
Lorain City Council President Joel Arredondo called the regular meeting of Lorain City Council to order at 6 p.m. Acting Chaplain Brian Gates led Council in the opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:


ABSENT - 0 None.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES:

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Edwards, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:

a.) Mayor's presentation of an official proclamation commending various Girl Scout troops in attendance.

REMARKS: MAYOR RITENAUER: This has become an annual tradition with the Girl Scouts. I know a lot of times here at council we recognize those in our community who make a difference and with the proclamation I am going to read tonight you are going to see that these young ladies certainly have given their time and talents to make the City of Lorain last year a much better place and I know that they will continue to do so going forward.

MAYOR RITENAUER read the proclamation in its entirety and presented an official copy to the girls in attendance.

REMARKS: GIRL SCOUT: Thank you. We want to thank you, Chase Ritenauer, for this proclamation and we are very appreciative to be recognized once again this year and as for all of us here we want to present to you these Girl Scout cookies.

MAYOR RITENAUER: Gladly! Thank you for these cookies and thank you for all that you do.

b.) Mayor's correspondence appointing Drake Hopewell and Teja Vasquez to serve as members of the Lorain County Metropolitan Housing Authority for five-year terms.

REMARKS: PRESIDENT ARREEDONDO: Is Mr. Hopewell or Ms. Vasquez in the audience?

COUNCILMAN FLORES: On Teja Vasquez, are there any requirements of the board for this appointment for the Metropolitan Housing Authority?

MAYOR RITENAUER: Yes, the requirement is that the individual be a resident and I know the Metropolitan Housing Authority looked at a few different residents and they forwarded their recommendation of Ms. Vasquez to me. I concurred with the recommendation and that is why you see it before you tonight.

Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mr. Lucente, to concur with the appointments. The motion carried.

c.) Mayor's correspondence advising that the Morning Journal 2015 Activity Guide will print soon and the deadline to submit events will be Friday, April 3, 2015. The form is available on the City's website under Parks and Recreation. There being no comments, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DIRECTORS, BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS, ETC.:

a.) Auditor Mantini's report summarizing credit card usage in various city departments from 2002 through 2014. There being no comments, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

b.) Safety Service Director's submission of the 2014 annual reports for Building, Housing and Planning and Water and Engineering Departments.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I was wondering on the rental inspection summary with the housing, planning and building, one of the things we are experiencing with the landlords is that they are quick to show up on the legal side when they are going to evict someone but when it comes down to the property maintenance issues they are not. I was wondering if we could get the housing court
summary of the last cases where the landlord didn’t show up. I got a call today from a resident who asked for repairs and the landlord said he is not going to do the repairs. Well, the guy got a three-day eviction notice. These landlords that show up to court because they are on the right side of the law and there is an eviction in process but then they don’t show up to the housing court on a property maintenance code violation. I would like to get a summary of those reports because if we are not going to put it on the landlords and we are going to charge them with one thing and then they are going to get away with another. I was wondering if we could get a summary of those housing court violations from the landlords from property maintenance codes. If there are 25 or 30 of those cases and the landlords don’t show up, what happens?

PRESIDENT ARREDONDO: Just a reminder, this is an annual report for 2014. Your comments are well taken and I will let administration handle that but once again this is an annual report for 2014.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I understand what the report is but we are in 2015 and come 2016 there is going to be another report and we are going to be right back where we are at.

MAYOR RITNENAUSER: Councilman Flores, I know that we discussed quite a bit of this at the committee meeting regarding housing and that very issue came up with landlords showing up for evictions but not showing up for housing court. We can certainly look at running a query of those names submitted to housing court versus those names on the eviction docket, if you will, and cross reference and see if you have any problems with particular landlords doing that or people doing that for that matter. I hear your point loud and clear and I think a quick search and we would be able to determine that.

There being no further comments, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:

a.) Ohio EPA’s notification and copy of the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for permit #3PD00040 at the PQM Waste Water Treatment Plant. The permit is on file in the Clerk’s office. There being no comments, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

a.) Correspondence from Robert Gargasz, attorney for John and Elinor McKearney summarizing alleged damages to his clients caused by the Jaeger Road Improvement Project. A copy of the packet is on file in the Clerk’s office.

There being no comments, President Arredondo ordered to receive and file the correspondence. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE: The Finance and Claims Committee met on March 9, 2015, to discuss the 2015 General Fund expenditures and related documents. The committee recommends to refer the proposed ordinance amending Ordinance 91-13, compensated absences, to council for consideration.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to accept the committee reports. The motion carried.

LEGISLATION – FIRST READING:

Ordinance No. 27-15

a.) Introduced by Mr. DeTillio, an ordinance amending Section 1 (f) (1), (2) and (7) of Ordinance No. 42-07 providing for the regulation of the Lorain Police Auxiliary Unit.

Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Faga, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.


NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FAGA: I would just like to thank the auxiliary police for all of the good work they do for us at a nominal cost.
COUNCILMAN LUCENTE: I also would like to thank them because they do a great job. When we have floods and everything else the auxiliary gets out there and most of the time they are working for free, some jobs they get a little bit of money but they do a heck of a job supplementing our police force doing stuff so that way the police are out there taking care of the more serious situations.
Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Faga, to pass the ordinance.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 28-15  b.) Introduced by Mr. DeTillio, an ordinance amending Section 1 (c) of Ordinance No. 151-00 providing for the regulation of the Lorain Police Auxiliary Unit.
Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Faga, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Faga, to pass the ordinance.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 29-15  c.) Introduced by Mr. DeTillio, an ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Lorain Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Edwards, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.
Moved by Mr. DeTillio, supported by Mr. Edwards, to pass the ordinance.

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 30-15  d.) Introduced by Mr. Edwards, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service to enter into a loan assignment agreement to accept a priority mortgage position in lieu of a guaranty for the purpose of taking back a building located at 1817 Iowa Avenue and declaring it an emergency.
Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mr. Lucente, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: I am just curious, this is a large building and are there any plans for it? Is it just going to remain empty or do we have a plan?
DIRECTOR DOUG RANGEL: No, we do not have any plans for it right now. We are just in the process with negotiating with the State in taking this mortgage back. We will have to go through the process of actually taking it and getting a deed. Right now we only have a mortgage position with this one. We will eventually convert this to a deed. We will try and sell it or lease it to a business and try and put some shops back in there.
COUNCILMAN FAGA: Mr. Rangel, how is the property value reached?
DOUG RANGEL: That value is the value that the county has on its records. My personal opinion is that it is a little high but I would hope to recover all of the funds that we have into this.
COUNCILMAN FAGA: I have one more question if I may. The original terms of the loan, how many years was that? Can you share that with us?
DOUG RANGEL: Yes, it was originally a 20 year loan, 4% interest. They have not made payments in a couple of years. They have been really struggling so it has remained at that level.

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Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mr. Lucente, to pass the ordinance.


NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 31-15 e.) Introduced by Mr. Howard, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director to enter into a contract with CT Consultants, Inc., for professional services related to the EPA’s Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Program Directive that was placed on the new NPDES Permit for the PQM Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Mr. Howard, supported by Mr. Edwards, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.


NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Howard, supported by Mr. Edwards, to pass the ordinance


NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 32-15 f.) Introduced by Mr. Gates, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director through the Department of Building, Housing and Planning, to convey real estate described in Exhibits “A - E” attached hereto to the Lorain County Land Bank and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Edwards, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.


NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN EDWARDS: I am glad to see that we are starting this process again to try to get these houses over to the land bank and in return we get these back on our list and get the money to start tearing them down. That is very important to us and I will watch because we have a lot of them.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I understand the proposed ordinance in front of us removing blighted structures for the purpose of demolition. I am just a little bit apprehensive about city-owned property being demolished. We used funding to purchase these properties, community development even used funding to fix them up and now we are going to tear them down. I went and look at 426 West 21st Street today, I didn’t get to look inside, but it looks like it could be a fixer-upper. West 21st Street, if you go around the corner there is a house that has been vacant for 15-20 years and I think we should have a system or process where it is first in and first out. That house has been vacant for twenty years, I think that is the one that we should be tearing down. Although we don’t own the house, the city owns this property so we are going to tear it down. Do we know if these are completely free? Is there any debt owed on these houses?

BHP DIRECTOR MASON: There is no debt on these homes. They were purchased with NSP dollars and just so you are clear, this was brought to Council before in those meeting minutes I sent to you and in which we asked for over $100,000 to rehab them. Council held them in abeyance. The odds are we sit and pay for grass cutting or we turn them over to the county and save money by demoing.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: Are there 11 properties, or is it just these five here?

BHP DIRECTOR MASON: You are confusing the ones that the county has in the newspaper article with the five that are before you. I cannot touch the other six. I can only tell you about the five that are in front of you.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: How many more of these properties does the city own that we are going to be using NSP dollars to demolish? Is this the first group or are there going to be more?

BHP DIRECTOR MASON: Okay, let me step through this slowly. We are not using NSP dollars to demolish these houses. We purchased these homes, probably in 2009 through 2012 for the sake of this conversation, that were going into foreclosure and/or were blighted. These houses will be turned over to the county to use what is called OHFA-NIP funds. They need to have so many houses in the pipeline by March 31, 2015. If they don’t have those houses in the pipeline we don’t
get those monies. The five you are looking at could multiply to multiple unless we turn these over. We are helping them reach that number by turning these properties over.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: And they will not all necessarily be City of Lorain owned?

BHP DIRECTOR MASON: No. Just for clarification, the majority of what we own, as a city and Building, Housing and Planning are vacant parcels, not actual properties.

COUNCILMAN FLORES: I am glad that this is happening but the concern that I have is that there are still houses that have been vacant for a long time that need to be demolished and I hope that we can continue on this path to get more money to tear those houses down.

COUNCILMAN THORNBSERRY: I slightly concur with Councilman Flores though for a different reason. As much as I support tearing down blighted properties I would really like to see some type of revamp program to entice people to get in and build on these empty lots. Let's not forget that right before Detroit went bankrupt, I believe it was up to 40% of the parcels were either owned by the city or the county. When your city and your county start owning a vast majority of the property you do not have to have a degree in finance to realize that you are really cutting into your tax base. I do not know what the solution is but I would love to work with the administration to make changes to tax abatement programs or whatever needs to be done to entice people to reinvest in these empty lots and torn down homes to rebuild the community.

MAYOR RITENAUER: It is pretty simple. The regulations of the program are the regulations of the program. I didn't write them, the State of Ohio did, OHFA did. The bottom line is the county has to have sixty properties by the end of March or we lose $3 million. Sixty properties acquired, not sixty properties on our wish list. Unlike how the hardest hit funds worked where we could declare a property a nuisance, send it to the demo board and if the people did not show up we could knock it down. Many of the demos that have occurred in this community the city does not own, the land bank does not own them and they are still in somebody's name but the cost of the demolition is assessed to the tax duplicate. In this case these are five city properties that were discussed at a committee meeting on December 2, 2013, where the cost of rehabilitation would have exceeded the cost of resale; this council decided that they did not want to do that so we sent hundreds of thousands of NSP dollars back. Whether you are supportive of that decision or not that was the decision that was made. To the councilman, I can certainly see the point. I know some people in Cleveland make the argument that these properties need to be rehabbed. If the cost of rehab will be in excess of what the property will sell for, is that excess beneficial enough to the adjacent property owners in the community to be able to do that even if it is federal money? Council determined that they did not want to go that route. So, here we have these five properties that continue to decay, continue to be eyesores in their respective neighborhoods and these are really easy properties for the County Land Bank to get. We convey it to them and that is five against the sixty that they need. I know that they are confident that they are going to hit the sixty but they have been pressing me about these five because they don't have to go through foreclosure, they don't have to go through expedited foreclosure, they don't have to negotiate with the bank, it is five and they are in there. I am certainly somebody who, I think in the committee meeting in 2013 said that sometimes I am criticized for being too pro-demolition. The problem is that right now in Lorain, we have an excess inventory of properties. I think Judge Mihok, a few meetings ago summed it up the best when he said that we were a city of over 80,000 people, now we are a city of 64,000 people. We have an excess inventory in certain parts of the City. I think what the councilmen referenced, there are some success stories be it on 11th Street or King Avenue where some of these properties were rehabbed but in the case of these five there is no way to rehab them and get back the dollars that were put in and I know some on this council strongly believe that. This is something that will get us to that sixty. My hope is that of the $3 million out there, we are looking at $1 million to $1.5 million for Lorain and another 100 to 150 demolitions. And of course, the procedure for the side lots, the procedure for these properties being put back into productive use, if we do not own them and somebody approaches me, which I have had happen, they approach me and ask how to get the lot next door, etc. We would have to go through foreclosure. The county prosecutor would have to initiate foreclosure because that property, with much of the demolition we have done those properties are not in our name. To Councilman Flores comment, there are very few city properties we are sending over there. They are really low hanging fruit when you consider the fact that they are easy to convey, they help the County get to that sixty. I am not aware of any other cities that are doing that, however I am not aware of any
other cities that necessarily went on the buying frenzy that we did some years ago to acquire a bunch of parcels and a bunch of houses we did not need. This is us trying to again be proactive and move forward in terms of eliminating blight in our community.

COUNCILMAN LUCENTE: I just have one comment, I agree that we need to get rid of the blight because we do have a lot of homes that need to be torn down and this is one way for the City to get rid of them and get them funding. I have one house on 31st St that is right down by Anne Molnar's that I think the city has had up for sale for the last three years and the price on it is like $56,000; it has been sitting there for three years since it was rehabbed. Sticking a lot of money into rehabbing them and then this is a prime example. It's been sitting there for three years and I think Anne Molnar's house is sale pending or sold already within the last six months. I cannot see us rehabbing a home and then sitting on it for three, four or five years and we have to pay for cutting grass, upkeep and everything else. We need to send those houses to the county.

MAYOR RITENAUER: That is a very fair point. Back five or six years ago the housing program was very popular in the City of Lorain and I have talked with Councilman Edwards a little bit about it in terms of if we were to ever go that route, which Councilman Thomsberry brought up. Perhaps we would do it on a more individualized basis if we have the dollars available and it makes sense to use NSP or home funds or whatever the federal funding source is as opposed to putting a bunch of money into a property that is going to sit on the market forever. Perhaps an individualized basis where there are sections of the City where there is demand but I would just with this demolition topic send everybody back three or four years ago. Three or four years ago we had several hundred vacant properties and the county had no land bank. I give credit to City Council here and in Elyria and Oberlin for saying that we need a land bank and the commissioners agreeing and we were able, through the Attorney General, and I will give him credit and his leadership, in diverting some of the dollars of some of the big bank settlements to demolition and that is how we were able to get up to roughly 200 houses through the Hardest Hit Funds knocked down. This program is a lot more difficult. You have to actually have title; you have to acquire the property. The bad loan has to be amended or reconfigured in order to be able to get these properties. What I am saying though is the Attorney General is still getting mileage out of the Hardest Hit Funds. Demolition is a popular concept in cities other than just Lorain. What I am saying is if we continue to take bites out of these things. Certain rounds of money have more hoops to jump through but I think there will be future rounds of money. We are as a city in a position where another round or so we are going to get rid of a lot of our D and F vacant properties. That is something many people never thought would happen in this community and it is something, quite honestly, that other communities, even in the Cleveland area whether it is Slavic Village in Cleveland or other inner ring suburbs out of Cleveland they are still struggling to do. We have made some pretty good progress. The problem is that these things are tough to do, they are tough to jump through but again being able to convey properties like this to allow the county to get to the count that they need to be at are how we continue to take bites out of this serious problem.

COUNCILMAN GIVEN: I wholeheartedly support the proposal before us this evening. Lorain County Land Bank is a solution to our problem and we should not be taking back steps. One of the properties that is on here, I think the proposal was to spend $124,000 to rehab a house that on its best day would have a value of $60,000 to $70,000. At that point in time we have to admit it made no sense. Just because it is federal money does not mean that this council or anybody else in government should say 'hey, it's free money and we should just spend it just because they are giving it to us' and I think at that point in time council made the right decision on these projects to say we are not going to throw good money after bad and right now we have the ability to use government funding again to solve the problem. That is what we are here to do. Solve the problem not prolong it and continue to kick it down the road like we have done over a serious amount of time. I think we should move forward with it. I wholeheartedly support this and bring us down another list when you have the opportunity so that we can continue to clean up our city.

COUNCILMAN EDWARDS: Right in my ward there are two people in bad houses that had the option, one was about seven months ago and one was about five months ago, they came in put new windows and things in and the sign is still sitting in the yard. I asked the guy the other day and he said he has had one person call him and he is really disappointed he put money into this and probably will not get it cut. I agree with what the Mayor is saying. I think that the biggest problem
is council and people out there need to understand that there is a process. We cannot just go
to knocking houses down. There is a process to do it. We take most advantageous case that we can do
what is going to help us get this done and this is them right here.
Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mr. Gates, to pass the ordinance

AYES - 11 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and
Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 33-15 g.) Introduced by Mr. Gates, an ordinance authorizing and directing the Director of Public
Safety/Service of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio, to enter into a purchase agreement pursuant to
Ohio Revised Code Sections 721.03 and 721.28 with John and Magdalene C. Gergely Trust for
two City-owned parcels of land.
Moved by Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Flores, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and
Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN THORNSBERRY: To the administration and Mr. Fowler, this has been before us
a few times and it has been withdrawn. I just wanted to see if we have any back-story as to what
has been going on with this? There have been a lot of rumors going around about various members
of the family supporting it or not supporting it. I just want to make sure that everybody is on the
same page now.

MAYOR RITENAUER: You are correct. I think that there was some confusion within the family.
As far as we know and in talking with John Gergely they want to move forward on this. I don't
know if they are in the crowd or not but they were made aware that this would be on the council
agenda tonight. As far as I know we were working toward getting this resolved with them and they
are happy with the outcome.

Moved by Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Flores, to pass the ordinance

AYES - 11 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and
Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

Ordinance No. 34-15 h.) Introduced by Mr. Gates, an ordinance authorizing the Safety/Service Director of the
City of Lorain, Ohio to convey the real estate described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto (2236 East
28th Street) to the Lorain Port Authority and declaring an emergency.
Moved by Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Lucente, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES - 11 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and
Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

REMARKS: COUNCILMAN FLORES: Can someone elaborate on the location, what is currently there? Is that
a drycleaner, the YMCA, what is it?

BHP DIRECTOR MASON: No, it is neither. It is an abandoned apartment complex. Which I
believe, if I am not mistaken, they have been trying to get this transaction done for three years.

COUNCILMAN LUCENTE: The gentleman that is looking to get into this is a business owner
there and I talked to him I think last year. He takes it upon himself to hire people that other people
would not hire. Maybe they don’t have the education, etc. I met a woman that works for him, she
was glad to get a job and this gentleman has taken in and hired a lot of people.

MAYOR RITENAUER: He had contacted my office late last week and from what I understand I
think Chicago, Indianapolis and Milwaukee are some of his businesses. I mean he is expanding; he
has business in those areas. This is certainly something that we were planning on demolishing but
it will be of assistance to him as he is expanding his business so it is certainly a positive.

Moved by Mr. Gates, supported by Mr. Lucente, to pass the ordinance

AYES - 11 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and
Thornsberry

NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.
Ordinance No. 35-15  

i.) Introduced by Mr. Given, an ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by temporary budget Ordinance #185-14 beginning January 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2015 and declaring an emergency. 

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.


NAYS - 0  None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to amend Section 1 by changing Water Pollution Control Fund Balance from $25,000 to $65,000 and to amend Section II by adding line item - WPC Maintenance of Systems/ Maintenance of Equipment for $40,000. The motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to pass the ordinance as amended.


NAYS - 0  None. The ordinance passed as amended.

Ordinance No. 36-15  

j.) Introduced by Mr. Koziura, an ordinance appropriating money for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Lorain, State of Ohio as passed by temporary budget Ordinance #185-14 beginning January 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2015 and declaring an emergency. 

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mr. DeTillio, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.


ABSTAIN- 1  Mr. Given

NAYS - 0  None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Koziura, supported by Mr. DeTillio, to pass the ordinance.


ABSTAIN- 1  Mr. Given

NAYS - 0  None. The ordinance passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to recess into Executive Session in accordance with ORC 121.22 G (3) to conference with the public body’s attorney concerning disputes that the subject of pending and/or imminent court action and also G (1) to consider the employment and/or compensation of public employees.


NAYS - 0  None. The motion carried. Council recessed into Executive Session at approximately 6:49 p.m.

President Arredondo reconvened the regular meeting at 8:36 p.m. Ten (10) members were present as Councilman Edwards did not return to the regular meeting after Executive Session until 8:50 p.m.

Proposed Ordinance  

k.) Introduced by Mr. Given, an ordinance amending Sections 16.3 and 16.4 of Ordinance #79-14 management positions with corresponding classifications, repealing ordinance number 137-14 and 26-15 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura to send the matter to Finance and Claims committee.

AYES - 10  Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Lucente, Faga and Thornberry

NAYS - 0  None. The motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance  

l.) Introduced by Mr. Given, an ordinance amending Sections 15.3 and 10.1 of Ordinance #133-12 which was amended by 192-13 establishing the compensation, benefits and terms of employment for all classified and unclassified non-bargaining employees of the City of Lorain,
excluding elected officials, managers and professional employees and Chief of Police and repealing ordinances 192-13, 47-14 and 138-14 and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to refer the matter back to the Legal Department for revisions.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Lucente, Faga and Thornberry
NAYS - 0 None. The motion carried.

LEGISLATION –
SECOND READING:

Ordinance No. 37-15 a.) Introduced by Mr. Given, an ordinance amending Section II of Ordinance No. 91-13, compensated absences, for the payment of earned benefits upon separation from the City of Lorain and declaring an emergency.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to suspend the statutory three reading rule.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Lucente, Faga and Thornberry
NAYS - 0 None. The rule was suspended.

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to pass the ordinance.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Flores, Howard, Argenti, Lucente, Faga and Thornberry
NAYS - 0 None. The ordinance passed.

LEGISLATION –
THIRD READING: (none)

COMMITTEE CALLS:

*Councilman Edwards entered the Chamber and resumed his seat at approximately 8:50 p.m.

COUNCILMAN HOWARD called a Streets & Utilities Committee meeting for next Monday, March 23, 2015 to discuss the purchase of a paver at 6:00pm

COUNCILMAN GIVEN called a Finance and Claims Committee meeting for next Monday, March 23, 2015, to continue discussion of the 2015 budget and related documents.

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERNS
FROM COUNCIL: (None)

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mr. Given, supported by Mr. Koziura, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES - 10 Messrs. Given, Koziura, DeTillio, Gates, Howard, Argenti, Edwards, Lucente, Faga and Thornberry
NAYS - 1 Mr. Flores. The motion carried.

There being no comments, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

CLERK OF COUNCIL

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL