

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

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT - 2 Mr. Fallis, Arredondo.

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

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

a.) March 2, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

b.) February 23, 2026, Public Hearing Minutes

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, 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.) Mayor Bradley's request for Council to approve the appointment of Jeff Neal and the reappointment of Gloria Buxton to the City of Lorain Tax Incentive Review Council for a three-year term. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to concur with the appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Correspondence received from TDI Lorain, LLC requesting withdrawal of their application from Council Agenda on March 16, 2026. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

DOUGLAS NAVALINSKY, 417 W. 35th Street: Spoke regarding the Tower Blvd. expansion and roads needing repair in the city. Also, he mentioned dumping around W. 37th and Broadway and W. 39th and Broadway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a.) The Finance Committee and All of Council met on Monday, March 9th to discuss the 2026 Permanent Budget. The committee recommended having further discussions before consideration. Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution 15-26

a.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution recognizing Irish Heritage Month and Nationality Month in the City of Lorain.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Springowski spoke regarding Irish History.

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

- Proposed Ordinance b.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance repealing ordinance no. 82-14 Chapter 775 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances and adopting new Chapter 776 of the Lorain Codified Ordinances.
Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS:
- AYES- 10 Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to refer to committee. Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The item is referred to committee.
- Ordinance 36-26 c.) 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. Arroyo, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Arroyo, to pass the ordinance. Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 37-26 d.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the highest rated and ranked engineering firm for professional services related to 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, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance. Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 38-26 e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to accept and enter into an agreement with The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the implementation of the Bascule Bridge Notification Project.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance. Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

- Ordinance 39-26 f.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with LJB, Inc., for professional services related to the design of various high visibility markings & RRFB systemic safety project. Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 40-26 g.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to modify a contract with Quality Control Services (QCS) for professional services associated with PID 120792 LOR-58-25.41 Tower/SR58 Traffic Signal Improvement Project. Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 41-26 h.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with the highest rated and ranked professional engineering firm for professional services related to the construction of LOR-MR4321-0.00 Tower Blvd. Rehabilitation Project. Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 42-26 i.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Auditor of the City of Lorain, Ohio to pay invoices 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 Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- AYES- 10 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

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

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

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: Councilmember Carter stated she was for adding number 4 back in, but against the other.

President Pro-Tempore Dimacchia explained he would recommend an amendment. Councilmember Kempton stated she has no problem separating it.

Law Director Riley explained the two options are to amend the ordinance as it stands and vote on amendments, or refer to a third reading and the Law Department can revise the legislation.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend the resolution, separating the two; correspondence of the Mayor to be added to the agenda, and miscellaneous concerns of Council not to be.

AYES- 7 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 3 Messrs. Drwal, Kempton, Bearer. The resolution is amended.

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

AYES- 7 Messrs. Springowski, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo.

NAYS- 3 Messrs. Dimacchia, Bearer, Thornsberry. The resolution passed, as amended.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS:

- 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 Thornsberry called a Committee Meeting for Monday, April 6th at 5:00pm to discuss the Sewer Rate increases before the Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Carter called a continued budget hearing on March 23rd following the Public Hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mrs. Carter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dimacchia, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE OF COUNCIL



Clerk of Council

Accepted: April 6, 2026