

Chaplain Angel Arroyo led council in the prayer and President Arredondo led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the regular meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
ABSENT - 0 None.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES: None.**

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

- a.) Parks, Cemetery, and Street Departments 2025 Annual Reports to Council. Without comment, receive and file.
- b.) Lorain Planning Commission’s recommendation to Council for the denial of rezoning ZCA 1-2026 located at 1051 Meister Rd., PPN 02-01-006-184-022, from a B-2 to I-1. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:30pm. Without comment, receive and file.
- c.) Lorain Planning Commission’s recommendation to Council for approval of a Preliminary Development Plan, PDP 1-2026, for residential new construction , located at Lighthouse Pointe, PPN’s 02-02-009-101-089 and 02-02-008-107-061. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 5:30pm. Without comment, receive and file.

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

- KATHY SKIBNIEWSKI, 3047 Sterling Rd.: Spoke regarding the initiation of community gardens.
- CHAD MUSKA, 3793 Derussey Rd.: Spoke regarding the skatepark.
- HUCK KURINSKY, 28411W. Oviatt Rd.: Spoke regarding the skatepark.
- AARON KNAPP, 4220 Talbot Ln.: Spoke regarding the Oath of Office.
- ALBERT JACOBS, 1532 Lehigh Ave.: Spoke regarding the skatepark.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.**

**LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**

Proposed Resolution a.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution supporting the adoption of the City of Lorain Urban Agriculture Plan, entitled “Growing Together,” its submission to the United States Department of Agriculture as Lorain’s official Urban Agriculture Plan.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to refer the matter to committee.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 21-26 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and/or Director of Public Safety/Service of the City of Lorain (the “City”) to accept the 2026 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Community Event Sponsorship Program Award.  
Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Carter and Safety/Service Director Carrion spoke regarding this matter.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 22-26 c.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Lorain (the "City") to accept the 2026 Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Carter and Safety/Service Director Carrion spoke regarding this matter.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 23-26 d.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with Cleveland Communications, Inc. for the use of space on top of the Johnnie Wilson water tower located at 1217 Plant St., to install a radio antenna and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Fallis and Mayor Bradley spoke regarding this matter.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 24-26 e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Lorain, Ohio, to authorize the purchase of equipment & materials related to the replacement of two (2) pumps at the Black River WWTP, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 25-26 f.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with CapChase, Inc. for the provision of computer software programs and equipment related to cloud storage and cyber security, and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 26-26 g.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to accept and enter into an agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and receive funding dollars from the municipal bridge program to the City of Lorain for the Sherwood Bridge Rehabilitation Project.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmembers Carter, Fallis and City Engineer Dale Vandersommen, spoke regarding this matter.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 27-26 h.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement for construction administration and inspection services with DLZ Ohio, Inc. for the Lorain Safe Routes to School 2026 Project.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 28-26 i.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance levying special assessments for the construction of sidewalks in various locations within the City of Lorain and declaring an emergency.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Bearer and City Engineer Dale Vandersommen spoke regarding this matter.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 29-26 j.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$600,000,

for the purpose of paying the costs of municipal parks and recreation facilities 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. Drwal, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Auditor Harper, Councilmembers Carter, Kempton, Fallis, Springowski, Dimacchia, Drwal, President Arredondo, BHP Director Matt Kusznir, Program Manager Hannah Kiraly, Safety/Service Director Carrion and Mayor Bradley spoke regarding this matter.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:**

Resolution 9-26 a.) 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 Road in the City of Lorain, OH.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Thornsberry spoke regarding this matter.

Moved by Mr. Bearer, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.**

**COMMITTEE CALLS:**

- February 23, 2026 @ 5:30pm - Public Hearing to discuss ZCA 3-2025; the rezoning of 2973 G. Street from B2 to R2; and Building and Lands Committee Meeting to discuss Urban Agriculture.
- March 16, 2026 @ 5:30pm - Public Hearing to discuss ZCA 1-2026; the rezoning of 1051 Meister Rd. from B2 to I1.
- March 23, 2026 @ 5:30pm - Public Hearing to discuss a preliminary development plan, PDP 1-2026, located at Lighthouse Pointe.
- April 13, 2026 @ 5:30pm - Finance Committee for a quarterly budget update.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER: I would like to call a Finance Committee Meeting, with all of council, regarding the full budget for March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. I will also get with Safety/Service Director Rey Carrion on possibly bringing in Directors to that meeting, and also getting with Auditor Harper to provide the full budget that we passed to give you guys time to gather up your questions, review and get your questions together.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF

  
Maggie Partin, Deputy Clerk of Council

Accepted:

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