

## Regular Council

April 6,

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Jarvis presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Keith Bacin, Rodney Earick, Wynn Kearns, Robert Kelley, Kim Little, and Alexander Rocks.

Other officials are present: Law Director John Studenmund, Administrator Peter Them, Chief Troy Weaver, and Parks Supervisor Todd Ward.

Residents and other guests: Jesse Halfhill 2681 Marion Avenue Road; Erin Slusher 951 Lexdale Lane, Caitlin Duncan 337 West Main Street, and Jeff Miller 125 South Mill Street.

Motion by LITTLE to  
Excuse Councilman Benson.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PROCLAMATION: Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mayor Jarvis read Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes  
of March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by ROCKS.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

### **FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by KEARNS to set the time of adjournment  
for 8:15 p.m. Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor Jarvis requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

Erin Slusher, Co-Chairman of Lexington's Farmers Market, confirmed the market will be held at 337 West Main Street in front of Elk's Club. All vendor permits have been submitted. Elks agreement with the Farmer's Market has also been submitted to Village Administrator, Peter Them. Attorney Studenmund added that Planning Commission, at the March 25, 2026, meeting has recommended approval of the Farmer's Market. Opening date May 20, 2026.

Mr. Miller of Mapco assisted with cleaning up in Shelby from recent flooding storms. Mr. Miller noted the Army Corp assisted with the cleaning up and asked if Council has ever considered asking for their assistance with parks clearing after a flooding. Mayor Jarvis stated that there have been cleanups of log jams in Lexington's Village limits, additional cleanups would require Engineering support most likely from the Army Corp of Engineers because of the downstream flooding implications for Bellville.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Rules & Personnel: Still waiting for date to hold meeting to update Personnel Handbook.

Finance: Bills for month of March, 2026, have been approved.

Safety Service: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report.

Public Utilities: Councilman Little will be reading NOPEC Ordinance tonight.

Streets & Sidewalks: No report.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

No report.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Them reported Brad Ross, head of Water Department, has returned for light duty.

The Village hired a new tax clerk last week.

April 24<sup>th</sup> will be opening date for resurfacing bids.

Big thank you to Todd Ward, Bob Boner and their crews for their dedication to the Village and assisting us Friday, late into the night, during the storms. Another nod to Mr. Ward for working both Friday and Saturday assisting the Village recover from the storm damage. The Village sustained some damage with some debris scattered throughout the Village. All fields are flooded and will have to wait awhile for water to recede and proceed with that cleanup. Mr. Ward added no equipment was lost and will be moving all back into place once the waters recede.

Mr. Them noted the Main Street Project is proceeding at a slow pace. There were some delays due to the flooding debris.

MOTION BY MR. BACIN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH  
ASC EXCAVATING LLC TO REPLACE 350' OF DAMAGED  
STORM DRAIN TILE ON ESSEX ROAD AT COSTS  
OF \$41,000.00. SECOND BY MR. LITTLE.

Moving forward with this ongoing issue.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

MOTION BY MR. BACIN TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH  
SWEEPING CORP OF AMERICA FOR 2026 WITH  
STREET SWEEPING AT COSTS OF \$22,000.00.  
SECOND BY LITTLE.

Yearly task.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Councilman Bacin asked if Village manpower was at the planned full staffing level. Mr. Them stated Street Department is currently looking to add to that department. Water/Sewer is still low, looking for Class III Operator. Also noted, an employee with the Street Department will be out two months to attend military basic training. We will also start hiring for summer help with the Parks Department.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Mayor Bob Jarvis:

Nothing to report; took questions.

Councilman Bacin asked if Mayor is happy with plans of the safety corridor project. Mayor Jarvis confirmed he is happy. Mr. Bacin asked if the same applies for the Depot Trail project. Mayor Jarvis replied that the weather has delayed that project somewhat, but does not impact the deadline date. Projected deadline for Depot Trail is October or November of this year.

#### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Chief Weaver addressed Facebook comments regarding E-Bikes. The Chief noted that restrictions are based on those set for mobility scooters, wheelchairs, electric scooters, and other bikes requiring batteries. Chief Weaver has reviewed other jurisdictions and noted Lexington's rules and regulations are almost identical. E-bikes are currently addressed and accepted on the bike trail.

Councilman Bacin asked about FLOCK contract dates. Chief Weaver believes the contract runs through April 2027 but refrained from further discussion regarding the software because it is not for public review. Attorney Studenmund stated there should be no open discussion held regarding police procedures and regulations in Council.

#### **PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Councilman Keith Bacin:

Voting updates: Deadline is today for voter registration. Tomorrow, the 7<sup>th</sup> is the start for early voting and mailing in your ballot. May 5<sup>th</sup> polls open at 6:30 am and close 7:30 p.m.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

##### **Ordinance No. 26-09 by Mr. Little**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR APRIL FOR AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR APRIL FOR PARKS, ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL FUND, STREETS C, M, & R, DEPOT SENIOR CENTER, SEWER AND WATER FUNDS, GENERAL FUND UNALLOCATED, STREET LEVY UNALLOCATED, DEPOT SENIOR CENTER UNALLOCATED, SEWER FUND UNALLOCATED, AND WATER FUND UNALLOCATED.

##### **HELD TO FIRST READING**

##### **Ordinance No. 26-10 by Mr. Little**

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AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: Annual vote for grant monies from NOPEC. Must participate to qualify. The grant has been used in the past for lighting upgrade or windows such as at Depot, Village Hall, and other locations.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 26-11 by Mr. Earick**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR USE OF THE BALL FIELDS AT THE LEXINGTON COMMUNITY PARK.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to adopt.

Seconded by BACIN.

DISCUSSION: Annual contract. Proof of insurance is on file. Council President Kearns noted this contract allows scheduled games to be played at Community Park. A contract must be approved by Council.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 26-12 by Mr. Earick**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LEXINGTON SOCCER ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF THE SOCCER FIELDS AT LEXINGTON PATRIOT PARK.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by BACIN.

Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by BACIN.

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Roll call. All yeas: 6-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by EARICK to adopt.

Seconded by BACIN.

DISCUSSION: Annual contract. Proof of insurance is on file. Contract must be approved by Council for soccer; same as baseball/softball contracts.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No comments were made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments were made.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments were made.

Motion by BACIN to adjourn  
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda Barton  
Clerk of Council

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Bob Jarvis  
Mayor