

Chaplain Angel Arroyo led council in the prayer and President Pro-Tem Dimacchia led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the regular meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 3 Messrs. Drwal, Fallis, Arredondo.

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

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

- a.) January 5, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
Without objection, the minutes were accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS & OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:

- a.) President Arredondo's appointment of a member of Council to serve as the Chaplain.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to hold items a and b in abeyance. Motion carried unanimously.
- b.) President Arredondo's appointment of the Finance Chair to serve on the Tax Incentive Review Committee.
- c.) 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. 28th St., from Tammy & Michael Losiewicz located at 2215 E. 28th St., (6th Ward). Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the Board that no complaints have been received. Motion carried unanimously.
- d.) Mayor Bradley's proclamation recognizing and declaring January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of Lorain, Ohio.
Councilmember Springowski and Mayor Bradley spoke on this matter. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.
- e.) Correspondence received from Lorain Planning Commission recommending Lorain City Council approve the rezoning of PPN 03-00-047-113-009, located at 2973 G Street, from a B-2 General Commercial District to an R-2 Transitional Residential District. Iraida Robles is the applicant. This is ZCA 3-2025. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 5:30pm to discuss the item. Councilmember Springowski spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ms. Kempton requesting a point of privilege.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Bearer, requesting a point of privilege to allow the mayor to speak regarding an incident over the weekend. The motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Bradley spoke regarding ICE agents potentially being in Lorain and the Speak Up Speak Out event held January 11, 2026.

Councilmembers Springowski, Arroyo, Carter, and Torres spoke regarding the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

AARON KNAPP: Spoke regarding emails.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a.) The Police, Fire & Legislative & All of Council Committee met on Monday, January 12th, to hear a departmental overview/update from the IT Department, Human Resources, Engineering, BHP, Public Properties, Utilities, Fire and Police Departments, no action was taken as this was an informational meeting. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution 3-26 a.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, a resolution appointing members to the local Board of Tax Review pursuant to Lorain Codified Ordinance Section 192.18 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the resolution.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 4-26 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, a resolution appointing a member to the local Board of Tax Review pursuant to Lorain Codified Ordinance Section 192.18 and declaring an emergency.

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

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 5-26 c.) Introduced by Ms. Torres, a resolution to receive cannabis revenue from the Department of Taxation and allocate funds to the City of Lorain’s General Fund.

Moved by Ms. Torres, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Bearer, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend the first whereas to correct the section of the ORC to 3780.23 instead of 3708.23.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution is amended.

REMARKS: Councilmember’s Torres, Bearer and Auditor Harper spoke regarding this matter

Moved by Ms. Torres, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution, as amended.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

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

- Resolution 6-26 d.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, a resolution authorizing the Safety/Service Director to sell municipally owned personal property that is not needed for public use or which is obsolete or unfit for city use by internet auction.
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Carter and Auditor Harper spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mrs. Cater, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.
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- Ordinance 5-26 e.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the City of Lorain Treasurer to enter into all necessary agreements with Innovative Software Services, Inc. for the provision of software that allows City of Lorain income tax returns to be filed electronically and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmembers Carter, Springowski and Treasurer Soto spoke regarding this matter.
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
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- Ordinance 6-26 f.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to apply for grant funding on behalf of the City of Lorain for the construction of the 2028 Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
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- Ordinance 7-26 g.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with RMH Concrete & Foundations, Inc. for the partial removal and replacement of sidewalks around Helen Steiner Rice and Southview Schools in the City of Lorain.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: None.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS:

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER: I would like to call a Finance Committee Meeting for the quarterly budget for April 13th at 5:30pm.

Councilmember Carter also spoke regarding an introduction of Mr. Rick Soto.

~~**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Cancelled.**~~

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dimacchia, the meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



Clerk of Council

Accepted: February 9, 2026