily operations, and maintenance of the city's numerous parks in 2026. Specific goals are to secure naming rights for Campana Park and the Pipe Yard; hosting the entire Lorain County Hot Stove Softball Tournament; swimming lessons at the summer camp program; renovation of the basketball court at Lakeview Park; murals at Sam Felton Central Park, Lakeview South, and Oakwood Park; and continue promoting and growing the Living Legacy Tree Campaign.

10. Street Department

Lori Garcia will continue with the city as Public Properties Manager for another year. 2026 goals include the paving of Root Road and addressing the older residential area adjacent to Orchard Hill. The spot concrete repair program will continue helping to extend the useful life and safety of our roads.

Roads will be pretreated prior to snow events to improve ice and snow control operations. The street department will continue to collaborate with other city departments to improve overall city operations. This collaboration will include clearing land near the Red Hill Water Tower to help facilitate the installation of a new perimeter fence.

The department will continue to remain fiscally responsible while delivering the highest level of service possible to our residents.

11. Chief of Staff

Rick Soto has served as Chief of Staff since January 1, 2020. For 2026 his goals are to work with Lori Garcia and Mike Leopold to replace the doors and windows on the south wall of the second floor to match the first-floor replacement done in 2025. He also wants to work with City Council to expand the DORA for the downtown business district to include some of the new establishments near the district. This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the county cleanup day, and Rick wants to incorporate a "City of Lorain-Lorain Proud Clean-up Day" as part of "Keep Lorain County Beautiful Day". Finally, the kiosk area in City Hall needs to be addressed with City Council so the area can be utilized by private business.

12. Safety Service Director

Rey Carrion hopes to reduce overtime costs over all departments for 2026. He wants to improve operational efficiencies by monitoring sick-leave, establishing an employee hardship fund, and reviewing all city websites for accuracy and up to date information. He will continue to work with CSX Railroad to beautify overpasses, implement a "Litter League Program", monitor street lighting, monitor work orders monthly, work on a weather event strategy, continue neighborhood clean ups, and develop plans for Veterans Park among other things.

Of most importance is the continuing efforts to promote economic growth in Lorain. This will include a strategic plan, aggressive waterfront redevelopment, increasing TIF districts, continuing discussions with developments with Bartlett Maritime, Greystone Warner, Republic Steel, the Center for Food Innovation, Skylift, Fairless Plaza, P.C. Campana and other developers interested in Lorain. Housing projects on Meister Road, West Erie Avenue, the Jovic Property adjacent to Walmart, and Oak Point Road will be monitored. Working with partners, the Welcome Home Ohio grant, HUD Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant, and the Officer Next Door Program will be advanced forward.

13. Mayor

For 2026, I will continue to focus on safe neighborhoods. Priority will be given to officer safety, equipment upgrades and recruitment. Community initiatives will emphasize youth engagement and violence prevention. Code enforcement of nuisance properties will be intensified.

We will strive to have strong families and healthy neighborhoods. Broadway Commons will move towards construction readiness with additional supportive and senior housing developments being pursued with state and county partners. We will focus neighborhood reinvestment on lighting, sidewalks, green space, and infill housing.

There will be a continued effort to pursue major steel and advanced manufacturing investments. The port, riverfront, and industrial corridors will be leveraged to attract manufacturing and economic development.

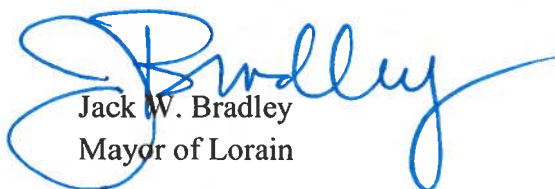
The dredge reuse facility will continue to repurpose dredge material. We will increase waterfront recreation, work on stabilization of our shoreline, and continue stormwater improvements. Tree planting and greenspace improvements will continue to strengthen our quality of life and improve our environment

In conclusion, in 2025 we saw both progress and heartbreak. We honored the sacrifice of Officer Phillip Wagner, continued transformational economic and environmental projects, and strengthened neighborhoods and public safety.

In 2026, we must work together and focus on safe neighborhoods, strong families, good jobs, and a great lakefront. We are the new "Fresh Coast" of America! With Council's partnership, we will continue to make Lorain stronger, safer, and more prosperous.

I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

  
Jack W. Bradley  
Mayor of Lorain



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

6. a.

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Terri Soto, Treasurer

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### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Treasurer Soto's correspondence recommending Council to consider appointing 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 O.R.C. Chapter 718 and Lorain Codified Ordinance 192.18.

### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

Treasurer Soto's correspondence recommending Council to consider appointing 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 O.R.C. Chapter 718 and Lorain Codified Ordinance 192.18.

Concur with the Treasurer's recommendation.

We recommend to council

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### Attachments

2026-2028 Board of Review

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### Form Review

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Breanna Dull

Form Started By: Terri Soto

Final Approval Date: 12/30/2025

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW  
PURSUANT TO LORAIN CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 192.18 AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Lorain Codified Ordinance (LCO) 192.18(A) established a Local Board of Tax Review to hear appeals as required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718; and,

WHEREAS, LCO 192.18(A) established a three-member Local Board of Tax Review, and that one member of the Board is to be appointed by the top administrative official of the Municipality; and,

WHEREAS, the term of appointment of the current member of the Board will expire on or about January 17, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Lorain has determined that appointment of the below mentioned individual is in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. That Mayor Bradley hereby appoints Michelle Pullin to the Lorain Board of Tax Review for a term of two years commencing January 18, 2026 and ending January 17, 2028.

SECTION II That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and resulting to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of which is the immediate need to appoint the Board Member prior to the expiration of their current term which ends on January 17, 2026, as per LCO 192.18(A) in order to continue to provide the necessary services to residents of the City of Lorain. Therefore, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor provided that it meets the statutory requirements for passage, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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MAYOR

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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WHEREAS, the term of appointment of two current members of the Board will expire on or about January 17, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the Lorain City Treasurer has determined that the appointment of the below mentioned individuals by Lorain City Council is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LORAIN, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION I. That Lorain City Council hereby appoints Julia Ecker and Dana Olszowy to the Lorain Board of Tax Review each for a term of two years commencing January 18, 2026 and ending January 17, 2028.

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PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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MAYOR



*The City of Lorain, Ohio*  
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December 19, 2025

Distinguished Members of Council,

Pursuant to the passage of H.B. 5 requiring amending Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code, we as a municipality are required to set up a Board of Review that will consist of a 3-member team, as outlined in section 192.18 of the Codified Ordinance. Two of these members are to be appointed by Council and shall serve a term of two years. No limit will be placed on the number of terms.

I have identified two candidates that I would like to recommend for appointment by council. I have reached out to both individuals, and both are excited at the opportunity to serve on board.

These members are:

Julia Ecker  
Dana P. Olszowy

Both candidates are highly qualified and would be an asset to this board.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Soto".

Terri Soto  
Lorain City Treasurer



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One of these members is to be appointed by the top administrative official and shall serve a term consisting of two years. No limit will be placed on the number of terms.

I have reached out to this individual and she would like to continue to serve on the board.

I recommend:

Michelle Pullin

She is extremely qualified and would continue to be an asset to this board.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terri Soto".

Terri Soto  
Lorain City Treasurer

or if, before that time, the person had conducted business at the address and, when the assessment was mailed, the person's agent or the person's affiliate was conducting business at the address. For the purposes of this section, a person's affiliate is any other person that, at the time the assessment was mailed, owned or controlled at least twenty per cent, as determined by voting rights, of the addressee's business.

(2) If a person elects to appeal an assessment on the basis described in division (B)(1) of this section, and if that assessment is subject to collection and is not otherwise appealable, the person must do so within sixty days after the initial contact by the Tax Administrator or other municipal official, or the designee of either, with the person. Nothing in this division prevents the Tax Administrator or other official from entering into a compromise with the person if the person does not actually file such an appeal with the Local Board of Tax Review.

(Source: ORC 718.18)

**192.18 LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW; APPEAL TO LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW**

(A) (1) The legislative authority of the Municipality shall maintain a Local Board of Tax Review to hear appeals as provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 718.

(2) The Local Board of Tax Review shall consist of three members.

Two members shall be appointed by the legislative authority of the Municipality, and may not be employees, elected officials, or contractors with the Municipality at any time during their term or in the five years immediately preceding the date of appointment. One member shall be appointed by the top administrative official of the Municipality. This member may be an employee of the Municipality, but may not be the director of finance or equivalent officer, or the Tax Administrator or other similar official or an employee directly involved in municipal tax matters, or any direct subordinate thereof.

(3) The term for members of the Local Board of Tax Review appointed by the legislative authority of the Municipality shall be two years. There is no limit on the number of terms that a member may serve should the member be reappointed by the legislative authority. The board member appointed by the top administrative official of the Municipality shall serve at the discretion of the administrative official.

(4) Members of the board of tax review appointed by the legislative authority may be removed by the legislative authority as set forth in Section 718.11(A)(4) of the Revised Code.

(5) A member of the board who, for any reason, ceases to meet the qualifications for the position prescribed by this section shall resign immediately by operation of law.

(6) A vacancy in an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment within sixty days of when the vacancy was created. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the member's predecessor was appointed shall hold office for the remainder of such term. No vacancy on the board shall impair the power and authority of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of the board.

(7) If a member is temporarily unable to serve on the board due to a conflict of interest, illness, absence, or similar reason, the legislative authority or top administrative official that appointed the member shall appoint another individual to temporarily serve on the board in the member's place. This appointment shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as are applicable to the appointment of the member temporarily unable to serve.

(B) Whenever a Tax Administrator issues an assessment, the Tax Administrator shall

notify the taxpayer in writing at the same time of the taxpayer's right to appeal the assessment, the manner in which the taxpayer may appeal the assessment, and the address to which the appeal should be directed, and to whom the appeal should be directed.

(C) Any person who has been issued an assessment may appeal the assessment to the board by filing a request with the board. The request shall be in writing, shall specify the reason or reasons why the assessment should be deemed incorrect or unlawful, and shall be filed within sixty days after the taxpayer receives the assessment.

(D) The Local Board of Tax Review shall schedule a hearing to be held within sixty days after receiving an appeal of an assessment under division (C) of this section, unless the taxpayer requests additional time to prepare or waives a hearing. If the taxpayer does not waive the hearing, the taxpayer may appear before the board and/or may be represented by an attorney at law, certified public accountant, or other representative. The board may allow a hearing to be continued as jointly agreed to by the parties. In such a case, the hearing must be completed within one hundred twenty days after the first day of the hearing unless the parties agree otherwise.

(E) The board may affirm, reverse, or modify the Tax Administrator's assessment or any part of that assessment. The board shall issue a final determination on the appeal within ninety days after the board's final hearing on the appeal, and send a copy of its final determination by ordinary mail to all of the parties to the appeal within fifteen days after issuing the final determination. The taxpayer or the Tax Administrator may appeal the board's final determination as provided in section 5717.011 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(F) The Local Board of Tax Review created pursuant to this section shall adopt rules governing its procedures, including a schedule of related costs, and shall keep a record of its transactions. The rules governing the Local Board of Tax Review procedures shall be in writing, and may be amended as needed by the Local Board of Tax Review. Such records are not public records available for inspection under section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. For this reason, any documentation, copies of returns or reports, final determinations, or working papers for each case must be maintained in a secure location under the control of the Tax Administrator. No member of the Local Board of Tax Review may remove such documentation, copies of returns or reports, final determinations, or working papers from the hearing. Hearings requested by a taxpayer before a Local Board of Tax Review created pursuant to this section are not meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. For this reason, such hearings shall not be open to the public, and only those parties to the case may be present during the hearing.

(Source: ORC 718.11)

## 192.19 ACTIONS TO RECOVER; STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

- (A) (1) (a) Civil actions to recover municipal income taxes and penalties and interest on municipal income taxes shall be brought within the latter of:
- (i) Three years after the tax was due or the return was filed, whichever is later; or
  - (ii) One year after the conclusion of the qualifying deferral period, if any.
- (b) The time limit described in division (A)(1)(a) of this section may be extended at any time if both the Tax Administrator and the employer, agent of the employer, other payer, or taxpayer consent in writing to the extension. Any extension shall also extend for the same period of time the time limit described in division (C) of this section.
- (2) As used in this section, "qualifying deferral period" means a period of time beginning and ending as follows:
- (a) Beginning on the date a person who is aggrieved by an assessment files



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

6. b.

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Michele Beko, Law Office Admin

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### PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO RELATIVE TO THE COURT APPEALS CASE NOS. 24CA012095 & 24CA012142 "TIA HILTON, ET AL. V CITY OF LORAIN, ET AL."

### RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

RECEIVE & FILE

We recommend to council

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### Attachments

CORRESPONDENCE

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### Form Review

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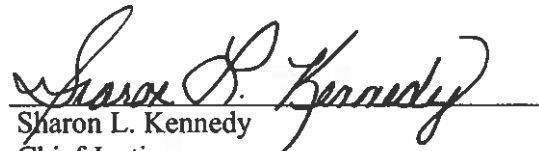
City of Lorain, et al.

Case No. 2025-1334

ENTRY

Upon consideration of the jurisdictional memoranda filed in this case, the court accepts the appeal. The clerk shall issue an order for the transmittal of the record from the Court of Appeals for Lorain County, and the parties shall brief this case in accordance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

(Lorain County Court of Appeals; Nos. 24CA012095 and 24CA012142)

  
Sharon L. Kennedy  
Chief Justice

The Official Case Announcement can be found at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/ROD/docs/>

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SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

To the Clerk of Court of Appeals for

## ORDER TO CERTIFY RECORD

Lorain County

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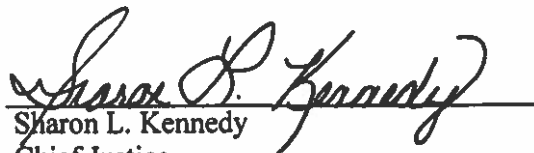
**Tia Hilton, et al. v. City of Lorain, et al.**

Pursuant to Rules 15.03 and 15.06 of the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, you are hereby ordered to prepare and forward to the Clerk's Office the record in the above-captioned case as follows:

- The record shall consist of the original papers and exhibits to those papers; the transcript of proceedings and exhibits, along with a computer diskette of the transcript, if available; and certified copies of the journal entry and the docket prepared by the clerk of the court or other custodian of the original papers.
  - The record shall include, where applicable, all the above items from both the court of appeals and trial court cases.
- The record shall be transmitted along with an index that lists all items included in the record. All exhibits listed in the index shall be briefly described, and a copy of the index must be sent to all counsel of record in the case.
  - Only videotape exhibits, audiotape exhibits, and documents such as papers, maps or photographs shall be transmitted.
- The following items shall *not* be transmitted at this time:
  - any physical exhibits other than the items listed above (i.e., clothing, weapons, etc.)
  - documents of unusual size, bulk, or weight.

