

Chaplain Pam Carter led Council in the prayer and Pledge and then President Arredondo called the Special Call to order at 6:04pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzales, Bearer, Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 1 Mr. Arroyo.

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

**READING OF THE SPECIAL CALL LETTER:**

*Clerk Dull read the Special Call Letter.*

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to accept the Special Call letter. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

a.) January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) January 27, 2026 Special Call Minutes

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried unanimously.

**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. Without objection, Councilman Arroyo was appointed.

b.) President Arredondo's appointment of the Finance Chair to serve on the Tax Incentive Review Committee. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) Clerk of Court's submission of the 2025 Lorain Municipal Court's Summary Annual Report. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Clerk Dull announced that there are three members of the public signed up to speak this evening.

PATRICK HORN, 1015 Highland Park Blvd.: Spoke regarding Ollies parking.

DOUGLAS NAVALINKSY, W. 35<sup>th</sup> St.: Spoke regarding sign code enforcement.

AARON KNAPP, 4220 Talbot Ln.: Spoke regarding liability.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.**

**LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**

Resolution 8-26

a.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, a resolution recognizing, celebrating and declaring the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Lorain, Ohio.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the three-reading rule.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzales, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

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

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzales, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

- Proposed Resolution      b.) Introduced by Mr. Bearer, a resolution authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain, Ohio, to waive the requirement for the installation of city sidewalk at 4725 Meister Rd. in the City of Lorain, Ohio.  
Moved by Mr. Bearer, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Thornsberry, Safety/Service Director Carrion spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to refer the resolution to a second reading.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The motion carried unanimously, the item is referred to a second reading.
- Ordinance 8-26              c.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder for the replacement of water infrastructure within the City of Lorain's water distribution system and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Fallis and Utilities Director Joe Carbonaro spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 9-26              d.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a water pollution control loan fund agreement on behalf of the City of Lorain for the construction of the new Martin Run Pump Station and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Fallis, Utilities Director Joe Carbonaro, Safety/Service Director Carrion and Mayor Bradley spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES-      10      Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS-      0      None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 10-26            e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to apply, accept, and enter into a water pollution control loan fund (WPCLF) agreement on behalf of the City of Lorain for the planning and work associated with the city of Lorain Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES), and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Fallis and Utilities Director Joe Carbonaro spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 11-26 f.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to apply, accept, and enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) agreement on behalf of the City of Lorain for the construction of the water main replacement year 2 project.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmembers Fallis and Carter, Utilities Director Joe Carbonaro and Safety/Service Director Carrion spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 12-26 g.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, Tri Mor Corporation, for the Tower Boulevard rehabilitation project (PID 120287) in the City of Lorain, and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 13-26 h.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, 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 Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 14-26 i.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Treasurer of the City of Lorain, Ohio to enter into an agreement with Keith D. Weiner & Associates Co.,

- LPA for the collection of delinquent income tax balances that are owed to the City of Lorain.  
 Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Carter, President Arredondo and Treasurer Soto spoke regarding this matter.  
 Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 15-26 j.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by temporary budget ordinance #185-25 beginning January 1, 2026 and ending March 31, 2026 and declaring an emergency.  
 Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 16-26 k.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Auditor of the City of Lorain, Ohio to pay invoice submitted by the Utilities Department that invoke the Then and Now Certification Exception Process as per Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 and to pay for said invoices and declaring an emergency.  
 Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 17-26 l.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$4,200,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of roadway improvements as further described herein, together with any necessary appurtenances thereto, and to pay the cost of issuance for said bonds; and declaring an emergency.  
 Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

- Ordinance 18-26 m.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$2,650,000, for the purpose of retiring certain outstanding notes of the city issued for roadway improvements as further described herein; paying the costs of issuance for said bonds; and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: President Arredondo, Auditor Harper and Councilmember Fallis spoke regarding this matter.  
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 19-26 n.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$2,400,000, for the purpose of retiring certain outstanding bonds of the city issued for various purposes as further described herein; paying the costs of issuance for said bonds; and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 20-26 o.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds in a maximum principal amount of \$2,000,000, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the city originally issued to pay costs of the City of Lorain's urban renewal project activities in the riverfront urban renewal plan area and to pay the costs of refunding and costs of issuance for said bonds; and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE CALLS:**

- February 23, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Public Hearing to discuss ZCA 3-2025; the rezoning of 2973 G. Street from B2 to R2.
- April 13, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Finance Committee for a quarterly budget update.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Called a Building & Lands Committee meeting following the Public Hearing on February 23, 2026 regarding the Urban Agricultural Plan Presentation.

Councilmember Thornsberry spoke regarding the e-filing and asked that Treasurer Soto give an update.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to designate Maggie Partin and Breanna Dull to attend the Sunshine Law Training as Council’s designee per Ohio Revised Code. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, in accordance with ORC Section 121.22: G (2) to consider the purchase or sale of property and 121.22: G (3) to conference with the public body’s attorney regarding disputes that are the subject of pending and/or imminent court action.

AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the body recessed into Executive Session at 6:54pm.

President Arredondo reconvened the regular meeting at 8:06pm, nine members are present, absent is Mr. Thornsberry.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
Clerk of Council

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Accepted On: March 2, 2026