

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 Mr. , to suspend the regular order of business and consider items 8a and b. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution 20-26 a.) Introduced by Ms. Torres, a resolution honoring the Lorain High School Esports Team for capturing the State Title.

Moved by Ms. Torres, 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 DIMACCHIA: Thanked the Esports Team and Coaching staff for representing Lorain High and Lorain City Schools and congratulated them on their success.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Congratulated the team for being State Champions and for their hard work.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Congratulated the team.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Sports is an enhancement in education and is thankful for them being here.

Moved by Ms. Torres, 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 Ms. Torres presented the resolution to the team and coaches.

Resolution 21-26 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, a resolution declaring April as Scottish American Heritage Month in the City of Lorain.

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 TORRES: Spoke regarding how wonderful it is that we are presenting one of the cultural elements that Lorain is known for, and the music celebrating the cultural heritage.

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.

At this time Mrs. Springowski presented the resolution to the group; the group played the bagpipes.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

a.) April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR:

- a.) Mayor Bradley's proclamation declaring May 1, 2026, Global Love Day in the City of Lorain. Without comment, receive and file.

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

- a.) Treasurer Soto's 2026 1st quarter Income Tax Receipts. This report covers the time period between January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

JOANNE ZELINA, 2214 Wilson Dr.: Spoke regarding the motorsports park and a Cleveland Brewery coming to Lorain; also, going to the track and being taken for a ride around the track. The east side is improving and hopes council will continue to remember the east side.

ALBERT JACOBS, 1532 Lehigh Ave.: Spoke regarding the skate park. He is a big proponent of the skate park and would like to see the park getting built correctly. He stated he spoke with Adam from Spohn Ranch who designed the park, and the changes that had been noticed from the initial design. Adam stated the city did it in three phases. He inquired how they could get some of the stuff put back in and was told it is very hard once it is engineered stamp, but not impossible. He, himself, was in contact with no less than 12 major skate park companies, and at least 5-6 of them were in the process until the addendum came out. Going down to three, one of which was late via Fedex. Asked that we keep pressure on them.

BRANDON WYSOCKI, 319 Georgia: Spoke to Mr. Jacobs today and heard his concerns. He feels as though his concerns are valid, would like the skate park to be as meaningful as possible to the community. This project has been a long time coming, is grateful to all who helped make it what it is. Regarding the Esports team, they are going to Columbus to compete for the Nationals and for anyone wishing to contribute, they are accepting donations to help fund their trip.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a.) The Streets and Utilities Committee met on April 6th to discuss budget concerns in the Utilities Department. No action was taken during that meeting as it was informational only. Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.
- b.) The Finance Committee met on Monday April 13th to discuss the 1st quarter budget update. No action was taken as this was for informational purposes. Moved by Mrs. Carter, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the committee report. Motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Ordinance 54-26

c.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the 2026 NRA Foundation State Fund Grant and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Dimacchia, 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: COUNCILMEMBER GONZALEZ: Questioned what the assurances, special conditions and limitations mentioned in the ordinance are.

AUDITOR HARPER: Special conditions are to purchase the equipment specified in the grant.

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

LORAIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING -COUNCIL CHAMBER, LORAIN, OH April 20, 2026

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

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 55-26 d.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to accept a grant from Lorain County Children and Families First Council.

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: Pleased to see that the kids will be supported with transportation to Rebmans, Skate World, face painting and water slides.

Moved by Mr., supported by Ms. , 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.

Proposed Ordinance e.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement with Brightspeed Broadband, LLC for sponsorship of the Lorain Parks & Recreation Department's Mural Beautification Project and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, supported by Mrs. Carter, to refer the item to committee.

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

NAYS- 1 Mr. Dimacchia. The item is referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance f.) Introduced by Ms. Kempton, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract for the Longfellow Skatepark Project in the City of Lorain and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Ms. Kempton, 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 ARROYO: Trying to get clarification, one question, if we were to deny this or to put it out for bidding, would it jeopardize the timeline to get it finished this year?

BHP DIRECTOR MATT KUSZNIR: In his opinion, it could jeopardize the timeline. A large sum of dollars, almost \$900,000 of CDBG is tied up in this project which causes a few issues if it were re-bid. The project not being completed by the November 1st timeliness deadline. If a sufficient amount of Block Grant Funds are not spent by the timeliness deadline, they risk paying funds back to Housing and Urban Development and potentially the allocation for the following year, or the difference between what the timeliness ratio and what they expect the following year. Does not believe it is a risk they feel they are in a position to take, they are hoping for approval tonight.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: Since it has gone out for bidding, if it is opened back up, would it put the city in the position to be sued since there has already been an accepted bid?

