

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

ABSENT - 1 Mrs. Carter.

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

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to suspend the regular order of business and consider item 7am. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**

Resolution 10-26 a.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, a resolution honoring the Southview 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for an undefeated season and Greater Cleveland Conference Championship.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Dimacchia congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Team.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

*At this time Mr. Arroyo presented the resolution to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys team and coaching staff.*

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:**

a.) February 2, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) February 9, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) February 16, 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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

a.) Correspondence received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a New C2 permit application received for Nothing But Growth LLC, Green Store, located at 912 West 9<sup>th</sup> St., 44052 (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward). Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mr. Drwal, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Correspondence received from CHN Housing notifying Council of their plans to be the General Partner of a 63-unit residential rental development known as Southern Heights Preservation at 1655 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Without objection, receive and file.

c.) Mayor Bradley's request for Council to approve the reappointments of Henry Patterson and Brandon Wysocki to the City of Lorain Zoning Board of Appeals

for a six-year term. Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Ms. Kempton, to concur with the appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

d.) Mayor Bradley's 2026 State of the City Address presentation. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

e.) Correspondence received from Law Director Riley regarding the dismissal of Case 25CV219080, Knapp et. al. v City of Lorain. Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a.) The Building & Lands Committee met on Monday, February 23, to hear a presentation regarding a proposed resolution approving & adopting the Urban Agriculture Plan, "Growing Together". The committee recommended sending the matter back to Council for consideration and it is item 8a on this evening's agenda. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:**

Resolution 11-26            b.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, a resolution recognizing and declaring the month of March as "Women's History Month" in the City of Lorain, Ohio.  
Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the three reading rule.

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

NAYS-        0        None. The rule was suspended.

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

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

NAYS-        0        None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Proposed Resolution    c.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, a resolution amending Resolution 1-26, Rule 16-Order of Business.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mr. Drwal, to suspend the three reading rule.

AYES-        8        Messrs. Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS-        2        Messrs. Springowski, Dimacchia. The rule was not suspended.

Resolution 12-26        d.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, a resolution amending Section IV of Resolution 07-26 and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NAYS-        0        None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Dimacchia clarified the Secretary of State reached out to the Board of Elections asking for an amendment.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the resolution.

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

NAYS-        0        None. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution 13-26        e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, a resolution declaring it necessary to remove and construct new sidewalks in 2026 at various locations in the City of Lorain,

requiring that abutting property owners construct the same and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 30-26**

f.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, an ordinance authorizing and directing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain, Ohio to enter into a contract with Hastings Water Works, the sole source vendor, for the operation of the city pool located at Oakwood Park, without bidding, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

NAYS- 1 Mr. Fallis. The rule was suspended.

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

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

NAYS- 1 Mr. Fallis. The ordinance passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 31-26**

g.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance adopting the recommendation of the City of Lorain Planning Commission to approve with conditions the request to rezone 2973 G Street and Permanent Parcel Number 03-00-047-113-009 from B-2 to R-2 and more fully described in exhibit "A" attached hereto. (ZCA 3-2025)

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Drwal stated he has no complaints regarding this.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 32-26**

h.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain to enter into an agreement for the City of Lorain release of claims against An Hoai Tran and declaring an emergency

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Springowski requested that Mrs. Golden give an overview and explanation regarding the brownfield grants.

Kate Golden, Engineer, explained the city has been working since 2022 to clean up the site. The Engineering Dept., Law Dept., Administration, Ohio Attorney Generals Office, ODOD, Ohio EPA, County Prosecutor, Lorain County Landbank and County Commissioners to get to where we are today. The ordinance will release claims, if any are found, for it to move forward to the land bank.

Councilmember Springowski inquired if this is absolving Mr. Tran of his tax obligations, and if he is still responsible through the county for those?

Mrs. Golden answered it is not, and that is accurate.

Councilmember Arroyo inquired about the timeframe. Also, about the structures that will be demolished.

Mrs. Golden answered she expects the work will start this summer. Asbestos removal, demolition and removal of any other non-contaminated material. Also, the material at the Stoveworks site will be used to fill in the basement of the St. Joes site. She also explained the community center area and doctor office will not be part of the demolition, but could eventually be.

Councilmember Fallis clarified, they are removing bad debris and filling it in with debris from Stoveworks.

Mrs. Golden explained, yes, it is soil that was brought in for basement fill.

Councilmember Springowski inquired, the soil being used from Stoveworks is not acceptable for residential, and St. Joes is not residential.

Mrs. Golden answered that is correct and explained the intention of the property is commercial and mixed-use.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 33-26 i.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to purchase equipment needed by the City of Lorain Department of Public Property 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, 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- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 34-26 j.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, an ordinance amending Ordinance 154-05 and Section 509.11(A) and Section 509.11(C) of the Lorain Codified Ordinances which sets the hours of public parks and beaches in the City of Lorain.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Arroyo inquired about leagues utilizing Oakwood Park for basketball and lack of lighting, also if these hours will affect the leagues practicing. Mayor Bradley explained where there is lighting, they will continue to be able to utilize the areas.

Councilmember Arroyo inquired if the lights at Oakwood would be fixed.

Mayor Bradley answered it would not, and suggested Mr. Arroyo have the discussion with the Parks Department.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 1 Mr. Arroyo. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 35-26 k.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, 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. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Proposed Ordinance 1.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance appropriating money for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026 and declaring an emergency.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 1 Mr. Fallis. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: Councilmember Fallis requested additional information from the auditor’s office, the revenues and beginning cash balances.  
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Ms. Kempton, to refer the matter to committee.
- AYES- 6 Messrs. Fallis, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 4 Messrs. Springowski, Dimacchia, Drwal, Arroyo. The ordinance is referred to committee.

**LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:**

- Resolution 14-26 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. Drwal, to suspend the three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.  
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to pass the resolution.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.  
NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

**LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.**

**COMMITTEE CALLS:**

- March 9, 2026 @ 5:30pm – Finance Committee & All of Council to discuss the 2026 Permanent Budget
- ~~March 16, 2026 @ 5:30pm – Public Hearing to discuss ZCA 1 2026; the rezoning of 1051 Meister Rd. from B2 to H1. CANCELLED- APP. WITHDRAWN~~
- 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. Torres, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dimacchia, the meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

*Brianna Dull*

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Clerk of Council

Accepted: March 16, 2026