Those exhibits or documents that are not transmitted shall be designated in the index, and their custodian must also be identified in the index.

- The record shall be transmitted to the Clerk's Office within 20 days of the date of this order.
  - If the case involves termination of parental rights or adoption of a minor child, or both, preparation and transmission of the record shall be expedited and given priority over preparation and transmission of the record in other cases.

  
Sharon L. Kennedy  
Chief Justice



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

**7. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Maggie Partin, Deputy Clerk

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#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

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).

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Authorize the Clerk to notify the Board that no complaints have been received.

**(30 Day extension granted, new response date is 1/13/2026)**

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#### **Attachments**

Liq Control

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#### **Form Review**

Form Started By: Maggie Partin  
Final Approval Date: 12/29/2025

Started On: 11/24/2025 11:51 AM



CLERK OF LORAIN CITY COUNCIL
200 W ERIE AVE
LORAIN OH 44052

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NOTICE TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

TO

Form with fields: 10010570-1 PERMIT NUMBER, NEW TYPE, ISSUE DATE, FILING DATE: 11/4/2025, PERMIT CLASSES: C-1, 47088 TAX DISTRICT, OCT, RECEIPT NO. Content: Nothing but growth LLC Green store 912 west 9th st Lorain OH 44052 Muni/Village/Twp: Lorain

FROM 11/13/2025

Form with fields: PERMIT NUMBER, TYPE, ISSUE DATE, FILING DATE, PERMIT CLASSES, TAX DISTRICT, RECEIPT NO.

MAILED 11/13/2025

RESPONSES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 12/13/2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A REQUEST FOR A HEARING.

REFER TO THIS NUMBER IN ALL INQUIRIES: OCT NEW 10010570-1 (TRANSACTION & NUMBER)

(MUST MARK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

WE REQUEST A HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF ISSUING THE PERMIT AND REQUEST THAT THE HEARING BE HELD [ ] IN OUR COUNTY SEAT [ ] IN COLUMBUS

WE DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING [ ]

DID YOU MARK A BOX? IF NOT, THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED A LATE RESPONSE.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX INDICATING YOUR TITLE:

Signature line with title options: (Signature), (Title) - [ ] Clerk of County Commissioner, [ ] Clerk of City Council, [ ] Township Fiscal Officer, (Date)

Printed Name, Email Address, Telephone No. line



Dear Local Legislative Authority Official:

Please find enclosed the legislative notice that is being sent to you regarding the applied for liquor permit as captioned on the notice. You **must**, within 30 days from the “mailed” date listed on the notice under the bar code:

- Notify the Division whether you object and want a hearing; or
- Ask for your one-time only, 30-day extension. o Any requests for a one-time, 30-day extension will be reviewed by the Division upon timely receipt. If granted, your additional 30-days runs from the expiration of the original 30-day period.

To be considered **timely**, your above response **MUST** be faxed, emailed, or mailed to the Division no later than the postmark deadline date stated on the form. To speed up processing times and reduce paper, the Division respectfully asks that you either fax or email your response. Please send your response to:

**FAX:** (614) 644 – 3166  
**EMAIL:** [Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov](mailto:Liquordocs@com.ohio.gov)  
**MAIL:** Ohio Division of Liquor Control  
Attn: Licensing Unit  
6606 Tussing Road  
PO Box 4005  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-9005

To find out who has disclosed an ownership interest in the permit application to us you can:

- Visit [com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo](http://com.ohio.gov/liquorinfo). Select the “Search who has disclosed an ownership interest” tab. Where asked, enter the permit number listed on the legislative notice; or
- Contact your police department or county sheriff (if you are a township fiscal officer or county clerk). We also sent them detailed ownership information to review for any criminal background issues involving the disclosed persons.

We have resources for you at [com.ohio.gov/govhelp](http://com.ohio.gov/govhelp). Never miss out on when renewal objections are due! Sign-up for our emails at [com.ohio.gov/stayinformed](http://com.ohio.gov/stayinformed).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Division Licensing Section

(rev. 2.12.25)



**CITY OF LORAIN**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**11. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Breanna Dull, Clerk of Council

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE**

**A Resolution enacting the Rules of Council from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, repealing Resolution Number 1-24 and declaring an emergency.**

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

To establish the Rules of Lorain City Council to act under during the 2026-2027 Term of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Lorain City Council consider for passage.

**Admin Only (descrip. for agenda)**

\_\_\_ Reso. enacting the Rules of Council from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027, repealing Resolution 1-24.

**Attachments**

Resolution

**Form Review**

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Form Started By: Breanna Dull

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Michele Beko

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Dimacchia			Gonzalez		
Fallis			Arroyo		
Drwal			Bearer		
Kempton			Thornsberry		
Carter			Arredondo		

Resolution No.

**A Resolution enacting the Rules of Council from  
January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027,  
repealing Resolution Number 1-24  
and declaring an emergency.**

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

**SECTION I:** The following Rules are for the Government of the Council of the City of Lorain and are hereby adopted:

**MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

**RULE 1 - Regular Meetings**

The regular meetings shall be held in the Council Chambers on the first and third Monday evenings of each month promptly at 6 p.m. If the day of the meeting falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. Council shall recess during the month of August.

Agendas along with the corresponding packet may be viewed on the city's website @ [www.cityoflorain.org](http://www.cityoflorain.org).

**RULE 2 - Special/Emergency Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the Mayor or any three (3) members of the legislative authority, or by a majority vote of the legislative authority during any meeting upon providing at least twenty-four (24) hours' advance notice to each member of the legislative authority and to the news media that have requested notifications, except in the event of an emergency requiring official action. In the event of an emergency, notification must be provided to the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting in accordance with O.R.C 121.22.

The business to be transacted as a special and/or emergency meeting shall be identified in the notice and no other business shall be considered. Should the legislative authority adjourn into Executive Session during a special and/or emergency meeting, the topic shall be directly related to matters identified in the notice.

**RULE 3 - Public Meetings**

All regular, special, emergency, committee, work sessions and public hearings etc., of the legislative authority shall be open to the public and conducted in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22. All minutes and records of the Council shall be available to the public to view and/or purchase in the Clerk of Council Office during business hours.

**RULE 4 - Committee-of-the-Whole**

The Council may resolve into a Committee-of-the-Whole by a majority vote of members present during a regular, special or emergency meeting. The President, President, Pro-Tempore, or his designee, shall preside during the Committee-of-the-Whole sessions. The rules of Council shall be observed and comments from the general public may be heard. No votes shall be taken during a Committee-of-the-Whole.

**RULE 5 – Executive Sessions**

An executive session may be held in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 upon concurrence of an affirmative roll call vote of a majority of members elected unless a larger number is required per O.R.C Section 121.22. No persons other than the legislative authority and appropriate personnel shall attend the executive session unless invited by the President and/or Pro Tempore.

**RULE 6 – Public Hearings**

The President of Council, or his designee, shall preside over Public Hearings required and/or scheduled by the legislative body. No Public Hearing shall be scheduled unless a Resolution setting forth the reasons therefore is adopted or it is a requirement stipulated by state statute or is requested by the appropriate city official.

<b>OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF COUNCIL</b>
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**RULE 7 - Presiding Officer**

The President, and in his absence the President Pro-Tempore, shall preside over meetings of the legislative authority. He may refer matters as provided for in the Rules of Council. He shall preserve the order and decorum at all times and prevent the impugning of personalities or motives, confines debate to the question under discussion and shall decide all points of order subject to an appeal of the Council and control all aspects of the agenda.

**RULE 8 – President Pro-Tempore**

At the organizational meeting, Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a member to serve as President Pro-Tempore who shall preside in the absence of the President of Council.

**RULE 9 – Clerk of Council and Council Employees**

At its organizational meeting, the Council shall nominate and elect, by motion and majority vote, a Clerk and other staff as required and establish the salaries and benefits provided. The Clerk of Council, or other any other approved substitute, shall be required to attend all meetings of the Council. The Clerk shall keep all records, files, orders, or any pertinent papers considered public records under the Public Records Act. No person, except for the Clerk of Council, or any other approved substitute, shall have direct access to the Council vault or any other storage area where official records of the City are kept. The office hours shall be posted and may change from time to time due to staffing.

\*The Clerk of Council office shall maintain a schedule for the use of the council chamber to prohibit conflicts and shall have discretion, in concurrence with the Safety/Service Director, as to the events permitted in the chamber area. Due to requirement for additional personnel and security, after hour requests for non-governmental meetings or events shall require written approval by the Safety/Service Director and/or his designee.

## COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

### **RULE 10 – Standing Committees**

At the organizational meeting, the President shall present a slate of proposed members for each Standing Committee. Each Standing Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and three additional members. The Council shall accept or amend the proposed slate of Standing Committees by a motion, duly seconded, and with the concurrence of an affirmative majority vote. Upon Chairperson vacancy, Vice-Chair will be asked first, then order of committee members by seniority before opening to other members.

Subcommittees may be appointed by the Chairman consisting of members of his committee.

- A. BUILDINGS AND LANDS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but are not limited to all acquisitions, construction, maintenance, lease or sale of buildings or lands owned by the city, matters involving building codes and enforcement, (new) property maintenance codes and enforcement issues, public transportation energy conservation, railroad issues and all matters involving the city’s zoning code, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Design Review Board, and other related entities.
- B. FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS:** The responsibilities of this committee shall include but is not limited to all matters involving state and/or federally funded programs, matters pertaining to business attraction/retention and economic development, community programs and services, joint economic development matters and community and regional partnerships, enterprise zones and reinvestment areas.
- C. FINANCE:** The responsibilities of the finance committee shall include all matters involving the city’s budget, indebtedness, appropriations/transfers, payment of monies, taxation, tax abatement and/or financial incentives, wages and/or benefits provided to city employees, issues pertaining to the Civil Service Commission, any franchise or any and all matters pertaining to communications and/or technology within the city. The Finance Committee shall also serve as the “Audit Committee” and assume all duties involved in the review of the city’s financial reports on a quarterly basis and the official entrance and exit conferences with outside audit firm.
- D. POLICE, FIRE, AND LEGISLATIVE:** The responsibilities of this committee include matters pertaining to the safety forces, all issues involving Homeland Security and community

preparedness, security issues, school safety and matters pertaining to the health district and any matter not covered by any other committee including Council Rules and/or procedures or protocols.

- E. PARKS AND RECREATION:** The responsibilities of this committee include all matters pertaining to city parks, public recreation, playgrounds, beaches, our river, harbors, and shores and all matters involving the Port Authority and other coastal regulatory boards.
- F. STREETS AND UTILITIES:** All matters relating to streets, construction, maintenance or improvement or repair, sidewalks, utilities, utility projects, street and sewer cleaning, matters involving waste and refuse collection services, sewage disposal, snow/leaf removal, drainage, sewers, water/water distribution, assessments; and matters of water and air pollution.

### **RULE 11 – Committee Meetings**

A majority of members of the committee in attendance shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Only members of the Committee shall have voting power on motions of recommendation put before the Committee. Every attempt shall be made to hold committee meetings on the second and fourth (or fifth) Mondays. The date and subject for all meetings shall be set and announced at regular and/or special meetings of Council by the committee chairman or by a majority of members of the specified committee (unless deemed an emergency by the Chairman and/or majority of committee members).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Anyone wishing to speak must state their name for the record; address, optional. Must leave contact information with Clerk’s office if wishing for Elected Officials to reach out after. Comments shall not exceed two (2) minutes.

Attendance of any City Official, Department Head or other city employee may be ~~required~~ requested by the Chairperson to properly dispose of the matter under consideration. In the event the Chairman is absent the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

### **RULE 12 – Committee Reports**

Committee reports are recommendations from said committee and shall be prepared in writing by the Clerk of Council and placed on the next agenda for consideration by the full Council for reading and receipt into the official record.

### **RULE 12 –a – Council Work Session (CWS)**

A Council Work Session (CWS) shall be a meeting open to the public and conducted for the purpose of obtaining information related to the publically announced subject of the CWS.

Council Work Sessions (CWS) may be called by the President of Council and/or any three (3) members of the legislative authority. If a CWS is called by the President of Council, he (or in his absence the President Pro Tempore) shall chair the CWS. If called by three (3) members of the legislative authority, the meeting shall be chaired by the most senior council member or the chairman of the related committee subject matter.

The chairperson shall invite all participants and guests and from time-to-time may allow for tours of facilities, permit special presentations and/or invite individuals or experts to address topics regarding the subject matter of the CWS. Public notice of the date, time and subject of all CWS shall be provided for in accordance with state statues and the rules of Council shall be observed at all times.

There shall be no comments from the general public permitted during a CWS. The Clerk shall provide an overview and summary of CWS, which shall serve as the minutes of the session.

**RULE 13 – Reports from Directors**

Directors and Elected Officials are required to issue reports to Council *annually* and in a timely manner. The Clerk will keep records on all matters referred to Directors, Boards and Commissions for follow up purposes.

**RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURE, DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES**

**RULE 14 - Opening Procedures**

The President shall call the meeting to order and follow the order of business as listed below on the agenda. In the absence of the President, the President Pro-Tempore shall preside. In the event that the President and President Pro-Tempore are absent and a quorum is present, Council shall designate a member to preside until the President or President Pro-Tempore arrives.

**RULE 15 – Quorum**

A majority of Council members elected shall be considered a quorum to conduct business.

**RULE 16 – Order of Business**

The business of all regular meetings of the Council shall be transacted in the following order:

- 1.Pledge of Allegiance
- 2.Roll call
- 3.Minutes from Previous Meeting
- 4.Correspondence/Reports from Directors, Boards and Commissions and other Governmental Agencies
- 5.Public Comments (20 minute maximum)
- 6.Committee Reports
- 7.Ordinances & Resolutions (First, Second, Third Readings)
- 8.Committee Calls
- 9.Adjournment

\*The President of Council may permit matters to be introduced out of the regular order of business for good cause at any time.

\*Presentations and commendations shall be included on the Council agenda upon approval of the Presiding Officer.

**PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:**

\*(item 8 – Rule 16)

- a. A 20 minute maximum time is set aside for public comments.
- b. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes (unless extended by Council)
- c. Speakers must sign up prior to commencement of the meeting.
- d. Speakers must provide their name, address (contact information) and topic they wish to comment on, on provided sign in sheet.
- e. Speakers are called up on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- f. Speakers will engage their comments through the chair.
- g. The Council President reserves the right to rule comments dilatory at all times.
- h. Speakers are encouraged to use their time to comment or ask for clarification on agenda items, report concerns, make a suggestion or announcement of community events and should not expect debate or any discussion on the topic.
- i. Individuals may only sign up to speak once per meeting.

**RULE 17 – Roll Call of Council**

Every member shall be in his seat at the time of Roll Call; otherwise, he shall not be recorded as present. The Clerk shall record the names of the members present and absent in the minutes.

**RULE 18 – Absences/Pay Schedule**

The legislative authority shall, by ordinance, fix the salaries of its members which shall be paid in equal monthly installments. For each absence from a regular meeting of the legislative authority, unless authorized or excused by a two-thirds vote (8) of all members elected thereof, there shall be deducted a sum equal to two percent (2%) of such annual salary. Absence for ten successive regular meetings shall operate to vacate a seat of a member unless such absence is authorized by the legislative authority.

**RULE 19 - Voting by Roll Call**

A roll call vote will be required on all Ordinances, Resolutions, and when so ordered by the Presiding Officer or a majority vote of the legislative body and recorded in the official minutes.

**RULE 20 – Precedence of Motions**

When a question is before the Council, the Chair shall refer to the precedence of motions in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

**RULE 21 – Duty to Vote**

Every member present shall vote on all questions upon the call for the vote unless a conflict of interest is present under applicable statutes and Ethics Opinions.

**RULE 22 - Speaking**

When called upon by the Chair, no member shall be allowed to speak for a period of longer than (3) three minutes at any one time unless permission is granted by the Presiding Officer. No member shall speak

more than once on the same matter until each member desiring to speak on the matter has had an opportunity to do so.

**RULE 23 - Right of the Floor**

When a member desires to address the Council, they shall request permission from the Presiding Officer. Upon receipt of permission, he shall confine his remarks to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning upon the motive of any other member's argument or vote.

**RULE 24 - Right of Appeal**

Any member may appeal to the Council any ruling of the Presiding Officer. If an appeal is moved and seconded, the member making the appeal may briefly state his reason for the appeal and then the Presiding Officer may briefly explain his ruling. There shall be no debate on an appeal and no other members shall speak. The Presiding Officer shall then state, "Shall the decision of the Chair be upheld?" If only a majority vote is received, the ruling of the Chair shall stand.

**RULE 25 - Amendments**

It shall be in order to amend an Ordinance or Resolution at any time. If amended by an affirmative majority vote of all members elected during a Third Reading, the matter shall revert back to a Second Reading for further and final action

**RULE 26 - Reconsideration**

After the decision on any question, any member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider any action prior to the adjournment of the current meeting. A motion to reconsider shall require the same number of votes required to adopt an ordinance or resolution. After the motion to reconsider has been acted upon, no other motion for reconsideration thereof shall be made without unanimous consent.

- a.) The initial vote determines whether to reconsider the prior action and,
- b.) If passed by a majority of members elected, the motion the body wishes to reconsider shall again be placed before the legislative authority for discussion and a vote after being restated by the Chair.

**RULE 27 - Attendance Requested**

The Mayor, Safety/Service Director, Law Director, Auditor and Treasurer, or their designee and/or any other Sub-Department Heads requested by Council, if in attendance, shall answer questions from Council relating to matters of the city under their respective supervision. The Mayor and his Directors may participate in the discussion of all questions before the Council upon invitation by the body.

**RULE 28 - Reports of City Officers**

All Ordinances, Resolutions and communications pertaining to matters that come under the supervision and control of the Mayor and Directors shall, in addition to being referred to the proper committees,

also be referred to such respective Administrative Officers for recommendation. All reports from City Officers suggesting or recommending action by Council, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, shall be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

**RULE 29 – Reserved For Future Rule**

**RULE 30 – To Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order unless the Council is engaged in voting.

**RULE 31 – Requests for Public Records**

Public record requests will be promptly prepared and made available for inspection to any person at all reasonable times during business hours of the Clerk of Council Office. Such requests may first be forwarded to the Law Director’s Office for review in order to ensure information protected by Federal and/or State law is not disclosed.

Public record requests shall be accommodated as soon as practicable based upon the volume and nature of the requested material and the completion of the legal review, if necessary. Copies of public records shall be provided at a charge of 5¢ per page after the first five pages and the cost shall be paid in advance. A copy of the public record may be transmitted through the United States mail provided the individual making such request pay costs associated with the mailing in advance. A copy of the public records policy is posted and available in the Clerk’s Office.

**RULE 32 - Audio/Video Recordings of Council Meetings**

The Clerk of Council shall be the custodian of all audio and video recordings housed on city-owned equipment and software installed in the Council Chamber and shall be considered the official custodian of said records and kept in compliance with the Records Retention schedule approved by the Records Commission and retained on file in the Clerk of Council office. Any subsequent recordings and/or reproductions from other sources shall not be retained or supported by the City Council Office.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RULE 33 – Introduction**

All legislation shall be introduced by members of Council present with their names endorsed thereon. The Law Director, or his assistant, shall approve all proposed general legislation to be in the manner prescribed by law prior to submission to the Clerk of Council for placement on the appropriate agenda.

Submission of agenda items for regular and special meetings shall be automatically forwarded to all designated officials in the approved routing maps contained in the agenda software system. Should a recipient of an agenda item fail to act by either returning the item for corrections and/or is unresponsive, unavailable or not in agreement

with the legislative content, the Clerk shall, after due notice forward the item on to the next location designated on the routing map and notate the action on the agenda.

*(The intent of the review/approval process is to provide accuracy and accountability to members of the legislative authority by verifying that each level of authority has been provided with the opportunity to review items prior to council consideration. In no way shall non-approval or lack of action on any agenda item submitted for Council's consideration result in its omission or placement on the next regularly scheduled agenda.)*

Submission of agenda items for regular meetings shall be submitted into Agenda software by 5:00pm on the Wednesday before a Regular Meeting (unless deemed necessary to change by the Council Clerk). Emergency items submitted after publication of the agenda on the city's website shall follow the same requirements as above along a motion from the floor, duly supported, and receive an affirmative vote of three-quarters affirmative vote (9) of council members elected to officially add the item to the agenda for consideration.

Agendas, packets, minutes and notifications are accessible to the legislative body and general public electronically via the city's website and designated as the approved method by which the body receives information and notifications associated with O.R.C. 121.22 and other related sections. Members of the public wishing to receive agendas are encouraged to utilize the "Subscribe" button on the Lorain City Council Agendas & Minutes website.

#### **RULE 34 – Form of Ordinances and Resolutions**

The enacting clause of all Ordinances shall read, "Now, therefore be it ordained by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio." The enacting clause for Resolutions shall read, "Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio."

All proposed ordinances and resolutions shall be typewritten in 12 point font and in a format provided for by the Clerk to retain uniformity. No ordinance, resolution or sections thereof shall be revised or amended unless the new legislation contains the entire ordinance, resolution or section being revised or amended and the original resolution or ordinance shall be repealed.

#### **RULE 35 – Three Readings**

No Ordinance or Resolution shall be passed until it has been read on three (3) separate days in accordance with O.R.C. 731.17, unless the statutory requirement has been dispensed with by a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the legislative authority. All Ordinances and Resolutions may be read by caption only provided all members have copies.

#### **RULE 36 - Emergency Legislation**

If an emergency Ordinance or Resolution fails to receive a two-thirds affirmative vote, the emergency clause has no force and effect. However, provided the ordinance or resolution receives the statutory number of affirmative votes required for passage, the Ordinance or Resolution

shall be deemed approved and become effective at the earliest period provided by law.

**RULE 37 – Appropriation Ordinances**

Ordinances making appropriations shall be confined to the subject of the appropriation and contain a brief description of the transaction. No money shall be appropriated unless by ordinance.

**RULE 38 – Legislation with Fiscal Impact**

All legislation presented to Council having a financial impact (as either revenue or an expenditure) to any city fund shall be required to select the appropriate agenda template upon submission into the agenda automation software and include the detail (or estimate) required for review by the Auditor’s Office for review.

**RULE 39 - Passage or Adoption**

All Ordinances, Resolutions, and Rules of Council shall require for their passage or adoption the concurrence of a majority of Council members elected, unless the law requires a greater number. A roll call vote is required and the vote shall be recorded in the minutes.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS RULES</b>
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**RULE 40 – Violations of Council Rules**

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, violates any of these rules, the President shall, or any member may call him to order. The question of order shall be decided immediately and without debate.

**RULE 41- Other Rules/Council Chamber**

- Except as provided herein, the most current version of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of Council.
- It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer to comprehend and enforce such rules together with the rules herein set forth.
- No person, other than members of Lorain City Council, staff or other city official shall enter the designated area beyond the bar of the chamber assigned to the Elected Officials at anytime.
- A space shall be designated in the Council Chamber as “Reserved for the Media” and shall be used only by the media in attendance for that purpose.
- The Clerk of Council shall provide summary minutes of all Regular, Committee, Public Hearing and Work Session Meetings
- In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Council Members, or their designee, shall attend the Ohio Attorney General Sunshine Law Training.

**RULE 42 – Conduct**

All members of the legislative body shall conduct themselves with decorum (appropriateness and propriety of behavior, conduct or appearance, following Council Rules) at all times while in the confines of the Council Chamber. This includes and extends to regular city council meetings, work sessions, committee meetings public hearings and executive sessions; et al. Proper business attire shall be worn at all

regular meetings of Lorain City Council. Jeans, work uniforms or athletic attire are not considered appropriate business attire, and the wearing of the same shall result in a member being subject to a reprimand by the Presiding Officer.

Threatening conduct will not be tolerated. Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the meeting immediately by the Presiding Officer.

Upon the concurrence of a majority vote of legislative body, the first act of a violation of Council Rule 40 by a member of Council shall result in the offending member receiving a verbal and written warning from the Presiding Officer detailing the infraction. This written warning shall be read into the record at the next regular meeting. In addition, and with the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative authority, the member may be expelled for the remainder of the meeting after having been notified of the violation(s) against him or her via the verbal warning. The member violating Rule 40 will be provided with an opportunity to address the verbal and written warning against them at the next regular council meeting.

Any subsequent violation of Council Rule 40 during the current term, upon the concurrence of a two-thirds affirmative vote of the legislative body, shall result in a 1/12 reduction of annual salary of the offending member. In addition, the member(s) in violation may be removed as chairperson and/or vice chairperson of any council committee for a period of time specified upon a 2/3 vote of all members elected.

Comments or outburst from the general public that result in disruption of a public meeting or that are intended as personal attacks/insults on any attendee shall not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the chamber and/or meeting by the Presiding Officer for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **RULE 43 - Amendments to Council Rules**

These rules may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members elected in the affirmative to during any regular or special meeting of Council. All amendments or new rules adopted by the Council shall be attached to this resolution.

#### **RULE 44 - Suspension of Council Rules**

These rules, where not precluded by state statutes, may be temporarily suspended at any meeting of the Council by a concurrent vote of the majority of all members elected. The motion shall clearly state which rule is requested for suspension and the vote shall be taken by roll call with the results recorded in the minutes.

#### **RULE 45- Use of Electronic Devices**

(1) Use of City Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall be provided a City owned personal laptop or tablet and a city owned cell phone.

(b) Members of City Council shall endeavor at all times to use City owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(c) Upon termination from his/her elected office, a Council person shall, without delay, return city owned electronic devices to the Clerk of Council.

(2) Use of Privately Owned Electronic Devices

(a) Members of City Council shall endeavor to avoid the use of privately owned electronic devices when issuing or receiving electronic messages which document the functions of his/her Council office.

(b) Members of City Council who issue or receive electronic messages which document the functions of his/her public office shall do the following:

(1) Retain such electronic messages in accordance with the City Council Records Retention Schedule; and,

(2) Forward such electronic messages to the corresponding City owned cell phone, personal laptop or tablet.

**RULE 46- Electronic Devices to Transmit Meetings Prohibited**

City Council members shall not use any electronic device to transmit the conduct of a meeting of Council or any committee thereof or any public meeting conducted as a function of any office of City government.

**RULE 47- In accordance with ORC Section 2917.12- Disturbing a Lawful Meeting**

(A) No person, with purpose to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, shall do either of the following:

(1) Do any act which obstructs or interferes with the due conduct of such meeting, procession, or gathering;

(2) Make any utterance, gesture, or display which outrages the sensibilities of the group.

(B) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disturbing a lawful meeting. Except as otherwise provided in this division, disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Disturbing a lawful meeting is a misdemeanor of the first degree if either of the following applies:

(1) The violation is committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet any assemblage of people met for religious worship at a tax-exempt place of worship, regardless of whether the conduct is within the place at which the assemblage is held or is on the property on which that place is located and disturbs the order and solemnity of the assemblage.

(2) The violation is committed with the intent to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering of people for religious worship, through use of a computer, computer system, telecommunications device, or other electronic device or system, or in any other manner.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) "Computer," "computer system," and "telecommunications device" have the same meanings as in section 2913.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Virtual meeting or gathering" means a meeting or gathering by interactive video conference or teleconference, or by a combination thereof.

**SECTION II.**

That Resolution No. 1-20 and all other Ordinances, Resolutions, and by-laws in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

**SECTION III.**

That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted 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 in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION IV.**

That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of which is to adopt rules for the conduct of all meetings of the Council commencing with the first meeting in January following the General Election in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Lorain; therefore, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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President of Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026



## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

**11. b.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Alonna Lopez, Executive Assistant

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

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.

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND**

The Lorain City Fire Department has determined and demonstrated the need to provide for the operation of fire stations and the apparatus, manpower and equipment needed to maintain that level of service.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Consider for passage.

#### **Admin Only**

\_\_\_\_ Reso. declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of the 1.7 mil Property Tax to supplement the General Fund for the purpose of providing and maintaining adequate and consistent fire service, apparatus, building or sites.

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#### **Attachments**

Resolution

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#### **Form Review**

##### **Inbox**

Mayor Bradley

Mayor Bradley

P. Riley

Form Started By: Alonna Lopez

Final Approval Date: 12/31/2025

##### **Reviewed By**

Jack Bradley

Jack Bradley

Michele Beko

##### **Date**

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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, BUILDINGS OR SITES THEREFORE OF THE CITY OF LORAIN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Lorain City Fire Department has determined and demonstrated the need to provide for the operation of fire stations and the apparatus, manpower and equipment needed to maintain that level of service; and,

WHEREAS, this Council finds it is necessary to renew the 1.7 mill five (5) year tax in excess of that limitation to supplement the general fund for the purpose of making appropriations for the Lorain City Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Section 5705.191 of the Revised Code, this Council must request that the Lorain County Auditor certify (i) the total current tax valuation of the City and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and,

WHEREAS, in further accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Council declaring the necessity of the tax, stating its purpose, whether it is an additional levy or a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, and the section of the Revised Code authorizing its submission to the electors, and requesting such certification, the County Auditor is to certify the total current tax valuation of the City and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy; and,

WHEREAS, any funds raised herein will not be used for the financing of any new fire stations.

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

SECTION I. This Council declares that it is necessary to levy the following: 1. For a period of five (5) years, a renewal of the 1.7 mill ad valorem property tax to supplement the general fund appropriations for the Lorain City Fire Department for the purpose of providing and maintaining the operation of city fire stations, apparatus, manpower and equipment needed to provide that service to the City of Lorain.

SECTION II. This Council requests the Lorain County Auditor to certify to it both (i) the total current tax valuation of the city and (ii) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the 1.7 mill ad valorem property tax.

