

Chaplain Angel Arroyo Jr. led council in the prayer and President Arredondo led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the regular meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT - 0

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the regular order of business and consider items 7a and 7b.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution 17-26 a.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, a resolution commending the Lorain County Community College Men’s Basketball Team.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, 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. Arroyo, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, 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.

At this time Mr. Arroyo presented the resolution to the team.

Resolution 18-26 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution in support of Issue 5 for Lorain City Schools.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, 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.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Read the resolution and stressed the importance of the schools.

COUNCILMEMBER TORRES: Agreed with Mrs. Springowski. Stated that China is about to overcome the US and that they focus on education.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: Spoke regarding his support for Issue 5.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Spoke regarding his and his families support for Issue 5. Stated he is a substitute teacher and that the teachers love the students, and there is a need for all of the financial resources to help them succeed.

COUNCILMEMBER DRWAL: Spoke regarding the positivity of education and that the children deserve the Issue passing.

COUNCILMEMBER CARTER: Spoke regarding her support for Issue 5.

COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ: Spoke regarding her support for Issue 5 and how important this is for the children.

COUNCILMEMBER KEMPTON: Spoke regarding her importance of education on the children’s success.

COUNCILMEMBER DIMACCHIA: Thanked everyone for their support and expressed his frustration when people are critical of the schools. Explained the vouchers and that the money goes to private schools, not public schools. He said Issue 5 is about protecting the kids, and stressed how critical the levy is.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Stated that the city was told of three things that would attract people to our city, improving the housing stock, improve the roads and improve the schools. She stressed the importance of having good schools.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Spoke regarding businesses coming in to the city and their concern for the education system, the infrastructure and housing stock.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, 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.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

a.) March 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. The motion carried unanimously.

b.) March 23, 2026, Public Hearing 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.

c.) March 30, 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.) Correspondence received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a New D1, D2, D3 Permit Application received for Speak of the Devil Cocktails LLC, Burdette's Show Room, located at 203 W. 5th Street., 44052 (2nd 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 the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a New C1 C2 Permit Application received for Broadway Dairymart Inc., located at 2802 Broadway Ave., 44055 (5th Ward). Moved by Ms. Gonzalez, supported by Mr. Fallis, and supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the Board that no complaints have been received. Motion carried unanimously.

c.) Correspondence received from Lisette Gracia of Lorain County Board of Elections, with a copy of the May 5, 2026, Primary/Special Election Ballot. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file.

d.) Correspondence from Mayor Bradley to Members of Council regarding his recent trip to Great Britain with Power a Clean Future Ohio, the British Consulate-General, and the Gund Foundation. Without comment, receive and file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Clerk Dull announced that there are two members of the public signed up to speak this evening.

GERALD PHILIPS: Spoke regarding the Regional Water District and a proposal to create "Clearwater" which would be the county, LorCo and Avon Lake Regional Water. Avon Lake did not move forward with the deal. He spoke regarding the mega site and purchasing property. Said knows the mayor of Vermilion, and he is considering going into Erie. Also mentioned that he is aware New Russia Township voted down the rezoning for the mega site.

JAYNE MORALES: Stated she appreciates the support for the schools. Explained the residents concerns with additional levies and additional costs. She expressed her concerns with the amount of money she already pays and that she feels as though the administration should take a cut, or ask the residents how to spend the money.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to hold the Committee Report in abeyance until the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

- Resolution 19-26 c.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, a resolution authorizing the Safety/Service Director, of the City of Lorain, Ohio to waive the requirement for the installation of city sidewalk at 2767 W. 21st Street in the City of Lorain. Ohio.
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 resolution.
- AYES- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The resolution passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 44-26 d.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Safety/Service to enter into contracts with the lowest and best bidders for the rehabilitation of certain roadways in connection with Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Round 39 Contract A, Contract B And Contract C.
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 45-26 e.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to give consent to the Director of Transportation to perform mowing for the north side of State Route 2 PID 116794, and declaring an emergency.
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 46-26 f.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance to vacate a portion of an alley (16 feet in width) from the east right of way line of East Avenue, extending 165 feet to the east, as depicted in exhibit a, attached hereto.
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.
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 47-26 g.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance approving the proposed Preliminary Plan for The Cottages at Lighthouse Point Development in the City of Lorain, Ohio
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, 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 Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to pass the ordinance.

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

NAYS- 1 Ms. Kempton. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance 48-26 h.) Introduced by Mr. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain to enter into a disposition agreement for the transfer of the real property described on exhibit a to the Lorain County Port Authority and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, 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.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Inquired if it is Lorain Port Authority or Lorain County Port Authority.
CLERK DULL: Explained the caption does state Lorain County Port Authority.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, 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.

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Ms. Kempton, to refer items I through P to a second reading.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance i.) An ordinance amending Section 911.216 – Delivery of Bills & Section 911.217 – Charges for Water/Sewer are a Lien Against the Property.
This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance j.) An ordinance creating Section 913.058 – TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City.
This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance k.) An ordinance amending Section 911.112 – Water Turn-On.
This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance l.) An ordinance amending Section 911.230 – Sewer Only Accounts.
This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance m.) An ordinance amending Section 911.302 – Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge.
This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance n.) An ordinance amending Section 911.503 – Entering Properties for Operation of Metering Systems; Section 911.504 – Access to Property for Operation of Metering

Systems; Section 911.505 – Number of Meters Allowed; Section 911.507 – Installation of Meters by Division of Water Only.

This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance o.) An ordinance amending Section 911.517 – All Water must be Metered; Section 911.518 – Meter to be Furnished by City; Section 911.519 – Replacement of Meters. This item was moved to a second reading.

Proposed Ordinance p.) An ordinance amending Section 911.307 – Exceptions to the Water Rates. This item was moved to a second reading.

Ordinance 49-26 q.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to apply for the FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement of funds between the City of Lorain, Elyria, and the County of Lorain, Ohio for funding as approved by the 2025 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award 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 50-26 r.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a settlement agreement with six remnant defendants in the National Opioid Litigation and directing the City Auditor to allocate said funds to the Opioid Settlement Fund and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mrs. Carter, 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 Mrs. Carter, 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 51-26 s.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with K.E. McCartney and Associates, Inc., for professional services related to the E. 36th Street Improvements– Planning Project funded through a RAISE Grant awarded to the city by the Federal Highway Administration 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 52-26 t.) 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 permanent budget Ordinance #43-26 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- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

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.

CLERK DULL: Announced that the Law Department requested for the rules to be waived and an item to be added to the agenda for consideration. All members received copies on their desks and via email and the agenda will be updated accordingly.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to add item 7u to the agenda for consideration.

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

NAYS- 0 None. The motion to add the item to the agenda carried unanimously.

Ordinance 53-26 u.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with Insituform Technologies, Inc., for the provision of utility repair and professional services 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 DIMACCHIA: Inquired if this was the issue with Root Road and the city was waiting on the railroads' approval to move forward and if the expenditure of \$450,000 was in the market for an issue like this. He also inquired if this is a General Fund expenditure.

DIRECTOR CARBONARO: Explained the expenditure was paid out of OMR reserve fund; the WPCF.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: Stated that this was the project we were waiting for four months for approval, and that we are now waiting on the date and timeline and asked for patience.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Inquired if the flags are received and the work begins, how long it would take to complete.

DIRECTOR CARBONARO: The estimated time frame is a week/week and a half.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Stated that the railroad is not easy to work with and thanked everyone for their patience.

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.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: None.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS:

- 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 Mr. Fallis, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote from Mr. Dimacchia, the meeting adjourned at 6:56pm.

COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF

Breanna Dull

Clerk of Council

Accepted:

