

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday September 06, 2022 at 6PM  
**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President John Torma **called to order** this Regular Meeting of East Liverpool City Council at 6:00PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

The Clerk read aloud the **call of the roll** and was recorded as follows:

First Ward Council member Tom Beagle:	present
Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett:	present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Robert Nizer Jr.:	present

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

Council member Nizer led the **Prayer and Pledge**.

**MINUTES-CORRECT:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the regular meeting of July 5, 2022, the Special Meeting of July 12, 2022 and the regular meeting from August 1, 2022 as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Rayl and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted**. **Moved** by Council member Barrett and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Mr. Kreefer:

yes.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Shirley Parson, 499 First Avenue brought her concerns regarding illegal dumping, not only around her property, but dumping on her property. Ms. Parson advised it is coming from one certain property owner and she inquired as to how to stop this from happening in the future. Parson also related how costly it is to clean up after this person dumps on her property.

After several ideas and inquires by all members of council, it was decided to have her call the police if she catches this person in the act of dumping. As far as stopping any future dumping, Ms. Parson was directed to the Health Department, so to have them investigate the polluter.

Denise Taylor, 951 Saint George Street addressed city council with her concerns regarding the general condition of the East End portion of the city.

Citing several deficiencies that she feels detracts from East End, such as clogged storm sewers, especially next to the Community Resource Center, overgrown trees and brush, illegal dumping on many empty lots in the area (as well as several concrete block dumped on her own property ), abandoned cars on city streets and the general run down look of this portion of the city.

Ms. Taylor also complained about a burned out property behind her residence that attracts all sorts of unwanted animals and trespassers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:**

There were no Communications or Petitions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee:** Brian Kerr, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report

**License and Economic Development Committee:** John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met on August 17, 2022 at 6pm.

Discussed at this meeting was legislation showing support for the Thompson Building. Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm, September 21, 2022 in chambers.

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee reported the committee met on August 11, 2022 at 6pm and had a generalized discussion regarding the Thompson Park Pool and the viability of some of the city's playgrounds.

**Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee:** Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 4pm, September 27, 2022 in chambers.

**Safety and Rules Committee:** Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report.

**Finance and Labor Committee:** C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met on August 30, 2022 at 3pm in chambers with all committee members present as well as several department heads, elected officials and the print media.. Please see attached.

Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full Council the following proposals:

1. An ordinance authorizing the mayor enter into a memorandum of understanding with ELCPR for the proposed riverfront hike/bike trail.
2. An ordinance to bid out the Thompson Park bathroom project.
3. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
4. An ordinance for a lease agreement for a temporary Street Department.

Mr. Rayl reported the meeting adjourned at 3:35pm. Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm, September 27, 2022 in chambers.

Mr. Rayl then reported the committee met just prior to this regular meeting of council to take up the temporary lease agreement for the car barn.

Rayl reported the committee has elected to replace this newer version of the one agreed on previously as the newer version had a lease/purchase clause added and the building selling price will be \$275,000.00

Rayl then **motioned** for a **seven-day waiver** on the more recent car barn agreement and was **seconded** by Mr. Kerr. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**Planning and Expansion Committee:** Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee reported the committee met at 4pm, August 30, 2022 in chambers with all committee members present.

Beagle reported the committee listen to guest speaker Lance Frank of Scout Solar make a presentation about a twenty-five year plan to supple the city with solar power with no further action being taken.

Beagle announced a follow-up meeting for 3pm, September 27, 2022 in chambers.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**CHIEF OF POLICE:** Police Chief John Lane was not present.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Fire Chief William Jones was not present.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Robert Wright was not present.

**STREET SUPERINTENDENT:** Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

**HOUSING INSPECTOR:** Housing Inspector Kayla Crowl was not present.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:** City Planning Director William Cowan was not present.

**OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR:** Law Director Charles Payne made no report, but did request an Executive Session immediately following the Officer Reports portion of the meeting to discuss pending litigation, and with no further business being conducted.

Council President Torma entertained a motion to retire to Executive Session immediately following the legislative portion of the meeting to discuss pending litigation, and upon returning for roll call, there will be no further business being conducted except to adjourn.

**Moved** by Mr. Rayl and **seconded** by Mr. Barrett the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR:** City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made no report.

**OFFICE OF INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT:** Tax Commissioner Linda Harpold was not present.

**OFFICE OF CITY TREASURER:** Treasurer Deborah Fickes was not present.

**OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY:** Service / Safety Director David Dawson made no report

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Gregory Bricker reported three different companies are in town demolishing blighted houses, reported Ray Travelini is willing to donate a lot adjacent to the Hot Dog Shop for a Pickle Ball Court and was happy to see the city moving on from the old car barn to a newer facility farther down Pennsylvania Avenue.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

### LEGISLATION:

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 14, 2022 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

##### CONSIDERATION:

**Moved** by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

##### FIRST READING:

**Moved** by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

##### SUSPEND THE RULES:

**Moved** by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

##### PASSAGE:

**Moved** by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 51, 2022 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR REVITALIZATION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Barrett, and **Seconded** by Council member Nizer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 53, 2022 duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE/PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT FOR A TEMPORARY CAR BARN AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Nizer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Beagle, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Rayl, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 54, 2022 duly passed as read.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Council retired to Executive Session at 6:38pm with all members being present as well as Law Director Payne, City Auditor Bosco, Service/Safety Director Dawson and Mayor Bricker.

The reason for the session was regarding pending litigation as a former employee may be suing the city for back wages.

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:50pm. The call of the roll was recorded as follows:

Mr. Barrett:	present.	Mr. Mercer:	present
Mr. Beagle:	present	Mr. Nizer:	present
Mr. Kerr:	present	Mr. Rayl:	present
Mr. Kreefer:	present		

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Due to the fact that no other business would be conducted following Executive Session, the Miscellaneous portion of the meeting was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to Adjourn.** **Motion** was made by Council member Beagle.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK**



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**JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**