SECTION III. That the Clerk of Council of this City is authorized and directed to deliver promptly to the Lorain County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution using attached Exhibit A.

SECTION IV. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and 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 Ohio Revised Code §121.22.

SECTION V. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City, and for the further reason that the Resolution be effective immediately so that it can be timely filed with the County Auditor and additional proceedings taken in order to submit the question of the levy to the electors at the May 5, 2026 election; wherefore this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

LORAIN COUNTY

City of Lorain, OHIO  
(Taxing Authority)

RESOLUTION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution requesting that the County Auditor, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03,

certify to the City of Lorain the Total Current Tax Valuation  
(Taxing Authority)

of City of Lorain that has territory located in  
(Name of Subdivision)

Lorain County/Countries, and the Dollar amount of Revenue that  
(Each County the subdivision has territory)

would be generated by 1.70 mill (s) for the purpose of Fire Levy  
(Type of Levy)

under 5705.19(i), This tax is to be levied upon the Entire Territory of the  
(Revised Code Section Authorizing Tax) (Entire territory or Portion of territory, e.g., Road District/Fire District)

Subdivision. Such levy will be a (an) Renewal, and be  
(Renewal, Replacement, Additional etc.)

placed on Ballot at the MAY 5, 2026 Election. Said ballot measure shall be  
(Date of Election)

submitted to the Entire Territory of the Subdivision. Such levy will be placed upon the tax  
(Entire territory or Portion of territory, e.g., Road District/Fire District)

list and duplicate for the current tax year, beginning in 2026 first due in calendar year  
(Duplicate Year)

2027, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof for  
(Collection Year)

5 years.  
(Number of years)

MOVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CITY OF LORAIN

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### City Council Regular Meeting

11. c.

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Gwen Frey

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

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.

#### **PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has established the Highway Safety Program, which is accepting applications for funding to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety. ODOT has made this money available to local municipalities. It has been determined that the Broadway corridor from 9th Street to 28th Street in the City of Lorain is in need of safety improvements. It has further been determined that the areas of improvement fall within the parameters of ODOT's need and demand qualifications. The City of Lorain intends to make application to apply for these funds. The safety improvements in the City of Lorain may include installation of lighting, signage, curb ramps, sidewalk, and related safety appurtenances. The project has an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,000,000. The City, if successful in its request, will contribute by paying or obtaining matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. The City, if successful in its request, will work cooperatively, including executing cooperative agreements if necessary, with all affected local, regional, state and federal agencies. The City, if successful, will abide by all ODOT policies.

#### **RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Consideration and passage.

#### **Admin Only**

\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to make application to ODOT for 90/10 funding for planned safety improvements on Broadway.

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#### **Fiscal Impact**

**Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):** N  
**Estimated Total Expenditure:** \$2,000,000  
**List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:** ODOT; Match as deter. by Auditor  
**Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):** \$1,800,000 Grant Funding  
**Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):**

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#### **Attachments**

Ordinance - ODOT Safety  
 Grant Template - ODOT Safety

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**Form Review**

**Inbox**

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 Mayor Bradley  
 Harper  
 P. Riley  
 Harper  
 Form Started By: Gwen Frey  
 Final Approval Date: 12/31/2025

**Reviewed By**

Rey Carrion  
 Jack Bradley  
 Maggie Partin  
 Michele Beko  
 Anita Harper

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has established the Highway Safety Program, which is accepting applications for funding to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety; and

**WHEREAS**, ODOT has made this money available to local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Broadway corridor from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 28<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Lorain is in need of safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, it has further been determined that the areas of improvement fall within the parameters of ODOT's need and demand qualifications; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain intends to make application to apply for these funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety improvements in the City of Lorain may include installation of lighting, signage, curb ramps, sidewalk, and related safety appurtenances; and

**WHEREAS**, the project has an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, if successful in its request, will contribute by paying or obtaining matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, if successful in its request, will work cooperatively, including executing cooperative agreements if necessary, with all affected local, regional, state and federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, if successful, will abide by all ODOT policies.

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

**SECTION I:** That this Council does hereby authorize the Director of Public Safety/Service to prepare, sign, and submit an application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on behalf of the City of Lorain in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for federal funding for safety improvements along the Broadway corridor from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 28<sup>th</sup> Street within the City of Lorain.

**SECTION II:** That, if awarded, it is anticipated that project implementation shall occur between 2027 and 2029.

**SECTION III:** That, if awarded, the total cost of required match shall not exceed \$200,000.00, to be paid from various grant or City funds as deemed appropriate by the Lorain Auditor.

**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 adopted 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 in meetings open to the public and 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:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2025                      \_\_\_\_\_  
**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_, **CLERK OF COUNCIL**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2025                      \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

General Project Information	
Project Sponsoring Agency	
Project Name	
PID (if available)	
Project Manager	
Applicant Name	
Applicant Title	
Contact Phone	
Contact Email	

Location Information	
ODOT District	County

Project Description
Summary of Project

Project Priority Information

Project Funding						
Project Phase	Safety Study / Systemic Analysis	PE - Environmental	PE - Detailed Design	Right of Way /Utilities	Construction	Total
Fiscal Year						
Project Phase Completed					N/A	
Previous Safety						\$0.00
New Safety						\$0.00
Sponsor Funding						\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Additional Funding Detail

ODOT Use Only:

Application ID:

Document Library on Odrive:







**CITY OF LORAIN**

**City Council Regular Meeting**

**11. d.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Linda OConnor

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE:**

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.

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

We wish to purchase concrete for road repairs for the 2026 calendar year.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

We recommend Council consider passage of this ordinance.

**Admin Only**

\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies- concrete for the city of Lorain from Terminal Ready Mix.

**Fiscal Impact**

<b><u>Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):</u></b>	Y
<b><u>Estimated Total Expenditure:</u></b>	400,000.00
<b><u>List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:</u></b>	2030.R203.3140.6400.2900
<b><u>Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):</u></b>	
<b><u>Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):</u></b>	

**Attachments**

bid sheet  
ordinance

**Form Review**

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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.**

**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 a contract for the purchase of concrete from Terminal Ready Mix for use in the Public Properties Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 based on 2025 budget. All shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer and subject to the approval of the Board of Control as required by law.

**SECTION II.** That all contracts for the purchase of concrete for the City of Lorain Department of Public Property for calendar year 2026 shall have a termination date of 12/31/2026.

**SECTION III.** That the cost of \$400,000.00 shall be taken from the 2026 Street Construction, BitMat, Fund 2030.R203.3140.6400.2900, or the other city, state, or federal funds that may be available and as approved by City Council.

**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 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 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

**SECTION V.**

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, CLERK

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MAYOR

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026



**CITY OF LORAIN**

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**City Council Regular Meeting**

**11. e.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Linda OConnor

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE:**

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.

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

We wish to purchase asphalt for road repairs for the 2026 calendar year.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

We recommend Council consider passage of this ordinance.

**Admin Only**

\_\_\_ Ord. auth the S/S Director to enter into a contract for the purchase of materials and supplies-asphalt concrete for the City of Lorain from Kokosing, Inc.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Funds Available in Current Year Budget (Y/N):** Y  
**Estimated Total Expenditure:** 500,000.00  
**List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:** 2030.R203.3140.6400.6000  
**Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):**  
**Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):**

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**Attachments**

bid sheet  
ordinance

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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..**

**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 a contract for the purchase of asphalt concrete from Kokosing, Inc for use in the Public Properties Department, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 based on 2025 budget. All shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Engineer and subject to the approval of the Board of Control as required by law.

**SECTION II.** That all contracts for the purchase of asphalt concrete for the City of Lorain Department of Public Property for calendar year 2026 shall have a termination date of 12/31/2026.

**SECTION III.** That the cost of \$500,000.00 shall be taken from the 2026 In-House Paving Fund 2030.R203.3140.6400.6000, or the other city, state, or federal funds that may be available and as approved by City Council.

**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 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 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

**SECTION V.**

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, CLERK

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MAYOR

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026



**CITY OF LORAIN**

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**City Council Regular Meeting**

**11. f.**

**Meeting Date:** 01/05/2026

**Submitted by:** Dawn Walther

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION OR LEGISLATION TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR OF THE CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO TO PAY INVOICE SUBMITTED BY THE IT 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.

**PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:**

Invoice date was before purchase order was obtained.

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:**

Lorain City Council to consider for passage.

**Admin Only**

\_\_\_ Ord. auth the Auditor to pay invoices submitted by the IT Department that invoke the Then and Now Certification Process, per ORC, and to pay for said invoices.

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**Fiscal Impact**

**Funds Available In Current Year Budget (Y/N):** Y  
**Estimate of Total Expenditure:** 4,995.00  
**List of Funding Source and/or Account Number:** 1010 E350  
**Estimate of Incoming Revenue (fees, grants, etc.):**  
**Financing Requirements (Bonds, Loans, Lease, etc.):**

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**Attachments**

Then and Now Ordinance  
Then and Now documentation

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**Form Review**

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, Ohio Revised Code section 5705.41 requires the Auditor of the City of Lorain to certify that funds have been appropriated and are available to pay invoices as a result of a purchase order or contract subject to certain exceptions which are not otherwise applicable herein; and

**WHEREAS**, the IT Department has submitted an invoice which totals **\$4,995.00** and money was available then and is available **NOW**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor of the City Of Lorain has certified, using the Then and Now Certification exception pursuant to ORC section 5705.41(D)(1), that the appropriate funds were available **THEN** and the appropriate funds are available **NOW**; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lorain, Ohio deems it necessary to pay these invoices for services rendered or material received;

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

SECTION I. That the Auditor of the City of Lorain is hereby authorized to pay the invoice along with the attached **THEN** and **NOW** certificate, in the amount **\$4,995.00** and remit said payment to the appropriate vendor.

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

SECTION III. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency, the nature of the emergency being the immediate need to pay the invoices submitted for services rendered or material received by the City of Lorain and to protect the credit of the City in order to continue to receive products and services from vendors. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and immediately after its passage and approval of the Mayor, providing it meets the statutory requirements for passage, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

# INVOICE APPROVAL VOUCHER

City of Lorain

Check #	Date 12/5/2025	Dept. I.T. Department
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<b>VENDOR # 33120</b>	<b>VENDOR SuiteOne Media Inc.</b>
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Original PO Date	Invoice #	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	PO#	PO Complete	Invoice Gross Amount
11/25/2025	2686	11/24/25	Annual Maintennace / Service	2025-1783	Yes	4995.00
<b>Contract #:</b>						<b>TOTAL \$4,995.00</b>

Department Head	Date 12/5/2025
Auditor Approval	Date

**Do not mail check. Please return it to me. Thanks!**

SuiteOne Media, Inc.  
9941 E. Mission Lane  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
+16023324443

SUITEONE

**BILL TO**

City of Holladay  
4580 S 2300 E  
Salt Lake City, UT 84117  
United States

**INVOICE 2686**

**DATE 11/24/2025**

**DUE DATE 12/01/2025**

**SALES REP**

SRS

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>SuiteView</b> On Demand Video Web Casting (\$299/month X 12 months = \$3588/year)	1	3,795.00	3,795.00
<b>SuiteCast</b> Live Streaming - Video (\$100/month X 12 months = \$1200)	1	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>Services</b> SuiteOne MinutesAI (No charge for 2026)	1	0.00	0.00

Managed Renewal Dates:  
Begins: 1/01/2026 ~  
Expires: 12/31/2026

Please send your payment to:

SuiteOne Media, Inc.  
9941 E Mission Lane  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
Payment Reminder: - City of Holladay, UT - S1M Renewal  
Invoice

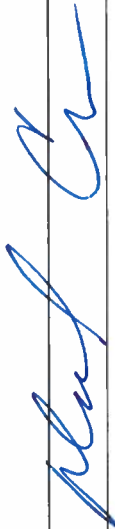
SUBTOTAL 4,995.00  
TAX 0.00  
TOTAL 4,995.00

**TOTAL DUE \$4,995.00**

Contacts: Stephanie Carlson

City of Lorain Auditor's Office  
 Ronald L. Mantini, Auditor  
**THEN & NOW CERTIFICATE**

**1.** Please complete Sections 1. & 2.  
 Attach it to the payment voucher and send it to the Auditor's Office for processing.

Individual/s Responsible for Purchasing Item/s without a purchase order: David Comer	
Explanation of Purchase without a PO: Error by me, thought this would not be billed until 2025	
Purchaser's Signature 	Date: <u>12/5/2025</u>
Department Head Signature	Date:

**2. THEN & NOW CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that sufficient funds, in the sum of \$ 4,995.00, were available at the time the attached invoice, contract or obligation was made (THEN) and that sufficient funds are NOW currently available to pay the attached invoice, contract or obligation.

G/L ACCOUNT #: 1010.E350.6300.1200

Amount Available THEN: \$ 4,384.65 Amount Available NOW: \$ 12,039.76

Certified by:  Date: 12-26-25

City Auditor/Deputy Auditor

NOTE: If the purchase is over \$3,000 or if funds were not available THEN, this voucher will need to be approved by Lorain City Council. You will need to notify the vendor explaining to them that this will not be paid in a timely manner due to the purchasing oversight.

In case of an EMERGENCY PURCHASE, please remember to call the S/S office for approval, enter the requisition and then call the Auditor's Office for the PO#. This procedure is to be used for true emergency items or procedures, i.e. roof repair, broken window...



# Budget Performance Report

Date Range 01/01/25 - 11/24/25  
 Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Account

Account	Account Description	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments	Amended Budget	Current Month Transactions	YTD Encumbrances	YTD Transactions	Budget - YTD Transactions	% Used/Rec'd
<b>Fund 1010 - General Fund</b>									
<b>EXPENSE</b>									
Division E350 - Information Technology									
6300	Maintenance Agreements	762,250.00	.00	762,250.00	28,671.67	141,402.67	616,462.68	4,384.65	99%
<b>6300 - Totals</b>		<b>\$762,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$762,250.00</b>	<b>\$28,671.67</b>	<b>\$141,402.67</b>	<b>\$616,462.68</b>	<b>\$4,384.65</b>	<b>99%</b>
Division E350 - Information Technology									
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>\$762,250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$762,250.00</b>	<b>\$28,671.67</b>	<b>\$141,402.67</b>	<b>\$616,462.68</b>	<b>\$4,384.65</b>	<b>99%</b>
Fund 1010 - General Fund Totals									
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>+++</b>
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>		<b>762,250.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>762,250.00</b>	<b>28,671.67</b>	<b>141,402.67</b>	<b>616,462.68</b>	<b>4,384.65</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Fund 1010 - General Fund Totals</b>		<b>(\$762,250.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$762,250.00)</b>	<b>(\$28,671.67)</b>	<b>(\$141,402.67)</b>	<b>(\$616,462.68)</b>	<b>(\$4,384.65)</b>	
Grand Totals									
<b>REVENUE TOTALS</b>		<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>+++</b>
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