

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 6:02p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.

ABSENT - 2 Messrs. Dimacchia, Carter.

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

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

a.) May 4, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Mayor Bradley's request for Council to approve the appointment of Kurt Hernon to the Design Review Board effective May 18, 2026, through May 17, 2028. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. Kempton, to concur with the appointment.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER BEARER: Believes Mr. Hernon will do a fine job, but requested that Council is provided more time to review appointments.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Asked Mayor Bradley's Administrative Assistant for all board appointments, names and beginning and ending of terms, and has posted it on social media.

COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Interested in finding out when the board appointments end, and if that information can be provided.

CHIEF OF STAFF RICK SOTO: The terms are staggered, but will provide that information.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Requested the information be sent to all of council.

MR. SOTO: Mrs. Springowski, did you receive that information?

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: All information was forwarded. Commencement of the terms, when they end, names, all of the information is there. Motion carried unanimously.

b.) Correspondence from Mayor Bradley sharing a letter addressed to Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Womack, and Ranking Member Quigley urging their support of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Feels it is good for the key politicians in the city to let the folks in Washington know what the local sentiments are regarding the funding.

COUNCILMEMBER TORRES: Inquired about a timeline when notification would be sent to city.

MR. SOTO: Will research and get that information to council.

DEPUTY SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR WILLIAMS: The letter was not a request, it was an advocacy letter. CDBG is threatened with being cut from the Federal Government.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

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

a.) Correspondence received from Donald J. Nemeth, President, NEM Recycling LLC, informing Council of their intent to submit a modified Registration to Install application to the Ohio EPA for approval to move a scrap tire recovery facility inside, located at 1817 Iowa Ave.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: If they go to the Ohio EPA issue for to collect tires, will it meet our building code/zoning code?

EVELISSE ATKINSON, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: The scrap tire center is a non-hazardous recycling location. They are required by the state to let us know they are applying; it is a permitted use in the industrial district. Without further comment, receive and file.

- b.) Lorain Planning Commission's recommendation for Council's approval for the Zoning Reclassification of multiple parcels that require updated classifications and corrections, City of Lorain, applicant. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 15th at 5:30pm. Without comment, receive and file.
- c.) Lorain Planning Commission's recommendation for Council's approval for the Zoning Reclassification of 516 W. 15th Street, from an R-2 Transitional Residential District to a B-2 General Commercial District. 516 W 15 LLC, applicant. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 15th at 5:30pm. Moved by Mr. Bearer, supported by Mr. Fallis, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.
- d.) Correspondence received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control advising of a Transfer Application received from OHM SATYADEVAYA NAMAHA INC. d/b/a West Erie Food Mart, to Urmit2025, LLC d/b/a West Erie Food Mart, located at 5375 W. Erie Ave. (7th Ward). Moved by Mr. Bearer, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the Board that no complaints have been received. Motion carried unanimously.
- e.) Auditor Harper's budget update information ending April 30, 2026.

REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER FALLIS: Inquired if the revenue is greater than budgeted through the first months, and if the expenses are greater or less than predicted. He was unable to understand.

AUDITOR HARPER: Revenue is above what was anticipated for this point in the year. Expenditures are below.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously.

- f.) Correspondence received from Veronica Newsome, Engineering Department, regarding their request for a branding presentation to refine the brand into something that reflects our city's identity and future vision. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Ms. Kempton, to refer the matter to committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Clerk Dull announced that there are five members of the public signed up to speak this evening.

DYLAN JUSTICE, 1219 W. 33rd: Spoke regarding speeding, particularly in residential areas.

JEROME WHITFIELD, 1812 Randall St.: Spoke regarding dumping on the east side, particularly around Fillmore Avenue, between Colorado and Randall Street.

ARIEL SKLAREK, 1437 W. 33rd: Spoke regarding excessive noise/disruption from the house next door.

JAYNE MORALES, 1494 W. 33rd: Spoke regarding excessive noise on her street, also inquired about Tower Blvd. and the upcoming planned work.

MARC MANCA, 2715 East Erie: Spoke regarding vandalism of his vehicle at the Antler's Building and liability.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Ordinance 65-26

- a.) Introduced by Mr. Drwal, an ordinance approving the Chief of Police, through the Mayor of the City of Lorain, to accept the award of the 2026 Safety First Grant, from Norfolk Southern and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mr. Drwal, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER TORRES:
Moved by Mr. Drwal, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 66-26 b.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain to grant an easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. over, under, and across two parcels of real property identified as Permanent Parcel Nos.; 02-02-021-115-007 and 02-02-021-115-008 and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Arroyo, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- REMARKS: COUNCILMEMBER BEARER: What is the easement for? Is something being built, or is it being dug up for sewer lines?
CHIEF OF STAFF RICK SOTO: The area is near Sherwood Drive and Windsor Court bridge. The reason for the easement is that Columbia Gas has a leaking gas main currently associated with the bridge. They will relocate the gas main away from the bridge and install the replacement line. Repair work will occur within one month of approval. The final language preserves the city's ability to perform emergency and non-emergency bridge work, requires Columbia Gas to coordinate with the City Engineer, and establishes that utility relocation work associated with this anticipated bridge replacement project, will be Columbia Gas' responsibility.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Arroyo, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 67-26 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. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Ordinance 68-26 d.) Introduced by Mr. Fallis, an ordinance approving the City of Lorain's Program Year 2026 CDBG and HOME One-Year Action Plan and authorizing the Mayor to submit for financial assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into all contracts and agreements to accept financial assistance, appropriating the funds, and establishing the individual accounts consistent with all attached budgets; and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Ms. Kempton, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Ms. Kempton, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.
- Proposed Ordinance e.) Introduced by Mr. Drwal, an ordinance adopting cyber security incident response plan as mandated by Ohio Revised Code 9.64 and declaring an emergency. Moved by Mr. Drwal, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to consider the item after the executive session.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to refer items F, G, H, I, J, K and L to the Streets and Utilities Committee.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The items are referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance f.) An ordinance amending Section 911.207 – Time Limit on Payments. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance g.) An ordinance amending Section 911.212 – Service Charge for Bad Checks. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance h.) An ordinance amending Section 911.214 – Final Bills. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance i.) An ordinance amending Section 911.222 – Water/Sewer May Be Refused Delinquent Persons. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance j.) An ordinance amending Section 911.290 – Addendum: Listing of Charges. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance k.) An ordinance amending Section 911.700 – Application for Fire Protection System Service, Section 911.701 – Changes in Fire Protection Service, Section 911.722 – Fire Line Service, Section 911.726 – Detector Meter, Section 911.727 – Detector Meterflow. This item was referred to committee.
- Proposed Ordinance l.) An ordinance amending Section 911.670 – Disconnecting Services and Repairing Breaks, Section 911.671 – Procedure for Disconnecting Services and Repairing Breaks, Section 911.672 – Discontinuance of Service. This item was referred to committee.
- Ordinance 69-26 m.) 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 permanent budget ordinance #43-26 beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Drwal, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. 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 ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING: None.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: None.

COMMITTEE CALLS:

- June 15, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Public Hearing to discuss ZCA 2-2026 & ZCA 3-2026.
- June 22, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Streets & Utilities Committee, discussion regarding several Codified Ordinance amendments.
- July 27, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Finance Committee - 2nd Quarter Budget Review.
- October 12, 2026 @ 5:30pm- Finance Committee - 3rd Quarter Budget Review.

COUNCILMEMBER SPRINGOWSKI: Called a Building and Lands Committee meeting for June 8th for the rebranding presentation and would like to receive the presentation ahead of time to look it over.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Fallis, in accordance with ORC Section 121.22: G (5) to discuss matters that Federal Law or Regulations or State Statutes Require the Public Body to keep confidential.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The motion carried unanimously and the body recessed into Executive Session at 6:38pm.

President Arredondo reconvened the regular meeting at 6:55pm, all nine members are present.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

- Ordinance 70-26 e.) Introduced by Mr. Drwal, an ordinance adopting cyber security incident response plan as mandated by Ohio Revised Code 9.64 and declaring an emergency. Moved by Mr. Drwal, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The rule was suspended.
- Moved by Mr. Drwal, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES- 9 Messrs. Springowski, Fallis, Drwal, Kempton, Torres, Gonzalez, Arroyo, Bearer, Thornsberry.
- NAYS- 0 None. The ordinance passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Drwal, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

Breanna Dull

Clerk of Council

Accepted:

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