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: From experience, that has happened in the past. In previous projects where the city has thrown out bids and re-bid a project, the presumed lowest bidder from the first round filed a claim against the city.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR: In this particular bid process, the city received two bids by the deadline, one was received after and was not accepted. The second

highest bid was 20% over the engineers estimate and the city has the right to reject due to it being over 20% of the city's estimated or opinion of probable cause. The lowest bid falls within that 20%. The review performed by BHP, verification of references, past projects and due diligence, the low bidder meets every checkbox. This gave the administration the confidence to bring the item to council for approval.

COUNCILMEMBER ARROYO: Sandusky has worked with this company, asked if we have contacted Sandusky about the property.

DIRECTOR KUSZNIR: Did reach out to staff in Sandusky. Erin, the Chief Planner, had glowing reviews of the contractor and the sub, Slip in Concrete and Spohn Ranch, the project was on budget and finished a month early. They were very happy with the project, no complaints.

COUNCILMEMBER BEARER: It is not always the lowest bid, it is lowest and best. When looking into Slip in Concrete, could not find their portfolio online, and wanted the feedback on how we decided that as being the best versus just the lowest.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR CARRION: This project was designed by a known company, Spohn Ranch, they have designed many skateparks and also constructed design build services. For this particular project, Spohn Ranch is not only involved in the project, they are a subcontractor, they will be performing almost \$1M of the project. The technical parts that require the most experience, will be performed by this company. In the bid document that was submitted, there were line items and pricing included for the staff that will be working specifically on this park. The administration felt comfortable with this company and Spohn Ranch will be performing a bulk of the work.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: The initial design that was submitted has changed somewhat extensively. Items that are not there now. I do not think a week or two will kill us on this, but I would like to see it go to committee to allow people to have a say in this. I agree with Mr. Bearer, it is not always the lowest bid and not always the case of just checking boxes, I want to make sure we do the right thing. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to refer the ordinance to committee.

- AYES- 7 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Bearer.
- NAYS- 4 Messrs. Dimacchia, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Thornsberry. The ordinance is referred to committee.

Ordinance 56-26

g.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, an ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public Safety/Service of the City of Lorain, Ohio to purchase Sodium Chloride directly from the vendor awarded the 2026-2027 ODOT Sodium Chloride Summer/Winter Contract #018-27 for Lorain County and declaring an emergency. Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

- AYES- 10 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 1 Mr. Dimacchia. 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 57-26

h.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain to enter into a disposition agreement for the transfer of real property to the Lorain County Land Reutilization Corporation and declaring an emergency. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Dimacchia, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

LORAIN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING -COUNCIL CHAMBER, LORAIN, OH April 20, 2026

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

NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: The property is going to go to the Land Bank and then to another entity. Is there language that would guarantee the City of Lorain that the property would be used for the intended purposes?

BHP DIRECTOR MATT KUSZNIR: It is typically put in the agreements between the City, the County Port and end user. That is not something that was discussed as it relates to this property. This property has been the subject of code enforcement, a lot of hours, time and money spent by the Public Properties Department because it is a dumping ground. The Housing Authority plans to take it and repurposing it and the adjacent property into an urban farm in coordination with a partner to support the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: I would just like to see the City of Lorain have a bit more say in that.

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

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

NAYS- 1 Mr. Fallis. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance 58-26 i.) Introduced by Mr. Dimacchia, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain, Ohio to enter into a professional services agreement with Jonathan J. Downes, Zashin & Rich, Co., LPA for professional legal services 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.

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 59-26 j.) 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. 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- 11 Messrs. Dimacchia, Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Carter, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

Ordinance 60-26 k.) Introduced by Mrs. Carter, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to accept the donation of one-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). 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: Thanked the Lorain County Veterans Service Commission, the AMVETS Post 47 and the American Legion Post 30 for their kindness and donation to the 250th Birthday Celebration to the City of Lorain. 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 61-26 l.) 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.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Ms. Kempton, to refer items a through h to committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Ordinance a.) 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 referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance b.) An ordinance creating Section 913.058 – TV Inspection of Existing Sanitary Lateral by City. This item was referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance c.) An ordinance amending Section 911.112 – Water Turn-On. This item was referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance d.) An ordinance amending Section 911.230 – Sewer Only Accounts. This item was referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance e.) An ordinance amending Section 911.302 – Regulatory Capital Improvement Compliance Charge. This item was referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance f.) 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 referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance g.) 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 referred to committee.

Proposed Ordinance h.) An ordinance amending Section 911.307 – Exceptions to the Water Rates.
This item was referred to committee.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS:

COUNCILMEMBER THORNSBERRY: I have emailed the Director regarding getting a meeting scheduled. Please look for an email from the Clerk.
COUNCILMEMBER KEMPTON: I will call a meeting for next week, April 27th at 5:30pm.

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 6:58pm.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Breanna Dull

Clerk of Council

Accepted: