

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 03, 2026 at 6pm
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **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:

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the late Council President John A. Torma

MINUTES-CORRECT: The minutes were not available.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **entertained a motion that Personal Privilege be granted. Moved** by Council member Kerr and **Seconded** by Council member 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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 8:30am Tuesday July 28, 2026, in chambers with Mr. Beagle being excused. Mr. Kerr reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the following proposals for it's consideration:

1. An ordinance authorizing the board of control to purchase police body cameras.
2. An ordinance to pay vendors.
3. An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance.

Mr. Kerr called the next meeting of the committee for 8:30am Tuesday August 25, 2026, in chambers.

License and Economic Development Committee: John Mercer, Chair of the License and Economic Development Committee reported the committee met at 6pm Wednesday July 16, 2026 in chambers. Please see attached. Mr. Mercer reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council a proposal to amend section 701.02 of the codified ordinances regarding commercial billboard fees.

Mr. Mercer called the next meeting of the committee for 6pm Tuesday August 19, 2026, in chambers.

Streets / Lands & Buildings: Thomas Clark, Chair of the Streets and Lands and Buildings Committee reported the committee met at 6pm July 21, 2026, in chambers with the committee agreeing to pass on to the full council a resolution re-naming council chambers after the late Council President John Torma.

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 made no report, but did call a meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Thursday August 13, 2026, in chambers.

Rules Committee: Deb Danver, Chair of the Safety and Rules Committee reported the committee met at 6:30pm Monday July 20, 2026 in chambers with all committee members present. Matters taken up were updates by the SSD, a chemical spill at ARC-WOOD, and an update on the salt situation.

Ms. Danver also reported the committee agreed to pass on to the full council the Knox box legislation and in the form of a **motion** requested a seven day waiver and was **seconded** by council member 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Also, under council rules, the regular meeting for council for September was changed from Monday the 8th to Tuesday the 1st at 7pm and in the form of a **motion**, is requesting a voice vote on the matter and was **seconded** by council member Mercer. The call was recorded as follows:

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Danver called the next meeting of the committee for 6:30pm Tuesday August 18, 2026, in chambers.

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

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

FIRE CHIEF: Fire Chief Antony Cumo discussed the receiving the Homeland security grant and a fire at the Marshall Apartments and several violations.

UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Utilities Director Tim Clark was not present.

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 made no report.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR: Mayor Robert Smith congratulated the fire department for the receipt of the grant and discussed several projects and new business's in the city.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION REPORT:

LEGISLATION:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 701.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF 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. Arcuragi:	yes	Mr. Kerr:	yes
Mr. Beagle:	yes	Mr. Kreefer:	yes
Mr. Clark:	yes	Mr. Mercer:	yes
Ms. Danver:	Yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **declared** Ordinance Number 39, 2026, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF KNOX BOX RAPID ENTRY SYSTEMS ON CERTAIN BUILDINGS, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

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

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **declared** Ordinance Number 40, 2026, duly passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF CONTROL ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST LIVERPOOL TO PURCHASE NEW POLICE BODY CAMERAS AND ACCESSORIES FROM BRIGHT THROUGH IN THE PRINCIPLE AMOUNT OF \$77,710.00 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

CONSIDERATION:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0

Council President Pro Tempore **declared** Ordinance Number 41, 2026, 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 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Arcuragi, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:			

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Pro Tempore **declared** Ordinance Number 42, 2026, duly passed as read.

**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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

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

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

Moved by Council member Kerr, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **declared** Ordinance Number 43, 2026, duly passed as read.

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NAME OF THE EAST LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS SHALL BE HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS THE JOHN A. TORMA MEMORIAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CONSIDERATION:

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

FIRST READING:

Moved by Council member Kerr, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

SUSPEND THE RULES:

Moved by Council member Kreefer, and **Seconded** by Council member Danver, 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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

PASSAGE:

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
Ms. Danver:	yes		

Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **declared** Resolution Number 06, 2026, duly passed as read.

MISCELLANEOUS:

At-Large Council member Brian Kerr pointed out how much John Torma will be missed,

At-Large Council member Thomas Clark expressed his deepest condolences to the Torma family.

Fourth Ward Council member Andrew Arcuragi expressed his grief for the Torma family.

Third Ward Council member Jeffrey Kreefer expressed his sorrow too the Torma family.

Second Ward Council member Deb Danver expressed her condolences to the Torma family.

First Ward Council member Thomas Beagle said Mr. Torma will be sadly missed.

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer expressed his grief on the untimely passing of Council President John A. Torma.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council President Pro Tempore Mercer **entertained a motion to Adjourn. Motion** was made by Council member Kreefer.

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK S. SCAFIDE, COUNCIL CLERK

JOHN MERCER, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE