MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday March 06, 2023 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:	not 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

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion to excuse** Mr. Rayl as he is convalescing from knee replacement surgery. **Moved** by Mr. Kreefer and **seconded** by Mr. Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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 February 06, 2023 as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Barrett, the call of the roll was recorded as follows:

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

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Linda Ziegler, 1112 Ohio Avenue, inquired aloud as to the speeds in which trains are allowed to travel when with-in the city limits, also, Ms. Ziegler spoke against a zone change request being made by Heritage Thermal.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS AND SEATS:

Council President John Torma relayed to council members that he was in receipt of three letters from Mayor Bricker, requesting that council consider appointment of the following:

- 1. Appoint Mr. Robert. Williams, 410 Wedgewood Street to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals from January 31, 2023 through January 31, 2028.
- 2. Appoint Mr. Patrick Scafide, 308 Thompson Avenue to serve on the City of East Liverpool Civil Service Board.
- 3. Appoint Mr. Kevin Kerr, 49384 Moore Avenue to serve on the City of East Liverpool Board of Health.

Council President Torma then requested the clerk call a voice vote of the yeas, and the nays. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 5-1.

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 for the

committee's he chairs, But Mr. Kerr did give Mr. Rayl's Finance and Labor Committee meeting report, which is as follows:

The Finance and Labor Committee met at 3pm Tuesday, February 28, 2023 with Mr. Rayl and Mr. Kreefer present, and Mr. Kerr being excused. The meeting was attended by several department heads, elected officials as well as the print media. Please see attached. The committee discussed and agreed to pass on to the full council several resolutions and ordinances:

- 1. A resolution urging the governor and the legislature to restore local government funding.
- 2. A resolution adopting corrective action plan for the storm sewer system.
- 3. An ordinance permitting the planning director to enter into an agreement with Dallis Dawson and Ass. For storm sewer work on St. Clair Avenue.
- 4. An ordinance authorizing the city auditor to participate in the new opioid settlement.
- 5. An ordinance to pay vendors.
- 6. An ordinance making permanent appropriations for the year 2023.
- 7. An ordinance to creat a new fund, and new line items and make appropriations for the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

The next meeting of the Finance and Labor Committee will be at 3pm March 28, 2023 in chambers.

<u>License and Economic Development Committee:</u> John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 5pm February 15, 2023 in chambers. Please see attached. Mr. Mercer reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council three proposals for it's consideration:

- 1. An ordinance enacting Title Seven, Abandoned buildings.
- 2. An ordinance enacting Title Six Commercial Building maintenance code.
- 3. An ordinance to amend the heading of Chapter 1339, "Board of Housing Appeals" and to enact certain "Board of Commercial Building Appeals" sections.

Mr. Mercer indicated he was requesting more than one reading on the three proposals moving foreword. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 5pm March 22, 2023 in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee reported the committee met at 4pm March 02, 2023 in the Mayors Office, with members Nizer and Barrett present and Mr. Kerr being excused. Also in attendance was Mayor Bricker and Council member Mercer.

Mr. Nizer reported the committee took up conversations regarding seeking out volunteers to removed old playground equipment, reported that he is actively seeking grants to help fund new equipment, indicated that citizens Herman Potts and Kevin Kerr supplied

equipment and labor to help in the removal of old playground equipment at Fulmer Park with surveillance cameras being considered for the playground. Also discussed was a new playground for the area of Bradshaw and Ravine Streets. Mr. Nizer indicated the meeting concluded at 5pm.

<u>Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee:</u> Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee reported the committee met Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 4pm with all committee members present as well as Safety / Service Director Dawson.

Barrett reported the main topic of conversation was the Street Department's Budget and the lack of money in that budget, which seemed to indicate that there was not enough money to run the department for the year.

Barrett reported he had had several conversations with Mr. Rayl and the city auditor regarding this matter and seemed to indicate it was their position that monies move in and out of line items all year long as it always does. Barrett reported the meeting concluded at 4:30pm.

<u>Safety and Rules Committee</u>: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report but did call a meeting of the committee for 4pm March 28, 2023 in chambers.

<u>Finance and Labor Committee</u>: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee was excused.

<u>Planning and Expansion Committee:</u> Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee reported back to council regarding several questions other members had with regard to the Scout Solar contract, such as end of life of the contract, bankruptcy of Scout Solar, sale of Scout Solar. Please see attached.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief William Jones made no report

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Paul McCarthey explained to members the water testing procedures being conducted by the city as real-time to the train derailment in East Palestine.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector Kayla Crowl was n to present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: City Planning Director William Cowan explained several proposed pieces of legislation before council tonight.

OFFICE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR: Law Director Charles Payne made no report.

OFFICE OF CITY AUDITOR: City Auditor Marilyn Bosco made herself available for any questions regarding the budget.

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 was not present.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Gregory Bricker was not present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE OHIO GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND TO PRE-RECESSION LEVELS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Resolution Number 01, 2023 duly passed as read.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) IN RESPONSE TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Resolution Number 02, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DALLIS DAWSON AND ASSOCIATES AND THE ADDENDUM THERETO PERTAINING TO NON-FEDERAL ENTITY CONTRACTORS UNDER FEDERAL AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL FOR THE SAINT CLAIR AVENUE STORM SEWER FLOOD STUDE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 12, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS ("NEW NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS") THAT HAVE BEEN REACHED WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS AND WAL MART ("SETTLING DEFENDANTS") AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 13, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO PAY CERTAIN VENDORS WHO SUPPLIED GOODS OR SERVICES TO THE CITY WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OR AUTHORIZATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 14, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

Mr. Barrett:	no	Mr. Kreefer:	yes.
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes.
Mr. Kerr:	ves.	Mr. Nizer:	ves.

Motion carried 5-1.

FIRST READING:

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

Mr. Barrett:	no	Mr. Kreefer:	yes.
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes.
Mr. Kerr:	ves.	Mr. Nizer:	ves.

Motion carried 5-1.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

Mr. Barrett:	no	Mr. Kreefer:	yes.
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Mercer:	yes.
Mr. Kerr:	ves.	Mr. Nizer:	ves.

Motion failed 5-1.

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A NEW FUND, CREAT NEW LINE ITEMS AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HAZERD MITIGATION FUND.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 15, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING TITLE SEVEN-ABANDONED BUILDINGS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING TITLE SIX-COMMERCIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE CODE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE HEADING OF CHAPTER 1339 BOARD OF HOUSING APPEALS AND TO ENACT THE BOARD OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING APPEALS SECTIONS 1339.04, 1339.05 AND 1339.06 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked Mr. McCarthy for explaining the testing that's going on with regard to the East Palestine train derailment.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked all those who came out to the meeting and hoped the building code legislations would alleviate the problem.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. thanked everyone for coming out and thanked Mr. McCarthy for all his information, and wished Mr. Rayl a speedy recovery.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett thanked those who came out, thanked Mr. McCarthy for all his insight.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer thanked Mr. McCarthy, thanked Mr. Dawson and Mr. Cowan for all the help in mitigating the storm water run off problem off St. Clair Ave.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl was excused.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle said he was glad Mr. Torma was recovering and hoped the same for Mr. Rayl.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for all the well wishes and cards.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT