

President Arredondo called the regular meeting of Lorain City Council to order at 6:04 p.m. Chaplain Angel Arroyo led Council in the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.
ABSENT - 0 None.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

REMARKS: MAYOR RITENAUER: Be safe everyone; happy 4th of July. Make sure you use caution in dealing with fireworks. At ten o'clock the Port is putting on fireworks on Wednesday, July 4th over the pier. I hope to see you down here.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: He is a humble man and failed to tell us that on July 10th, which is next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. he will be addressing the faith community at St. Frances Cabrini. It is open to the public and anyone can attend; we have 400 seat capacity. We would like to fill it up.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.: (none)

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:

- a.) Ohio EPA's notification advising the application and Red Hill Reservoir Chlorine Metering and Recording final plans were received and accepted on June 11, 2018. Without objection, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file. The motion carried.
- b.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a new D5 permit application for Brookscurry Ent. LLC d/b/a Steel City A Bar @ 1804 E. 28th Street, Lorain, Ohio. Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mr. Fallis, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. The motion carried.
- c.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of new D2, D2X, D3, D3A and D6 permit application for Old Towne Charleston Social Club @ 651 Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Ms. Moon, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no objections have been received. The motion carried.
- d.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a new D5 permit application from Spectrum Consulting Services d/b/a Spectrum Community Vocational Center @ 713 W. 5th Street, Lorain, Ohio.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I think this is regarding the catering business. Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Fallis, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no objections have been received. The motion carried with Mr. Thornsberry voting "no."

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

- a.) Correspondence from William Madanski requesting Council consider to ban smoking in all public places. Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to refer the matter to the Parks & Recreation committee. The motion carried with Messrs. Henley, Flores and Thornsberry voting no. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: POLICE, FIRE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: The committee met on Monday, June 25, 2018 to discuss a proposed resolution amending Reso. 1-18, the Rules of Council – Rule 41 Conduct, the committee recommends to refer the matter to council for consideration.

Moved by Mr. Argenti, supported by Mr. Thornsberry to accept the report. The motion carried.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution No. 21-18 a.) Introduced by Mr. Flores, a resolution recognizing and designating the month of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness month in the City of Lorain Ohio.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I received correspondence from a resident regarding her husband’s progressive form of prostate cancer and her request for this resolution.

Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Faga, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Anytime that we can bring awareness to this issue; it is a good thing.

Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Faga, to pass the resolution.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The resolution passed.

Resolution No. 22-18 b.) Introduced by Mr. Arroyo, a resolution proclaiming Lorain, Ohio as a welcoming and safe community for all nationalities, ethnic backgrounds, cultures and religions.

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

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARROYO: I ask for approval on this resolution. Our community has been built on different races, languages, ethnic groups and faces for over one hundred years. Over the past few years, we started to see a division in our country, not only in our city. Over the past month, we started to see some chaos happening in our community over a few different incidences. I think it is important that we continue to stand together and remind people what our community was built on. It is not just one faith and does not matter if you are Muslim, Catholic or Christian or Spanish, Black or White or originally from Lorain or not. This community was built on different cultures and I think it is important to continue to remind people that the City of Lorain is the International City and will always be the International City and we will continue to work with each other through the chaos that continues to happen and make our community a better place.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: We recently celebrated the International Festival. I think just looking at that is indicative of the type of community that Lorain is, has and always will be. We have always welcomed everyone and had strong relations between all of the cultures – hence us having a festival celebrating just that. I think that almost goes without saying here, everyone is welcome in Lorain.

Moved by Mr. Arroyo, supported by Mr. Faga, to pass the resolution.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The resolution passed.

Ordinance No. 88-18 c.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance assessing the cost of abating nuisance by removing litter, the deposit of garbage, rubbish, junk, etc. during the current calendar year and declaring an emergency.

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

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

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

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 89-18 d.) Introduced by Mr. Flores, an ordinance approving the City of Lorain’s PY 2018 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 Gonzales 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. Flores, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: Is there anything new in terms of the federal government and concerns regarding our past transgressions?

MAYOR RITENAUER: Actually this does have a little bit of good news. Block grant actually went up a little, we did get our 2018 allocation. That was in question the last meeting we had based on ratios, etc. When we get to the Stoveworks, that is actually a good project for a number of reasons. Primarily is that it will reduce our ratios even further which will keep us out from under the area where the federal government likes to look and start taking money away. That is good news for block grant and we just received word today that we are getting our HOME funding back. So, 2017 & 2018 is in here and that is good news. We have more projects that built into this budget for rehabilitation, etc. We obviously know there is a need but through the work of the department, we have been able to rectify some things and we now have a HOME program again, which is very exciting.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: One of the obstacles we have with addressing the underserved needs of the community is that is often a formulation of what the administration has concluded where the money is spent. In your opinion, this is the best job you have done spending this money that we have?

MAYOR: In my opinion you could quadruple or more the amount of block grant money and we still would not be able to satisfy all of our needs. We try to hear what council is saying, listen to the department heads, note what we see in the community, etc. The HOME side is very driven by whether you meet eligibilities. That could be centralized in a part of the city or disbursed, etc., that is how HOME is driven largely. But, block grant, we heard about parks and roads and code enforcement and we try to do a lot of those different things. For example, in the second ward maybe more roads are being funded this year than parks and maybe next year it will be different. I try to take everything that is being said and there have been public hearings from the citizens, council, department heads, our observations, etc. to try to come up with the best possible proposal. Is it perfect? No, you can easily argue for a road in this ward or that ward. We could do that all day but we have about \$1.2M and this is what we think will get us some mileage. I think a number of the projects on here are important. Some of the roads are in your ward and the fifth ward and were selected because quite honestly we were looking at our roads plan this year and there will be three or four roads that were going to be missed. So, we felt that based upon how they were rated and block grant availability, why not fund those. Oakwood Park has an advisory committee that is doing a lot of work out there; we have been able to make some progress. We felt that what they would like to do and continue that progress made a lot of sense. Stoveworks – that speaks for itself. That is something that I am particularly proud this council and the administration are going to be able to handle if it passes later on the agenda. Yes, in our affirmation councilman, yes, the approach ties in a lot of our priorities and not enough in any area but I think it will make a lot of improvements in our community.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I want to thank you for the best use of these funds and doing the best we can with what we have.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: I agree, it looks like the dispersion of funds seems fair and adequate. Like so many other things, there is a deadline on this and it must be passed before August. That only leaves one more meeting and we would like to have these kinds of things brought down to us a little sooner. If there is a need for discussion, we can do that without being on such a tight timeline to have to pass it or lose the money. If possible, please try to get this down earlier, if due in August, bring it down in June.

MAYOR: It is early July; I fully anticipated if needed, we could have special calls. The other thing is, we really don't start putting a lot of this together until we know for sure from the federal government what we are going to get. As you heard today, we got the call for the HOME dollars just recently. Congress will pass legislation and often times it takes HUD some time to send the letters. So typically, what triggers the meetings with Kellie and then the public hearings and where we are today is once we get the letter of the amount, and then we begin the process. I have conveyed to HUD, and I know Kellie has as well many times; we need decisions or responses that allow us the time to deliberate. Unfortunately, sometimes with how congress passes things, we just don't get that. Point well taken, as we can and as we get that information, we are glad to share that with you in a timely manner.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I have a question on the five year strategic plan blight study for \$50,000. Can you explain?

KELLIE GLENN, BHP DIRECTOR: The \$50,000 is for next year's action plan update and five year strategic plan. Every five years, we have to update the entire plan. It is such an undertaking that it's a bit much for our staff to handle. In addition to that, we want to do a slum and blight study for wards one, two, three, five and six. We want to bring the infill program back in late 2019 early 2020. In order to do that, we would like to do a study to determine where are the best places in each of those wards to bring the program back. We don't want to just put houses where vacant land is or just do it willy-nilly. We want the infill housing program back and better than what it was before. That is what that \$50,000 is for.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I am glad to hear you are looking to put that program back together. It did help many residents in Lorain and it also increases our tax base. Interestingly enough, when those homes went up, the surrounding neighbors would get competitive and fix up their homes as well. That is great to hear that is coming back on line soon.

I am aware of a few of your programs, the lead abatement and emergency home repair. But I am sure there are folks here who are not aware of those programs. Can you let us know exactly what those dollars are for and how they can contact you if they should have a need for that?

KELLIE GLENN, BHP DIRECTOR: The emergency home repair program is for home owner-occupied housing that is for low income individuals and you must live in the house for at least five years and cannot have an existing loan with the city and if you do, you must wait until that loan is fully paid off and then five years after the pay-off date. In addition, you cannot be behind in your taxes. If you are, we cannot assist you and that is a HUD regulated stipulation.

The lead program, it is done through Erie County currently. We have a grant for \$1M and it is shared with Lorain County, the City of Elyria and the City of Lorain. Generally, referrals come from the health department for children that have high elevated blood levels. They qualify by income and they can go in and rehab the house. Sometimes, it is a home owner-occupied house and sometimes it is a rental home. If a rental home, it must have the approval of the land owner. That money is to apply for the next round of funding. The bulk of the homes have been done in the city, about 23 houses so far compared to the county which had 9 and Elyria may have done maybe 10. We are the lead runner, unfortunately, in lead removal. Because of that, Erie County has asked us to give \$80,000, for the next three years to help fund as a match to that grant. So, that totals \$240,000.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: When will you hear about the next round of funding?

KELLIE GLENN BHP DIRECTOR: It will be any day now. I will advise when we receive notification.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: To the right of the section regarding the housing, there is a comment stipulating there is still \$292,982 from prior years funding to spend. What can we spend that on? It looks like it is adjacent to the emergency home repair line.

KELLIE GLENN, BHP DIRECTOR: Because we need to make sure that we have enough funding for the Stoveworks, which is the next item on the agenda, we reduced Stoveworks from funding from emergency home repair to put it towards Stoveworks. We recently completed several substantial amendments to fund emergency home repair, which still has about \$320,000 in it. In addition, because we found out today that we are going to be getting our HOME dollars back and doing full rehabs, we don't have to have so much money in emergency home repair.

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: It states Parks, how much are we getting for Oakwood Park?

MAYOR: That will depend on many of the committee recommendations. I can tell you that one was to fix the entire road through Oakwood, that is coming in at \$200,000. Whether that all comes out of here or we are able to use other designated funds, etc., we will have to figure that out. There will be some pretty significant expenditures at Oakwood. That is one of the prime areas they are focusing on this year and next.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: There was money held back in the substantial amendments, how much money is from the prior plan that we held and can use now from 2015? There was money we did not spend. Compared to what we are going to spend, how much was from the prior years? Is it \$2.4?

MAYOR: Kellie, maybe elaborate on the amount of money in the substantial amendment for Stoveworks some of what we are pulling from prior years to do that.

KELLIE GLENN BHP DIRECTOR: For Stoveworks, there is approximately \$700,000 from prior years and it cycles from 2009 all the way to 2015 that we had monies left over in various activities that we will put specifically towards Stoveworks. We also have a substantial amendment, the public hearing was on June 4, 2018, and there is money that we are waiting for HUD to approve as well. It will go into the Stoveworks and HVAC system also to emergency home repairs.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: The unobligated public service of \$177,000?

MS. GLENN: That was from the last year, the \$992,000 when we did _____. That was already approved in 2017.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: The bulk is for the annual plan and then from the prior years.

MS. GLENN: It is hard to go with a percentage. It is unusual to have to do that many substantial amendments in a calendar year. But, it was because of all that money we are sitting on that we were not allocating to projects specifically. What I can tell you is moving forward, we should not have large substantial amendments like that, it is maybe 25% of the grant total.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: We will be holding some back as you mentioned today. Was that part of the HOME funds so the money will be there when we need to spend it?

MS. GLENN: We are not really holding back money; I think you are referring to the program income. That is when people are paying their loans. We get maybe \$18,000 a month with those payments. We then have to allocate that money to a project because we are not doing economic development and we can't do economic development right now. So, HUD does not want that money to just sit there.

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: I wish to remind Council that on July 30th we have a Finance & Claims committee meeting scheduled to specifically look at all the Federal Programs in the city and what assets there are and what the future holds for them. These discussions should be very helpful at that meeting.

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

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 90-18 e.) Introduced by Mr. Flores, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with IAP Government Services for professional services related to the demolition and environmental clean up of the Stoveworks site.

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

AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I see there are some contractors in the audience but Kellie has provided some guests this evening. When are the bids due? Will they be at the end of August or have bids been submitted?

KELLIE GLENN, BHP DIRECTOR: There were three bids for the Stoveworks demolition and additional environmental cleanup work. IAP Gov. Services, Mr. Snyder is here to discuss the issue; he will be handling the construction management of the project, it is a large undertaking. In addition, TRC, Mr. Ergun, is here to speak to any environmental questions and Don Lenz who did the slum and blight study for the Stoveworks to further reiterate the need to clean up that site.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Who can answer the question on how in-depth this cleanup will be?

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, for a special point of privilege for them to provide a brief overview of what it entails so we can decide if this needs to go to committee.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: If you will be asking various people to speak, you have to option of going into a Committee-of-the-Whole. Once again, if we do that we will also have the public involved.

Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. Flores, to adjourn into a Committee-of-the-Whole.

AYES - 5 Messrs. Fallis, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter.

NAYS - 6 Messrs. Koziura, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Fallis, to waive the rules and allow a special point of privilege to the guests for a brief overview of the project.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Is this a matter that should be discussed in the public? I have some concerns over legality of some of this?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I will need to hear your concerns to address them. Beyond that, the matter is no longer in litigation, it has been closed for years and therefore it is not pending and or imminent litigation.

AT THIS TIME, PRESIDENT ARREDONDO ORDERED A SHORT FIVE MINUTE RECESS. WITH NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO reconvened the meeting at 6:42 p.m. All members were present.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Fallis, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS – 1 Mr. Koziura. The motion to waive the rules and allow brief comments from the guests carried.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I am looking at Exhibit A, specifically the asbestos contaminated debris. How far will the soil samples go down?

SEDA ERGUN, TRC ENVIRON. SERVICES: After our investigation, there are numerous large piles of construction debris which has asbestos intermixed. We confirmed this through sample. Parts of those piles are on bare soil and many are on concrete. At this point, we cannot determine exactly how many so we made provisions that once the asbestos containing debris piles are removed, then our firm will be doing confirmation sampling on the concrete and the bare soil. The bare soil will be excavated down four inches.

COUNCLMAN FLORES: If you only go down four inches.... Anything beyond that which is contaminated will just ...

MR. ERGUN, TRC ENVIRON. SERVICES: If we find that it is not adequately cleaned up through testing, then they will take an additional four inches and continue on until we are satisfied and the city is protected.

MR. FLORES: Boring samples?

MR. ERGUN, TRC ENVIRON. These are surficial samples and they will be taken by hand. Asbestos itself is a solid material and we do not expect it to go any significant depth into the soil layers. It will be a core sample.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: You mentioned there is an environmental issue with asbestos. Have you identified any other environmental concerns on this property? What is the game to remediate plan if so.

MR. ERGUN: If you remember, earlier in the year, there was another ordinance passed for our firm to be conducting environmental studies on this site on the Ohio Volunteer Action Program. That is being treated somewhat separately from this but they do overlap. The original VAP study that our firm has been doing had to stop and reserve money because of these debris piles covering up areas we were concerned about other potential contaminants. Once the piles are removed, then we can continue on with our investigation and determine all of the contaminants and potential contaminants on the site and then be able to recommend to the city a remedy for that. Right now, we kind of got stalled because the debris piles were in the way and they are contaminated with asbestos.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I see the date of when the bids will be finalized is August.

DAVE SNYDER, IAP. GOV. SERVICES: The bids are complete and have been turned into the City. As stated, we did receive three bids on this project and it was sent to 42 pre-qualified groups through our program and three of them were received and reviewed and we had an interview process to make sure that all scope items were complete and adequate along with TRC to make sure all environmental issues were included in that scope. We are prepared to start the work at any time. Upon approval of one of the contractors, IAP can proceed.

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

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 91-18

f.) Introduced by Mr. Koziura, an ordinance transferring funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio, as passed by Ord. 138-17, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mr. Fallis, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mr. Fallis, to pass the ordinance.

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 92-18

g.) Introduced by Mr. Koziura, an ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio, as passed by Ord. 138-17, beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018 and declaring an emergency.

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

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS:

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I see the interoffice memo from the sewer fund balance to the capital improvements consulting engineers for an additional \$118,341. The reason the funds are needed is for additional engineering services provided for the tunnel project by

Arcadis. That rings a bell with me. We had a lawsuit we settled with Arcadis that we settled. Please explain.

MAYOR: It is the exact same amount as what you approved; it is the same thing. This is just an appropriation back to the line item that it was taken from. I saw the auditor today but was unable to discuss this with her but I will speak with her tomorrow. This is more of a bookkeeping thing as opposed to you allowing for another settlement. You already passed that.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Are there any updates on the tunnel? It is running obviously and I would like to know how much money is in the sewer fund as well.

MAYOR: At Mr. Koziura's meeting on the 30th, that will certainly be discussed. As for the tunnel, I can get you some statistics of times it was used, storm events, etc.

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

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The ordinance passed.

LEGISLATION – SECOND READING:

Proposed Ordinance a.) Introduced by Mr. Thornsberry, a resolution amending Reso. No. 1-18, The Rules of Council – Rule 41, Conduct, passed on January 2, 2018.

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

AYES – 8

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS – 3

Messrs. Koziura, Arroyo, Flores. The rule was not suspended and the resolution moved to a Third Reading.

Ordinance No. 93-18 b.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission Integrating Committee for year 2019 funding (Round 33) for the replacement or rehabilitation of certain roadways within the City of Lorain, Ohio.

Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0

None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: One concern I had on the Round 33 was Rita Drive in my ward. I am happy and so are the resident that this road will be rehabbed. The issue I am having a hard time understanding is Rita is a very short street and runs from 38th Street to Oxford. On the list, we will start at Winger, which is about 150 to 200' short of completely doing the entire street. I would like the administration to look at what the cost would be to complete the extra 150 feet and have the whole street done instead of leaving one little spot not done. Please look into that and speak to engineering and see if we can get that on there.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: We passed Round 32 last year on July 3rd, when will work on those streets commence?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: I can get you the exact date those jobs will start but it will be soon this summer. To date, none have started yet.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: In Round 32, we had Narragansett Blvd. but in Round 33, during discussions, are we using any CDBG monies?

MAYOR: None of these are block grant; they are all gas tax. The city will get part loan and part grant through the state to be able to do these projects. Some roads in here are in LMI areas for sure but the roads that block grant is exclusively paying for were in the 2018 Action Plan that you passed.

Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the ordinance.

AYES – 11

Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Proposed Ordinance c.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance establishing a new Chapter 1549 “Illegal Dumping” of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lorain and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Koziura, to withdraw the item from the agenda as new legislation is forthcoming. The motion carried.

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: (None)

COMMITTEE CALLS: Clerk Greer reminded members of public hearing scheduled for Monday, July 23, 2018 @ 6 p.m. to discuss an application to rezone 2221 E. 42nd Street from B-1 to B-2 to allow for a service station and an application to rezone 3120 and surrounding parcels from R-3 to B-1A for medical offices buildings.

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA called a Finance & Claims & All Council Committee for July 30th to conduct a review of the city’s finances for the second quarter and also review the Community Development Department funds (balances, appropriations, etc.)

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:

COUNCILMAN FLORES: We had the newly paved Washington Avenue. I noticed between W. 17th & 18th that there are two huge cutouts which are now filled with gravel. I would like to know what is going on there and hope it will not be sitting in that condition forever.

I am also concerned about Veterans Park. There is luggage, bags of clothing, etc. on the stage. I would like someone to go over there and clean it up when the yard cutting the grass or garbage. I know it is frequented by our homeless people and they leave their clothes, etc. scattered about.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: I would appreciate it if you would call me during the day with these matters; I could have had this taken care of this afternoon and you saw me this afternoon down in council chambers. We want to get these types of issues cleaned up as soon as possible, if you make me aware of them, I will get them taken care of.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I received some requests from some residents and they wondered about a city-wide garage sale, rubbish sale for one day only. Other communities do this and it is a great draw bringing people in. I am trying to contact some people from Lorain Better Block and Lorain Proud to help with the organization of it. Oberlin just enjoyed chalk walk. Many enjoyed this event with their children and I wondered if we could do something similar here on Broadway or somewhere in city. The kids enjoy these things and it is a great community event.

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: I wish to thank Officers Figueroa and Morris. Over the past few weeks, we have been doing a thing called “popsicle with the police and your councilman”. We go to Save-A-Lot and buy 100 popsicles and jump in the squad car and see the kids on their bicycles and give them a popsicle on a hot day. It is funny, one ran from us when we turned the lights on but his ten year old brother stopped and got a popsicle and he came back. This past week, we met a kid that snatched a popsicle from me and we met him again this past week and it he explained to us that he did not like the police because of a situation. By the end of the conversation in the second week, he put on a badge. We will be going out again tomorrow trying to do this once a week or so during the summer to build relationships with the kids. If you know any areas that many kids hang around, please let me know and we will go to that area. The first week we gave out 150 popsicles and last week over 200 within 90 minutes.

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COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: I will be doing a community garage sale with Harrison. The information is forthcoming. Also, a football cookout fundraiser tickets for the Titans Football team. It will be held on July 9th from 5 – 6:30 p.m. The tickets are \$10.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mr. Faga, to recess into Executive Session, in accordance with ORC 121.22 G (3) to conference with the public body's attorney regarding disputes that the subject of pending and/or imminent court action.

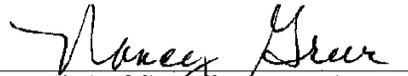
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried and the body recessed at 7:05 p.m.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: We will meet on the third floor.

President Arredondo reconvened the regular meeting of council at 7:45 p.m. All ten members were present. Mr. Flores left during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


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