

Chaplain Angel Arroyo Jr. led Council in the prayer and Pledge and then President Arredondo called the Special Call to order at 5:31pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT - 1 Mr. Bearer.

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

READING OF THE SPECIAL CALL LETTER:

Deputy Clerk Partin read the Special Call Letter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Finance Committee and All of Council met on March 23rd to continue budget discussions. The committee recommended referring the ordinance back to council for consideration and it is item 5a on this evening's agenda. Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

Ordinance 43-26

a.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, 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. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Spoke regarding his thoughts on passing the budget with a deficit and that he feels we need to keep a close eye on it.
COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Stressed this is everyone's budget and that we will keep a close eye on it.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Stated that he feels confident everyone will work closely together.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: Stated that the administration agrees and everyone needs to work together. Shared that instead of adding two inspectors to the BHP Dept., they will only be adding one. Also, there will be an open position in BHP that will be absorbed and not filled.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to amend by substitution, both the ordinance and attachment.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance and attachment are amended by substitution.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, in accordance with ORC Section 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, Arroyo, Thornsberry.
NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the body recessed into Executive
Session at 5:37pm.

President Arredondo reconvened the regular meeting at 5:55pm, eight members are present, absent were Mrs. Carter and Mr. Thornsberry.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.


Maggie Partin, Deputy Clerk of Council

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Accepted On: