

President Arredondo called the regular meeting of Lorain City Council to order at 6:07p.m. Acting Chaplain Mitchell Fallis 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: (none)

REMARKS: MAYOR RITENAUER: I just have a few items to bring to your attention, some good, some challenging for us. You will see on the agenda an ordinance regarding fuel costs, fortunately we have experienced some very good years with that but it is turning now. On that note, we got the salt prices from the state, those are also going to be going up, it is a supply and demand issue but we will be preparing accordingly for the budget. I know that Lori Garcia has been talking to our Auditor about that but a couple items there where we had some good experience in the last few years and it looks like our luck is running out there. On the flipside though, there are some good things going on. Thank you to all of those who came out for the Ritenauer Run at the Journal Jog raising money for the Mary Lee Tucker Clothe a Child Charity as well as my scholarship program for Lorain students, it was very successful, so thank you for that. Also, I want to say thank you to those of you who came out to the Broadway Building last week for the dedication ceremony there with Radhika Reddy. I thought it was a really good ceremony talking about the history of the building as well as where she wants to take it. I think that in conjunction with a number of the things that are going on on Broadway. It seems that every day there is some interest and movement on Broadway. I think it is really going to be the catalyst that turns the fortunes around down on Broadway.

A couple of other things, the Mobile App, I know there was a news story but in case you didn't catch it, Civic Mobile, if you go into your app store and look the City of Lorain now has an ap that is really similar to our website. It is very user friendly. We continue and are going to continue to add things to that but anything from bill pay to meeting minutes and agendas, that type of thing, is easily accessible on there. Again, another way for the residents' to stay in touch with city happenings.

Finally, in the middle of August the New York Times ran a story and it ties to one of the first resolution on the agenda tonight about the State of Ohio and its significant \$3 billion, with a "b", nearly reserve fund. They did a story and featured Lorain and another community in Ohio about the effects of those cuts and our money sitting in a reserve fund in Columbus and what that has done to local governments. Again, I would expect this issue to be heavily discussed in the next couple of months but it was good to get some notoriety out of it to show people that these are real struggles that we are seeing and with that I would ask for your support at the appropriate time for the resolution that is on the agenda regarding that matter.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you, Mayor. It was great to see some of our council people who were able to attend the Ariel on Broadway dedication and hopefully in another year we will be able to see the results along with all of our other work and legislation that we will be passing regarding other improvements for Lorain. I would like to give a special shout out to Councilman Fallis, his committee, Phil Dore, Service Director, for the results there in Oakwood Park. I know there is a new basketball court out there and other improvements so we would like to thank you guys but especially the administration who has been able to work with us. It is a win/win for everybody.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

- a.) Lorain City Planning Commission's letter dated August 1, 2018, recommending approval of revisions to the west side of Arizona Avenue in the final development plan for the Harborwalk R-PUD development.
Moved by Mr. Fallis, supported by Mr. Flores, to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:

- a.) Auditor of State's submission of the December 31, 2017 yearend audit report and management letter pursuant to O.R.C. 117.26 and 117.27.
REMARKS: COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: I would like to comment once again to the Auditor and to the administration for their good work and when this auditor's report comes back it is always a good thing.
Without objection, President Arredondo ordered the item received and filed. The motion carried.
- b.) EPA Correspondence advising application #1237255-WS, the detailed plans for the Cornerstone Farms Subdivision #2 project has been received and approved.
Without objection President Arredondo ordered the item received and filed. The motion carried.
- c.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a new D1 permit application for J & J Restaurant Enterprises d/b/a Original Steaks & Hoagies at 4310-A Leavitt Road.
REMARKS: COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: We have received no complaints and are excited to welcome this new business into our City.
Moved by Mr. Thornsberry, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. The motion carried unanimously.
- d.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a C1, C2 transfer permit application from Express Stop at 4935 West Erie Avenue to A & F Inc, d/b/a Marathon.
Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Fallis, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. The motion carried unanimously.
- e.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a C1, C2, TREX transfer application from Vollick Foods dba Avon Brite, 37525 Colorado Avenue, Avon, OH to ABT Investments, d/b/a Community Discount Mart at 1735 Broadway Avenue in Lorain, Ohio.
REMARKS: CLERK GREER: Just a note, a TREX transfer application was approved for this applicant last year; however, that deal fell through due to unpaid taxes so he is applying for another.
COUNCILMAN FLORES: I have heard no complaints. We did this once before and that is what you are referring to?
CLERK GREER: Right. Last year around this time.
Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Fallis, to authorize the Clerk to notify the board that no complaints have been received. The motion carried unanimously.
- f.) Ohio Department of Liquor Control's notification of a D1, D2, D3 & D6 transfer permit application from Castillo Real, Inc to J. Humberto & Melgoza Perez, Patio & Deck @ 2532 West Erie Avenue, 1st Floor.
Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to move this matter to the September 17, 2018 council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

- a.) A petition signed by nine residents who reside on Louisiana Avenue opposing future plans to limit parking to one side of the street.
REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: What brought this forward?
SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: I cannot tell you for sure what specifically brought this topic forward. I know that our police department has on occasion gone into neighborhoods and I know in this specific area there were some unlicensed cars on the roadway which may have broached the topic coming forward. But since it came up,

when I saw this on the agenda I reached out to the traffic commissioner and the city engineer and many of you on council over the course of time have expressed concerns to me about considering no parking in certain areas and at that point in time we go out and we have to have the traffic commissioner review everything, we have the Engineering Department review everything. I tasked them over the past week because it doesn't make sense to me why we continue to have these discussions. We should have a standardized format. If the road is so wide, this is what the City will allow so that whenever an issue comes up or when new roads or developments are going on we treat everyone the same. With that in mind the Engineering Department sat down and reviewed some standards that they recommended based upon engineering standards and parking and driving standards. They are recommending that we institute a standard policy and that would be basically roads that are less than 28' parking is prohibited because you figure the fire lane needs to be 20' wide and you need about 8' for parking. So if it is less than 28' there shouldn't be any parking on it because it is going to inhibit travel. If the roadway is 28' to 36' you would have parking on one side only and then if it is larger, like some of the roads out in South Lorain, you could have parking on both sides. As we work through this and we recently sent it out to the traffic commissioner for his final review, and we also sent it to Fire Department for their final review. Hopefully, with that we can just incorporate this and be done with it for all of the wards and all of the citizens.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: So is there a parking issue? I know that it is a short street.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: That specific street, I drove it the other day, there are no "no parking" signs anywhere on the street. The concern though is if you have cars parked on both sides on the street we are not going to be able to get safety force vehicle through there. Obviously some of the residents will just say drive down the next street but in an emergency situation we have to be able to make sure that we are not driving around in circles.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: From East Erie to I think D Street, then D Street to E Street there is a short block then a longer block that curves around Longfellow.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: Yes.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: So it is both of those blocks?

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: That is what brought up this specific petition but the issue is greater than this specific petition. There needs to be standards citywide so there are never any questions with regards to how we are dealing with issues.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: So the position of the traffic commissioner is no parking?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: I haven't specifically addressed this specific issue yet because the traffic commissioner hasn't responded to me about this specific one but based upon that I would say that if the road is less than 28' wide there will be no parking on it. In order to have parking on one side of the street, whether it is that one or not, I don't have the exact measurements on each section.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: You don't know what side?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: Whether it is that one or not I do not have the exact measurements on each section but it would be 28' to 36'. The issue shouldn't be who lives there, what is there, etc., it should be what is the standard and let's act accordingly.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: I just want to applaud the Safety/Service Director. I think this is a brilliant approach. I deal with this issue frequently. In the last year there has probably been five new streets that have popped up in my ward. I would take it a step farther and it should be on the plans that go through Planning Commission and get approved and all of that is in the plans, how wide the streets are going to be and it should be right on there if it is going to be both sides, one side or no parking because this keeps coming up over and over again in my ward. I like the long term solution of having a set citywide procedure that will take care of this going forward.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I just want to say that I like the approach of making sure that our streets are passable for fire and police vehicles as the foundation for making

this decision. I think it is solid and it will make our city safer on a go forth basis. Job well done, thank you.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: This street and all of these other streets have had parking for decades and you are not going to tell me that the Engineering Department went out on their own. Did somebody file a complaint or did we receive a letter?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: The petition that was handed to me regarding the issue at hand that brought the issue to me. I took it to the Engineering Department based upon previous conversations with Councilmen Fallis and Thornsberry, etc., with regards to their needs. I was floored, really, that there just wasn't already a preexisting standard so based upon the petition, I started asking questions and found out that there wasn't a standard with regards to how we handle parking on roadways that is why I tasked the Engineering Department to put something in writing, which they did.

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: I would prefer to see something be done about people who park on the front lawns. I drove down 21st Street Sunday and there were eight (8) homes had the cars right in front of the porch. Ridiculous! One time I followed a policeman who passed seven cars that were parked on front yards. You can do all you want and if it is not enforced and tickets written and those kind of things that is what we need to start doing.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I know that we have had these issues in other areas, like over by Lakeview Park, especially when they've got games playing, etc., people are parking on the grass and sidewalk that was just put in. Even residents have a difficult time getting down the street. I know on the eastside it makes it very difficult with people parking on both sides of the street. God forbid there be a fire and a fire truck would have to get through and they can't. This is something that we need to look at throughout the entire city. This is not just one street here and there. This creates a serious problem, especially in the older sections.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: Once this is clearly defined it will be the job of the Public Properties Department to start a comprehensive plan to go through the neighborhoods across the board and review what needs to be done.

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: I agree with Councilman Koziura. I know I brought this up in July before we went on break about the cars parking in the front lawn. I want to know one, who issues the citations? Is it the Building Department or the Police Department with cars parking on the grass? Two, if we came up with a policy, we were talking about one, there are vehicles with expired plates throughout the whole city. 2007, 2009, 2011, etc. - if we came up with some type of policy stating that within 72 hours once it is cited that the City just tows it. This is something that Mr. Koziura and I were speaking about, it is more his idea, but I think it is something. There is an abandoned house that I gave to you today that has a vehicle with expired plates in the driveway.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: The idea of junk cars and disabled vehicles is obviously something that has bothered members of council for quite some time. We have been working with the City of Elyria and then we've taken this task to the Law Department for them to review. I told Councilman Koziura that I would have the legislation down with regards to what I am classifying as a 72-hour ordinance for today's meeting but I dropped the ball and didn't get it to Nancy on time and I didn't want to get yelled at so I didn't ask her for special dispensation for this meeting so it will be down for the next meeting. It is done in that, the interesting thing is, when I am actually reading through the Codifieds and what we currently have passed, a lot of our problems we can solve ourselves if people actually just enforce them. On the one hand, what I send down, I think we should talk about it, whether it is through a committee meeting or a regular meeting itself if we just open up the floor, because a lot of the issues that we have can be dealt with the current staff that we have but the revision that we are adding in there is we are going to set the tone, The City of Elyria, their Police Department has the authority to drive through the neighborhoods and if they see a car that doesn't move...for some reason, I don't know why, when I drive through the

neighborhood and I spot junk cars all the time. People laugh at me about it, but you see it and we can let people know. What this ordinance allows people to do and allows the Police Department to do is pull up, you see there is something, a suspect vehicle and they mark it. They can mark it with a crayon, two pennies, pencil, pictures, however they mark it, each one does it differently, they come back 72 hours later. This isn't a matter of us sending out a citation or a letter. They come back 72 hours later, they stop, they call the tow truck and that vehicle gets towed. In talking to people from other cities they said that within the first two years they pulled thousands of cars out of people's yards, apartment complexes, you name it. The goal of this is to clean up the neighborhoods and solve the problems that members of council have had for decades and to take this seriously. I have even had the conversation with the Mayor and the Police Chief saying...obviously our Police Department is over burdened with major crimes; however, the quality of life issues are the ones that hit 90% of our public or the good public. The 10% that cause the problems are another issue. If we address it a certain way with the new towing contract we have with the new salvage contract that we have I would have no problem stating that the money that can be achieved through there should be deposited into a special fund that goes back into the department to either fund these hours or additional vehicles. We are always fighting for additional vehicles in that department, that way it motivates that department no different than the commercial building registry motivates the Fire Department to handle that additional task. It is something that needs to be done. We have to start addressing the quality of life issues a lot harder and faster than what we have currently done.

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: One last thing, I know the City has been working hard with the parking cars, but this is going to the Hill's Building. I know that since I have been in office that we have worked real hard to work with this gentleman to clean this property out. I thought he was not supposed to bring anymore vehicles on the property and now I am hearing that he is renting out his parking lot to the State for vehicles, or the dump trucks and semi trailers, and the yard is full of trailers. One, is he violating the agreement that was made with the County and City and two, what is the fastest way to get those vehicles off his property?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: All I can say to that is I think that we are in agreement with regards to the type of person that we are dealing with there. When it was brought to my attention that there were additional vehicles there we investigated it. I turned it over to the Building Department and Mr. Klinar was supposed to get on it. I apologize, I didn't follow up and get an answer from his today on it but I will tomorrow. He is on our radar and as a matter of fact, he is coming in and having a meeting with Mr. Klinar about the Elyria Avenue properties that he also owns, which are the junkyards and I specifically said I wanted Mr. LaVeck from legal in that meeting as well. That'll be Thursday or Friday of this week. At a minimum we will address it at that point in time.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: On the issue relative to cars being parked in the front yard or cars abandoned that are junked, I respectfully have a recommendation to the administration on how to attack this. That is if it is all based upon the action. If you can measure it, you can manage it. What I would propose, and I think Councilman Koziura has proposed this in the past, and that is that we create a position that is totally dedicated to taking care of cars that are parked on the tree lawns, front yards, campers that are inappropriately parked, junk cars and the revenue that is generated from that could help pay for this position and you really want to manage and measure the quality of the work of this particular individual and then they are not pulled off to other police work to do things that the other officers have discretion to choose and obviously they are going to choose the most vital assignment out there that is a safety issue. Their priority of trying to cite cars is low on their list so if you have someone dedicated I think you would be more effective as community to help eradicate this long stemming issue in our community. I suggest I put that out there for consideration.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: I am glad you brought that up. Myself and the Mayor were discussing it today. If you recall we brought back Officer Broz as an

entry level police officer to deal with dogs or animal issues that we have and I just mentioned it to him that we need to have a discussion with the leadership in the Police Department with regards to how we are going to utilize that position because when we agreed to bring him back our discussion was dogs, animals, quality of life issues and I think to have a seasoned, senior officer that has already served his time well working with council and the administration to address our neighborhood problems is essentially solving those but I would appreciate your support if we go down that path if we have any resistance from anybody.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: You have my support on that.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Just with regards to this with what Councilman Arroyo was saying, back on August 20th I went over there and took pictures of this because the residents had been complaining. I am backing him up on this situation and I believe that we have had some discussions with regards to how we would utilize somebody in the Police Department to write the citations and we will be having further discussions on this. I think it is important that we do this and not just with the junk cars because we have so many people that have contacted me regarding this supposed junk cars that are properly tagged and insured and they are driving to and from work every day yet they are receiving a summons for an abandoned or junked car. We have got to get set criteria on things and we have got to have everybody on the same page. We are working with BHP to develop that and then this can spread out to having police officers writing the proper citations but we have got to get everybody on the same page because everybody is doing their own thing right now.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: We are getting off topic here with junk vehicles but the Louisiana Ave. is that going to be parking on one side or you'll advise us later on what the decision and outcome is going to be? Whether there is no parking, one side or both side? How are you going to determine what side you can park on?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: There won't be parking on the fire hydrant side. The decision would be made based upon the width of the roadway and the location of the fire hydrant and at that point in time if we are going to change something on those roadways Public Property Department will pass out flyers to people in the neighborhoods that are going to be affected.

Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Thornsberry and Mr. Fallis, to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Finance and Claims & All Council Committee met on July 30, 2018 to perform the mid-year budget review. Council took no action at this meeting as it was an informational session.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to concur with the committee report. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Resolution No. 25-18 a.) Introduced by Mr. Koziura, a resolution strongly urging the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to invest the State budget surplus in municipalities.

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

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: This is a very important piece of legislation. I am glad the Ohio Municipal League has encouraged City's to come forth with this. Back in the 30's, and I was not a legislature at that time, contrary to public opinion, is when the Governor came to all of the locals and said if you concur and support the sales tax in Ohio for the first time that you will proportionately share that for the rest of time. All those years except for when Bob Taft, another republican, suspended the growth of the Local Government Fund for a while but it wasn't until John Kasich who sits there proudly and says that he balanced the State's books and he did it on the local government and schools, County and it is a terrible thing that we as local officials all over the state, now have to take responsibility for what the State government has put on our shoulders because they weren't willing to do the

right things and help out local government so when we go to the ballot box and our local constituents, and that is the hardest government there is, the closer you are to the people, it is tougher to serve but it is better served. I would really prefer, Mr. President, that someday they could take the State Income Tax and give us the right to take our City Income Tax and raise it proportionately without a vote of the people but ____ ourselves and we would be a lot better off with our own money instead of sending what we do have later to Columbus and they send it all over. I do ask all of my fellow council members to please support this resolution.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Thank you, Mr. Koziura, well said. Once again, we were on council I believe in 2008, when Mr. Kasich came in and that was one of the first discussions we had about how much money we were going to be losing revenue wise. Mr. Mantini gave us kind of a broad picture. Unfortunately just about everything he said came true negatively.

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

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I really agree with Mr. Koziura on his comments regarding this particular piece of legislation. Obviously the cities have been impacted dramatically in a negative fashion relative to the amount of funds that have come back from the State of Ohio the last six to seven years. The State has more than enough money to loosen the purse strings to provide some much needed relief to communities like Lorain to help with basic services that our citizens really deserve. I am wholeheartedly in favor of this particular legislation.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Mr. Koziura, FYI, approximately how much money is in this fund?

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: It is millions, Mr. President. Karen, do you have the latest figures?

AUDITOR SHAWVER: The amount in all of the reports is nearly \$3 Billion in excess.

MAYOR RITENAUER: Let's not forget the fact that at the time that this change occurred the State eliminated the Estate Tax, which to the City of Lorain ranged anywhere from anywhere in past years from \$500,000 to \$850,000 a year, some a little lower, some a little higher, but as it relates to the state the best tax to cut is the one that doesn't impact your bottom line. The estate tax disproportionately went right back to the cities and we are the ones that cut for the State to be able to say that they cut taxes. When you add that what we lose on an annual basis and I think in the resolution it is way light, we have lost more than that. And the conversation we previously had, I mean it is not a matter of lack of will or desire to do things in the neighborhoods but when things happen in the Police Department it is all hands on deck when a major crime happens. Imagine how nice it would be to have a specially designated task force just to handle neighborhood issues. If we had a fraction of this money we would be able to do that so that is why this is so important. City's have to stand up and resist what is going on and we have to demand that this be an issue for the next administration in Columbus to address.

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: They also got rid of the inventory tax and the public utility tax also in their tenure.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mrs. Springowski, 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. 26-18 b.) Introduced by Mr. Flores, a resolution recognizing, celebrating and designating "National Hispanic Heritage Month" from September 15 through October 15, 2018 in the City of Lorain, Ohio.

Moved by Mr. Flores, 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.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN ARROYO: Over the next month there are going to be multiple events going on around the community. I know Mexican Mutual will be having a Hispanic dinner September 16th. I know they will also be hosting an event October 9th with a little history in music and there will also be the Sunset Festival. I just ask everyone that if they have their time open to come support some of these different events during Hispanic Heritage Month. Moved by Mr. Flores, supported by Mr. Fallis, 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. 27-18 c.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, a resolution authorizing the Safety/Service Director to apply for and accept, on behalf of the City of Lorain, a grant for the construction of the Planned Active Transportation Plan/Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI). Moved by Mr. Faga, 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: LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: For your information, I have met with the Engineering Department regarding this particular grant program and when meeting with them I was informed that the grant itself may not be, when awarded, in the amount of \$300k. With that information, the heading on this resolution might be a bit misleading in that it says that it shall be authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract to construct this project, rather what the body of the ordinance says is that he will apply for and accept the grant and then the project itself will have to be modified to fit inside the grant amount and that would be a second ordinance, perhaps, coming down to council to explain what the project is and how much it is that the Safety/Service Director has to expend on this project. As I understand it, this is for signage and perhaps the Safety/Service Director or Mayor knows more about it than I do but it is in the nature of signage and trash receptacles and things of that nature but the resolution allows and authorizes the Safety/Service Director to apply for and accept the grant. The project would then be modified to fit inside the grant amount.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I took a look at the plan and it is pretty comprehensive, there are a lot of partners involved, Lorain City Schools, City of Lorain, Lorain County Metro Parks, the Health District and I think another county agency. Pretty comprehensive. I think it is a good start for us. I like that we are going for the grant. There is a lot of initiatives that are in that plan and I just think it is a really good start so I am glad we are moving forward on this.

MAYOR RITENAUER: What Mr. Riley said was pretty much accurate and Mr. Fallis, to your point, this is a partnership with the schools. What would be included here, the entire plan is added as an attachment. What this would include though are the things that were not funded through the Safe Routes to School, so think of signage, things for pedestrians where old walks need to be repaired or replaced. Trash cans, benches, improved crossings, those kinds of things. We will see what we can get. Regardless of what we get, if it is \$300k, great, if not we will come forward with a plan that spends up to whatever amount we might be able to get.

Moved by Mr. Faga, 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 resolution passed.

Ordinance No. 112-18 d.) Introduced by Mr. Koziura, an ordinance authorizing the City of Lorain to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement agreement with Jovic 2, LLC and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mr. Flores to amend as it is a remodeling rather than new construction so it is not allowed 15 years and will have to be a 12 year abatement not 15. So I would move to amend that.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: Typically a business coming downtown, whether it is new construction or rebuild the standard has been 15 years. I don't know why we wouldn't comply with the 15 year tax abatement as opposed to a 12 based on...I would like to keep it at 15 years.

MAYOR RITENAUER: Mr. Riley can correct me if I am wrong, but preexisting legislation states that for new construction it is 15 years. The error was made when it was put in for 15. This is a renovation, which it states that it can only be 12. We ran into the same issue with the Broadway Building and on that one it was actually a 12 year and then there is also a TIF on top of that. The abatement for the Broadway Building and the hotel project is 12 years because that is a renovation similar to what this project would be. Twelve years is the appropriate number and the Law Director can verify in an ordinance or a consent decree or something to that nature.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: So there is not going to be any new construction? It is a rebuild. And then what if reconstruction occurs in the plan?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I guess the question being asked by Councilman Flores is what constitutes new construction. That is really at the heart of what he is suggesting and without the ordinance in front of me I don't know that there is a definition that distinguishes between remodeling and new construction. It really just raises a question for debate. Is this sort of a project and what is being done there does it in some way constitute new construction or does it constitute a remodel? The mayor is right, the ordinance is very specific, there is no ability to modify the ordinance at this point in time such that you might grant a greater term of abatement than what the ordinance provides. The ordinance provides upon remodeling a max of 12 years. I think if there is a question here that a lawyer would otherwise recognize would be what is the difference between remodeling and new construction if we really wanted to get into the fine point of the issue that is being raised by Councilman Flores. If you tear a building apart down to its seams and you put a new roof on top and all new material and structures on the inside is that a remodel with the building just being a shell or is that new construction? I think if you were a lawyer and you were interested in one side or the other you could make your case for either one, I would guess. I am not offering an opinion about that. I think my recollection of the ordinance is, I don't have it in front of me, but there is not a specific definition of new construction versus remodeling. Depending on what side of the coin you find yourself your arguments would be tailored accordingly. If you wish me to research the issue I would be happy to do that.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Yes. This project is...he's got new windows in there at the Cleveland Trust Bank; he is talking about putting a deck on the back of it. That is new construction. You are right, there is time. He is not scheduled to open until 2020 so if I can make the recommendation that we go to a committee to possibly look at how we can amend this. This is a new business downtown and I would like to give them the 15 year tax abatement.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: I might offer you a correction to the statement that was just made in that this program, Tax Abatement, is an incentivizing program. In other words, you are not supposed to do substantial construction or remodeling prior to being granted your abatement because it is the abatement that gives you the incentive to do it. Suggesting that the abatement can be granted at a point in time after construction has been completed would be contrary to law. We could not grant the abatement after he rebuilt or built the building. If we are going to operate in accordance with law the incentive has to be granted at the beginning of the project, not the end of the project. I would suggest to you and I don't know the status of Jovic, LLC's efforts in terms of building or rebuilding or remodeling the building but by delaying a decision you are going to run into a situation where perhaps he was not properly incentivized and therefore maybe brings the tax abatement into question.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: He is still at the beginning. He has a long way to go in that building.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I appreciate what Councilman Flores is saying but I think that it is imperative that we get the ball rolling on this. With all of the focus that has been on the Ariel Building I think that we want to complement and enhance what she is doing there as well as for the progress down on Broadway. I think that we need to move forward on this. I don't think that there is any fundamental new construction that is going on there. I believe a deck would be an enhancement. I wouldn't be considered new construction as there are no fundamental, structural changes being made to the building and it should have the same foundation and the same basic configuration of the building. I think that the 12 years is applicable. I want to support Mr. Nardini and what he is doing. He has been a long time developer in this city and he has proven himself to be dedicated and committed to this city and moving it forward and I think that we need to move forward as quickly as possible on this and support him on this endeavor.

COUNCILMAN KOZIURA: As Mr. Riley has stated, that is the question always is abatement used as requested without abatement the project doesn't go through because the person needs the abatement to get the job done. Here, I think 12 years of abatement is...and it is not a new building being built. It is being remodeled or reconstructed. It is not a new construction. I would feel very comfortable with voting on 12 years. I made the motion and have support and would call for the vote.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: This is not an emergency.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Nobody said it was. You are voting on an amendment.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: We are acting like we have to vote on this tonight. Right now, it is urgent.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: If you heard your colleagues they expressed, and correct me if I am wrong Mr. Riley, new construction would be akin to what we did a few months ago with Mr. Veard and his abatement here. That was "new construction"

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Point of information. I would ask that everybody please remember Ford was denied their abatement because work was complete and it had been started before the request was made. Please let us not fail to learn from our past and be condemned to repeat it. Let us not lose this opportunity, please.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: Point of information for Mr. Flores. You are saying that this isn't an emergency. I had a phone call with Mr. Nardini and his contractors this afternoon. It is an emergency. They are begging for us to get inspectors over there, there is a lot that needs to be done in a short amount of time before the winter season sets in. We need to deal with this and I agree that based upon our previous practice of how we run these programs, this is a remodel, not a new construction and although we want to help everybody to the best of our ability that is investing in our town, we also have to standardize how we've done it and by those standards this would be a 12 year.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Downtown Lorain has had disinvestment for way, way too long. The current investors in Lorain are taking a very, very big list because we are just on the beginning stages of really redeveloping our downtown area. I am in favor of the 12 year tax abatement. I don't think we have to wait. It is certainly a renovation. It is not a new build at all. Substantially it is a renovation so there is no reason to hold that process up as Safety/Service Director Given had indicated that there is some need for the developer to move forward quickly on this. With that being said I will certainly support this particular piece of legislation and once again, I just want to emphasize that this tax abatement will make this project stronger financially for the developer but there is no guarantee that he is going to be successful at this at all because again, we are just starting to do this. I am not trying to be negative but he got a serious risk and I am in favor of supporting all new development in the CRA area in Lorain.

AYES – 10 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.

NAYS - 1 Mr. Flores. The motion to amend the ordinance passed.

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 as amended.
AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga.
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed as amended.

Ordinance 113-18 e.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance amending Ordinance 94-18, which establishes Chapter 1507, Section 1507.01-Permit Fees of the Lorain Codified Ordinances. Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Koziura, 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: Why are we doing this?

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Did you read your packet? This is for the veterans. There are some very worthy organizations out there such as our veterans that we need to support and I think that it is very applicable under these circumstances that we would waive the fees for them.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: This says...

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Government Services.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Certain organizations.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: Yes, but this is specifically dealing with these veterans.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Is it detailed for veterans or certain organizations? Is this tailored for veterans?

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: The problem you have in that is with the precise naming of one you are going to exclude the other. We got a little bit generic in the language of it but it is there. We are not pulling a fast one or anything. This is to go and get some of these things done and I would ask at this time if Mr. Given would expound further upon the specific need with this. We don't want to limit it because it is going to come up again.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Okay.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: If you recall a couple of weeks ago you approved this request especially with regards to a group that was coming in to revitalize two buildings by the Valor Home on 21st and Lexington, I think it was. At that time you authorized that we move forward on it, the City issued a letter for the groups application that we would waive the fees up to \$500, we weren't waiving all of the fees, this was going to help them in their application process; however, in order to do that the Safety/Service Director cannot just waive fees, Council cannot just waive fees unless you pass the legislation, so based upon that we adjusted this chapter to make sure that everybody is in compliance of the law and I would suggest that you move forward with it please.

MAYOR RITENAUER: I believe that what Councilwoman Springowski was referring to is something I recall happening back I want to say almost four years ago when Catholic Charities initially was looking to relocate. A lot of these grants that these organizations as specified in Section O pursue they require for an additional point or two points on the grant application these local municipality saying we will waive \$500 worth of fees. There is never really a process to waive our fees and it has always been debated, it has been discussed. We chose this because it aligns with a lot of these organizations' grant applications which gets them credit and sometimes the difference between getting the grant or not can be a point or two. I think what happened with Catholic Charities, now eventually some years later they pursued a different grant or the same one maybe and won it and now are located where they are now. I just want to point out that this is not uncommon for, in this case it is Valor Home, but in other cases other organizations have come forward and it is that \$500 amount. This gives us, in our ordinances, the ability to then ask Council for the waiver of the \$500. I think this cleans it up. It is standardizes it and if this ever comes up again we can send the ordinance down and we are in compliance of our own codifieds.

COUNCILMAN ARGENTI: This will be done on a case by case basis? It would still come to Council for approval at that point on a case by case situation?

MAYOR RITENAUER: Correct.

Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Koziura, 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 114-18 f.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into an agreement amending Contract C-18-014 made with Terminal Ready Mix, Inc., for the Lake Erie Outfall project and declaring an emergency.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FAGA: This item here is a request that we had previously approved for \$165,000, the contractor has since begun the project and noticed that there is need for additional funding to correct an issue with the break wall so the request is for an additional \$20,000.

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 FLORES: Was this contract bid out?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: There are very few people that can do this type of work. We attempted to bid it out. We didn't get people to bid it and as you are seeing right here there is really no way to truly understand the scope of the work until you crack open the egg. That is why you are seeing this even a second time because as we continue to dig deeper into this, I think that we are at the final stages of digging right now, we are continuing to find that this was in a lot worse shape than we thought. When they actually got to this section, which according to the Engineering Department they are telling me they are in the final section of actually tearing it open. They noticed that the cracks in the sewer allowed all of those excess rain water, etc. to undermine the sewer, wash out these large sections. There was no way of us even knowing the magnitude of wash out was as extreme as it was. That is why I sent to the Clerk of Council pictures, that hopefully everybody got, which showed you what we are encountering.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: The gas dock, the underground gas tank was ready to collapse. You couldn't see that from the top.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Just for a point of clarification, this repair is being conducted where? Where is the location of it?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: We are working on a couple of different outfalls but I am pretty sure this is the one that is over in the area of Harborview. We have a couple of different outfall projects going on.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: I knew there was one a little bit west of Harborview. A resident had commented to me on that problem probably a good mile west of there. I just wanted to know what location it was.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: You had mentioned Harborview. It is not the yacht club?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: No, this is the outfall for a storm sewer. The yacht club and everything that we have going over there was funded by a grant that we received. This will be paid for with city funds.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: So that was a break wall over there on Harborview?

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: It is the outfall. It is where the storm sewer actually deposits into the lake. There were cracks in the storm sewer which allowed all of this to be undermined and to cause problems and decay.

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.

Ordinance No. 115-18 g.) Introduced by Mrs. Springowski, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the City of Lorain, Ohio to advertise for bids for the sale of real property no longer needed for municipal purposes and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, 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.
- REMARKS: SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR GIVEN: Prior to passing if you could, could you add four parcels? I sent this down earlier and apparently you guys didn't see it. There were four additional parcels on Oakwood Avenue that there may be interest in so we wanted to make sure that we properly add this to the legislation. They are parcels 03-00-094-101-021, 03-00-094-101-022, 03-00-094-101-023 and 03-00-094-101-024.
- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported Mr. Fallis, to amend the ordinance by adding parcels 03-00-094-101-021, 03-00-094-101-022, 03-00-094-101-023 and 03-00-094-101-024 to the list of properties.
- AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.
- NAYS - 0 None. The motion to amend the ordinance passed.
- Moved by Mrs. Springowski, supported by Mr. Faga, to pass the ordinance as amended.
- AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.
- NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed as amended.
- Ordinance No. 116-18 h.) 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 – 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. 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. 117-18 i.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, an ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance 2-18, purchase of gasoline, fuel, oil and other petroleum products, all needed for various city departments by increasing existing dollar amount of \$450,000 to a new dollar amount \$650,000 and declaring an emergency.
- Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to amend Section 1 of the ordinance by inserting "That Section 1 of Ordinance 2-18 is hereby amended to read as follows:"
- AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry.
- NAYS - 0 None. The motion to amend the ordinance passed.
- 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.
- Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Thornsberry, to pass the ordinance as amended.
- AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga Thornsberry.
- NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed as amended.
- Ordinance No. 118-18 j.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, an ordinance amending Ordinance 77-18, Section II, updating additional equipment with no change to fiscal impact of original ordinance and declaring an emergency.

- Moved by Mr. Faga, 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.
- Moved by Mr. Faga, 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.
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- Ordinance 119-18 k.) Introduced by Mr. Faga, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into contracts for the purchase of chemicals for use in the Utilities Department, water and water pollution control divisions of The City of Lorain, State of Ohio.
- Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Koziura, 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 FAGA: I just want to thank the administration and the Utilities Dept for bringing this down early. It is nice to see these types of requests so far in advance of the next calendar year.
- Moved by Mr. Faga, supported by Mr. Koziura, to pass the ordinance.
- AYES – 11 Messrs. Fallis, Koziura, Springowski, Henley, Flores, Carter, Argenti, Moon, Arroyo, Faga, Thornsberry
- NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.
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- Ordinance No. 120-18 l.) 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 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.
- 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.
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- Ordinance No. 121-18 m.) 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.
- 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: (None)

LEGISLATION – THIRD READING: (None)

COMMITTEE CALLS: CLERK GREER announced Chairperson Springowski had scheduled a Building & Lands and All Council Committee meeting Monday, September 10 to begin at 5:30 to review and hear a presentation from OHM Consultants on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: I received a request asking to move it to this meeting to a new date of September 24, due to schedule conflicts. I believe we have another Committee Meeting that day so we can just add on to that.

COUNCILMAN FALLIS: Since we have an opening on September 10th I would like to call a Parks & Recreation & all Council meeting for 6:00 to discuss potential legislation to ban smoking public places in Lorain. *This meeting was later rescheduled by Councilman Fallis for October 22, 2018.*

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL:

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Councilman Thornsberry, we would all like to congratulate you on the new voter for the City of Lorain.

COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: Thank you. And that is actually what was on my mind. I wanted to thank my fellow colleagues for supporting me while I took a month off with paternity leave with baby Jace, who is doing very well. Mom is doing very well also. There is a picture floating around somewhere, if you didn't see it I think Nancy might have it. I also want to thank you guys for the various generous gifts. It is nice to know that we've got the support of our colleagues and I know parental rights and paternity leave and things like that are issues in our society today and it is nice to know that you can take some time off work to spend with the little ones when that comes up. Again, I want to thank you guys very much. My wife and I very much appreciate it.

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: Mr. Given, I just want to say that first, I appreciate you sending the emergency email for 1977 for the land bank to push for that. I just want to give you an update. Yesterday one of the walls on the inside of the house fell down and kids are playing in it. This is a house that caught on fire about three weeks ago and there is a 20' by 20' hole from the bottom of the porch to the top of the house. You can look right inside so if you can give me an update and maybe see where they are standing at or where they are going to push with this. I think this is a big concern where it is probably going to fall even more. Also, lately I have had residents of the 2100 block of E. 42nd Street, towards the middle of the block, there is a creek going in their backyard which is run by the City and it is starting to decay to the point where there are certain properties that have 6' of land before their fence is going to fall in and other properties even less than that. I know I sent the Engineering Department an email, I'm not sure if they got it or not, but if you are able to give me an update on kind of how we can assist those residents I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Question, Mr. Arroyo, on the old Hills Building, I see that place is filled up again?

COUNCILMAN ARROYO: Yes, I brought that up earlier when we were talking about vehicles.

COUNCILWOMAN MOON: Mr. Given, do you think I could have a minute of your time after this meeting?

COUNCILWOMAN CARTER: I just want to give a thank you to Safety/Service Director Given and Phil Dore. Dan came out and walked in the Third Ward in his dress shoes and we did spot some abandoned cars and residents came out and spoke with him and the residents' thank you. They say they haven't seen that in a long time. They appreciate you coming out and showing your support. Same thing for you, Phil. I am hearing you have been out in my ward as well walking around and talking to the neighbors. They appreciate you as well. And of course you, Mr. Mayor, they love you.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: 2008 Oakdale. That is one if the many burned down structures in the Second Ward. There are several of them and they have been abandoned for quite a while. There is a car, an inoperable vehicle, the front tires are on jacks and it has been that way for a very long time. That address is 340 W. 17th Street and Lexington Ave. It is over by Nativity Church. When those people are leaving the church they get the view of this abandoned vehicle. Not only the abandoned vehicle but construction materials strewn about the whole yard. It is unsightly. Those two properties are my concerns.

COUNCILWOMAN SPRINGOWSKI: First I wanted to thank everybody that came out to the Lorain County Labor Day celebration that was held at Black River Landing. We had candidate Richard Cordray there, Betty Sutton, Marcy Kaptur, Judge Melody Stewart, Steve Dettlebach, Kathleen Clyde, Shari Sweeda, Ken Harbaugh, and numerous others. It was a really nice festival. The candidates were out there talking to the people and I think it went very well. I would also like to let everybody know that this coming Sunday from 4-6pm at the Women's Valor Home on "G" Street they will be having the ribbon cutting ceremony and the administration and all of council is invited out to this.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mrs. Springowski, to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


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President of Council