

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
Monday December 02, 2024 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 Thomas Clark:	present

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:**

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

**MINUTES-CORRECT:**

Council President John Torma **entertained a motion to accept the minutes** from the Regular meeting of September 03, 2024, October 07, 2024 and the special meeting of October 21, 2024, as there were no additions or corrections. **Moved** by Council member Barrett 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Mr. Kerr: yes

**Motion carried 7-0.**

No one addressed council.

Council president Torma introduced Terry Fricano, Thomas Chema and Kyle Lucas from Environmental Design Group.

All three addressed members concerning the proposed lake to river hike and bike trail that has been proposed to run from Lake Erie to the Ohio River in East Liverpool and also discussed the possibility of a visitors center at the state line to recognize the Point of Beginning.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There is one piece of legislation for second reading.

**COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:**

The clerk reported several communications for council with the first explaining that the liquor license at Gilkinsons Short Stop is a change from a private name to a corporate name for the same owner. The second was a communication from the BVoard of Elections with the tallies for the two levies on the ballot. The third letter was from the Department of Commerce regarding the liquor license for Lena's Lounge, noting some changes in the procedure to file an objection with the establishment and the change of ownership. All information was passed on to all members.

**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 made no report but did schedule a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Monday December 09, 2024 , in chambers to discuss the changes regarding objections to liquor licenses.

**Recreation and Ordinance Committee:** Thomas Clark, 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 no report.

**Safety and Rules Committee:** Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee made no report, but did recognize Davie DeMasso for all his help in the city.

**Finance and Labor Committee:** C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3:03pm Tuesday November 26, 2024, in chambers with Rayl and Kreefer in attendance as well as several department heads and elected officials. Mr. Kerr was excused.

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

1. **An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.**
2. **An ordinance making temporary appropriations.**
3. **An ordinance allowing the B. P. U. To make purchases.**
4. **An ordinance agreeing on a patrolman's contract.**
5. **An ordinance agreeing on a police captains contract.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Monday December 30, 2024, in chambers.

Mr. Rayl the reported the committee met in special session before this regular meeting of council to address two minor typos. The first one is in the captains contract with an asterisk needing to be removed. The second addressed court pay for all officers as they are to receive two hours minimum for court appearances.

In that vein, Mr. Rayl, in the form of a **motion** requested a seven-day waiver on those minor changes, and was **seconded** by Mr. Kerr. The call was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**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 made no report.

**FIRE CHIEF:** Fire Chief Antony Cumo reported the department was in receipt of grant of \$14,500.00 from Norfolk Southern to replace portable radios and a second grant was received from EMA for \$54,100.00 also for radios.

**UTILITIES DIRECTOR:** Utilities Director Paul McCarthy was not present.

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

**HOUSING INSPECTOR:** Housing Inspector 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 Sharon Williams was not present.

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

**OFFICE OF SERVICE / SAFETY:** Service / Safety Director William Jones urged members to vote in favor of the police contracts.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR:** Mayor Robert Smith reported he had had positive discussions with the solar company and that further discussions will be occurring.

Thanked SSD Jones for his work on the police contracts, and lauded the safety forces for their hard work, updated members with Christmas in the Diamond plans, thanked Mr. Kreefer for all he does.

**APPOINTMENTS OF BOARDS AND SEATS:**

Council President Torma reported he was in receipt of a letter from the Carnegie Library Board requesting council to appoint the following persons to the library board of trustees.

1. Robert Bloor
2. Deborah Fickes
3. Linda Ziegler
4. Tamara Scafide

Council President Torma entertained a **motion to appoint** those mentioned to serve on the Carnegie Library Board of Trustees. **Moved** by Mr. Kerr and **seconded** by Mr. Barrett, the call was recorded as follows:

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:**

**LEGISLATION:**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT (SOLAR SYSTEM) BETWEEN HHH FOUNDATION, LANDLORD AND THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, TENANT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**SECOND READING:**

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

Mr. Barrett:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	no
Mr. Beagle:	ab.	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	no		

**Motion carried 4-2 with one abstention.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 10, 2024 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.**

**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. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Moved** by Council member Clark, 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 58, 2024, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2025 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2025 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Clark, 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**FIRST READING:**

**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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 59, 2024, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN METERS, CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY WATER AND WASTEWATER DEPARTMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

**Moved** by Council member Beagle, 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 60, 2024, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL POLICE UNION, EAST LIVERPOOL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. PATROL OFFICERS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**PASSAGE:**

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

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 61,2024, duly passed as read.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL AND AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL POLICE UNION, EAST LIVERPOOL FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OHIO LABOR COUNCIL INC. CAPTAINS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.**

**CONSIDERATION:**

**Moved** by Council member Clark, 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:**

**Moved** by Council member Kreefer, 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. Clark:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes		

***Motion carried 7-0.***

**PASSAGE:**

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

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

***Motion carried 7-0.***

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 62, 2024, duly passed as read.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked those who came to the meeting and lauded the safety forces.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked those who came out, thanked the fire department for the great work they do and to shop local.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark was happy to settle the police contracts.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett thanked all the safety for the work they do.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer thanked the police and fire for their service.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl echoed the other members sentiments.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked everyone for their service.

Council President John Torma thanked the police department for the good work.

**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**