

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 3, 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:	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 June 5, 2023 as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Beagle and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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 Rayl 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.

Tracey Smith, 229 Thompson Avenue passed out a hand out to council members regarding delapidated properties in her neighborhood. Ms. Hyatt requested accountability and enforcement of city codes.

Darlene Kinsey, #7 Highland Colony spoke against a proposal to hire RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) and hoped council would table the measure and give the city income tax department further time to address it's collection issues.

Robert Smith, 1421 Saint Clair Avenue also requested that RITA be tabled, indicated he was in support of the Thompson Hill Gang.

Bill Davis, local attorney addressed the problem with localized flooding on outer Saint Clair Avenue.

Erin Loedding, 1325 Harriett Street also addressed the localized flooding of outer St. Clair Ave.

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 but did call a meeting of the committee for 4pm July 7, 2023 in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee made no report but did call a meeting of the committee for 6pm July 19, 2023 in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance Committee: Robert Nizer Jr., Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report.

Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee: Scott Barrett, Chair of the Streets / Lands and Buildings Committee made made no report.

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 June 27, 2023 at 3pm and agreed to pass on to the full council the following proposals:

1. A resolution to levy a renewal of an existing tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of fire protection.
2. An ordinance to pay vendors.
3. An ordinance to increase, temporarily the wages of the mayors office manager by two dollars per hour.
4. An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Heritage Thermal for the demolition of three buildings at 1253 Pennsylvania Ave.
5. An ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a settlement agreement with Ohio Bell Telephone.
6. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
7. An ordinance to replace Ordinance Number 29, 2022.
8. An ordinance authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with RITA.

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm July 25, 2023 in chambers.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee made no report.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief William Jones urged members to pass the resolution in support of a renewal of an existing tax for the fire department.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Paul McCarthy was not present.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector Kayla Crawl 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.

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 was not present.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIRE PROTECTION.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, 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.

FIRST READING:

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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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.

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. 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** Resolution Number 11, 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 Rayl, 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.

FIRST READING:

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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, 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.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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 41, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE HOURLY WAGE BY TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) PER HOUR FOR THE MANAGER OF THE MAYORS OFFICE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS WHILE SHE IS PERFORMING THE DUTIES AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SERVICE SAFETY DIRECTOR AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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.

FIRST READING:

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.

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 42, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE THERMAL SERVICES INC. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING(S) LOCATED AT 1253 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO 43920 (PPN 37-50082.000) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Barrett, 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.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, 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 43, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF EAST LIVERPOOL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE WITH THE OHIO BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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.

FIRST READING:

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.

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 Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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 44, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 16, 2023 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

CONSIDERATION:

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.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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 Beagle, 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 Barrett, 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.

Council President John Torma **Declared** Ordinance Number 45, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE ORDINANCE NUMBER 59, 2022, THE WAGES AND BENEFITS OF THE NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO, COUNTY OF COLUMBIANA.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Rayl, 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.

FIRST READING:

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.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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.

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. 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 46, 2023 duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT / CONTRACT WITH THE REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY (RITA) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO 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. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes.	Mr. Nizer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes.	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kreefer:	yes.		

Motion carried 7-0.

MOVE TO TABLE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Rayl, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and hoped to bring RITA back up again in the near future.

At-Large Council member John Mercer echoed Mr. Kerr regarding RITA and thanked those who came out.

At-Large Council member Robert Nizer Jr. made no comment.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett thanked everyone for coming out.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer made no comment.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl made no comment.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle hope to bring RITA back up as soon as possible.

Council President John Torma thanked everyone for coming.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

