

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday May 04, 2026 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 Deb Danver:	present
Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer:	present
Fourth Ward Council member Andrew Arcuragi:	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 Mercer 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 Kreefer and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, the call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Linda Ziegler, 1112 Ohio Avenue complained about the lack of follow-up by the water department after a water break and not repairing the street in a timely manner.

Ziegler also complained that the pole building the county is erecting in the city should be more pleasing to the eye and it looks unsightly to her.

Craig Stowers, 949 Denver Street complained about the Vista Motel and the way it is being run. Mr. Stowers explained that the owners are housing poor people and he has to see all the homeless and poor people staying at the motel hanging around the parking lot and being generally unsightly.

Josh Coil, 2064 Lisbon Street spoke about some of the city's playgrounds and that some are not being kept up and he promised that the playgrounds would be taken care of.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

The clerk reported he was in contact with the Ohio EPA regarding a directive to execute and deliver to the Ohio EPA and the OWA and that the city is on course with the paper work that is due by August 01, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Labor Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Finance and Labor Committee reported the committee met at 8:32am April 28, 2026 in chambers with all committee members present as well as several department heads and elected officials.

Mr. Kerr reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full body the following proposals:

1. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
2. An ordinance to purchase of three police cars.

In the form of a **motion**, Mr. Kerr requested a seven-day waiver for the purchase of the police cars and was **seconded** by Mr. Kreefer. The call was recorded as follows:

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm April 15, 2026, in chambers, please see attached.

Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday May 20, 2026, in chambers.

Streets / Lands & Buildings: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Streets and Lands and Buildings Committee made no report due to lack of quorum.

Mr. Clark did report that Spring Grove Cemetery was cleaned up and ready for Mother's Day.

Mr. Clark called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday May 20, 2026, in chambers.

Recreation and Ordinance: Andrew Arcuragi, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report.

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee reported that the committee met on April 23, 2026 and April 28 at 6pm in chambers with all members present. Please see attached.

Mr. Kreefer reported that discussions surrounded the disbanding of the BPU and that he was waiting to hear from the law director regarding weather legislation is needed to disband the BPU.

Rules Committee: Deb Danver, Chair of the Safety and Rules Committee reported the committee met at 6:30pm Thursday April 23, 2026, in chambers with all committee members present as well as several office holders and city officials. Please see attached.

Ms. Danver then called a Meeting of the Whole for 6PM Monday May 18, 2026, in chambers to discuss to usage of the cannabis tax dollars.

Planning and Expansion Committee: Tom Beagle, Chair of the Planning and Expansion Committee reported the committee met at 6pm Wednesday April 15, 2026, in chambers with all committee members present as well as several city officials and office holders. Please see attached.

Mr. Beagle called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Wednesday may 20, 2026, in chambers.

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHIEF OF POLICE: Police Chief John Lane made no report.

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Antony Cumo thanked the auditor for help in getting the Fire Dept. get some financing for the ladder truck.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Tim Clark made no report.

STREET SUPERINTENDENT: Street Superintendent Dan Galeoti was not present.

HOUSING INSPECTOR: Housing Inspector was not present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT: City Planning Director 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 was not present.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith updated council with several projects going on around the city.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BUDGET ORDINANCE NUMBER 08, 2026 BY ADJUSTING APPROPRIATIONS.

CONSIDERATION:

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

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

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

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

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

Mr. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Mr. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 19, 2026, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr looked foreword to working with members on the cannabis tax dollars.

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

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark thanked Josh Coil for his work on the playgrounds and the volunteers at the cemetery.

Fourth Ward Council member Andrew Arcuragi thanked those who came out.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer thanked Tom Clark for his work at the cemetery.

Second Ward Council member Deb Danver thanked all the city workers and those who came out to the meetings.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle thanked those who came out.

Council President John Torma made no comment.

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