

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 07, 2025, 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:	not present
Council member At-Large Brian Kerr:	present
Council Member At-Large John Mercer:	present
Council member At-Large Thomas Clark:	present

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council president Torma entertained a **motion to excuse** Mr. Barrett from this regular meeting as he is on vacation. **Moved** by Council member Kerr and **seconded** by member Kreefer, the call of the roll was recorded as follows

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

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

MINUTES-CORRECT:

The minutes were not available.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

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

Mr. Kerr:

yes

Mr. Rayl:

yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

Paula Vaughn, Chair of the Tri-State Pottery Festival discussed several issues and problems with holding the festival in the downtown area, due to disruption of businesses and parking issues, social media criticism.

Mr. Mercer sided with Vaughn and encouraged her to move forward and continue to do the good work she does.

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 joint meeting with Finance and Labor for 3pm Tuesday July 29, 2025, in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the hearing for Lena's Lounge has been moved to July 30, 2025, at 9 am.

Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Thursday July 17, 2025, in chambers.

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 was excused.

Safety and Rules Committee: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Safety / Rules Committee presented Paula Vaughn with a gift for all she and her husband do to get the Pottery Festival off the ground every year.

Also, Mr. Kreefer reported the committee met at 4pm Thursday June 12, 2025, in chambers with all committee members present as well as Service Director Jones as well as the police and fire chiefs.

At the core of the meeting was a discussion regarding cancer rates among retired firefighters and police officers. Kreefer indicated a wellness program needs to be in place so to protect the retired employees in the future.

Finance and Labor Committee: C. Fred Rayl, Chair of the Finance / Labor Committee reported the committee met at 3pm Tuesday July 01, 2025, in chambers with all committee members present as well as several office holders and city officials. Mr. Rayl reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following nine pieces of legislation.

1. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax for Thompson Park.**
2. **A resolution opposing HB 335.**
3. **An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.**
4. **An ordinance to pay vendors.**
5. **An ordinance to adopt a scope of work for the master services agreement.**
6. **An ordinance to adopt a scope of work for the master services agreement.**
7. **An ordinance authorizing the board of control to advertise for bids for paving projects.**
8. **An ordinance to issue notes anticipating bonds to purchase equipment.**
9. **An ordinance authorizing the mayor to purchase a chassis for a new ambulance.**

Mr. Rayl called the next meeting of the committee for 3pm Tuesday July 29, 2025, 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 made no report.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Antony Cumo reported the department gave an entry level test on July 01, 2025, and a promotional exam for Lieutenant on the same day, congratulating Alex Estelle in being promoted.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Tim Clark urged members to pass the two Master Service agreements to get the water system up to date and in compliance.

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 thanked Brian and Paula Vaughn for all the work they do for the Pottery Festival, reported the mower max is not broken as reported on social media. Jones reported the storm sewers are a mess after the recent hard rains and will be working on those. Jones noted a shortage of employees and that is being worked on.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith discussed an array of subjects from drug rehab sites to how bad the highway looks as the grass is not cut. At his request, ODOT will make a couple passes in a few weeks. Spoke of the Land Bank tearing down houses in the city, repairing the AC in the police department, opined about the lack of communication with Scout Solar and the lack of oversight at the Thompson Park Pool, indicating it needs a board to run the pool.

BOARDS AND SEATS:

Council President Torma read a letter from the Carnegie Public Library requesting council to approve the appointment of Karen Walker of 1256 Dairy Lane to the Library Board.

Moved by Council member and **seconded** by Council member the call was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS(S) 5705.03(B) AND 5705.19(H) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Resolution Number 05, 2025, duly passed as read.

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 335 AND URGING THE OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REJECTS LEGISLATION THE ELIMINATES INSIDE MILLAGE AND TRANSFERS LOCAL BUDGETARY AUTHORITY TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 06 , 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 07, 2025 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. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 24, 2025, 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. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 25, 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL TO ADOPT AMENDMENT NUMBER 01 TO SCOPE OF WORK NUMBER 03 TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTILITY SERVICES CO., INC. AND THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO 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. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 26, 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL TO ADOPT AMENDMENT NO.02 TO THE SCOPE OF WORK NO.03 TO THE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTILITY SERVICES CO. INC., AND THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number , 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER(S) FOR THE WASHINGTON STREET, MCKINNON AVENUE, AND PORTIONS OF MAINE BLVD. PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECTS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -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. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 28, 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PURCHASE A CHASSIS (FORD E450) AND A REMOUNT BOX FROM AN EXISTING CITY AMBULANCE FROM MYERS EQUIPMENT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 29, 2025, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A” AND MADE A PART HEREOF WITH MYERS EQUIPMENT TO PURCHASE A CHASSIS (FORD E450) AND REMOUNT BOX FROM AN EXISTING CITY AMBULANCE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -0.

FIRST READING:

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

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

Motion carried 6 -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. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Kerr:	yes	Mr. Rayl:	yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

PASSAGE:

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

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

Mr. Kerr:

yes

Mr. Rayl:

yes

Motion carried 6 -0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 30, 2025, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked Paula Dan Brian Vaughn for all the work they do for the Pottery festival.

At-Large Council member John Mercer thanked those who came out.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark echoed the comments of others.

Fourth Ward Council member Scott Barrett was excused.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer made no comment.

Second Ward Council member C. Fred Rayl thanked those who came out and thanked Paula and her husband.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle made no comments.

Council President John Torma thanked Paula and Brian Vaughn.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN TORMA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT