

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday July 06, 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:	not 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

MOTION TO EXCUSE:

Council President Torma entertained a **Motion to excuse** Ms. Danver from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council. **Moved** by council member Kerr and **Seconded** by council member Mercer, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE:

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

MINUTES-CORRECT:

The minutes were not available for tonight's meeting.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

No one addressed Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business.

COMMUNICATIONS OR PETITIONS:

There were no Communications or petitions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Labor Committee: Brian Kerr, Chair of the Finance and Labor Committee reported the committee met at 8:48am Tuesday June 30, 2026, in chambers with members Kerr and Beagle present and Kreefer being excused, as well as several office holders and city officials. Please see attached.

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

1. A resolution approving a new alternative method of appropriating the LGF monies.
2. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.
3. An ordinance authorizing the mayor on behalf of the city to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the CIC for the façade program.
4. An ordinance authorizing the mayor on behalf of the city to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the CIC for the Potters Progress program.
5. An ordinance adopting the city's 2027 tax budget.

Addressing item number 3 on the agenda, regarding the façade program, Mr. Kerr, in the form of a **motion**, requested that the proposal be **tabled** as the he felt the language was too broad and requested it be sent to the Economic Development Committee for further work.

The motion 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

Motion to table carried 6-0.

Mr. Kerr called the next meeting of the committee for 8:30am Tuesday July 28, 2026 in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee did not meet in June, but will meet at 6pm Thursday July 16, 2026, in chambers.

Streets / Lands & Buildings: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Streets and Lands and Buildings Committee reported his committee did not meet in June and will not meet in July.

Recreation and Ordinance: Andrew Arcuragi, Chair of the Recreation and Ordinance Committee made no report of his committee but did give Council members danver's report, please see attached.

Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities: Jeffrey Kreefer, Chair of the Refuse and Recycling / Public Utilities / Franchise Committee made no report.

Rules Committee: Deb Danver, Chair of the Safety and Rules Committee was excused from this regular meeting of East Liverpool City Council.

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 Antony Cumo made no report.

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 lamented the fact that the price for road salt in the six county cooperative has risen 162% over last year, from about \$58 dollars per ton to about \$153 dollars per ton.

After some lengthy discussion, council agreed to allow Mr. Jones to decide weather to opt in, or out of the cooperative purchasing program.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith highlighted several activities happening around the city in the coming days revolving around America's 250th Birthday with several community organizations involved.

BOARDS AND SEATS:

Council President Torma **entertained a motion** to appoint, at the request of the mayor, Ms. Darlene Kinsey of #7 Highland Colony and Ms. Tracy Hyatt, 229 Thompson Avenue to the Tax Review Board.

Moved by council member Kerr and **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

Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A NEW ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND MONIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN 2027.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, 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

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

Mr. Clark: yes Mr. Mercer: yes
Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, 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
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Beagle, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Resolution Number 05, 2026, duly passed as read.

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

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Beagle, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

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

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 32, 2026, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO AND THE EAST LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION FOR THE POTTERS PROGRESS PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Clark, 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
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, 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

Motion carried 6-0

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 33, 2026, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO 2027 TAX BUDGET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	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. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes

Motion carried 6-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, and **Seconded** by Council member Mercer, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Mercer, and **Seconded** by Council member Kerr, 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

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Torma **declared** Ordinance Number 34, 2026, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr thanked those who came out

At-Large Council member John Mercer echoed Mr. Kerr's comments.

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark thanked those who came out.

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

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer announced the areas for the Pottery festival and the yearly car show.

Second Ward Council member Deb Danver was excused.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle made no comment.

Council President John Torma thanked all those who came out.

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