

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

June 11th, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Aldermen Fogle, Craig, Lupo, Mullane, Devine
Absent: Alderman Kirchberger

INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O'Mara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

061125.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman Craig seconded by Alderman Lupo the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 28th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 5.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

5/28/2025 Michael Tucker, 32 Beattie Avenue, has been appointed to the Historic Preservation Committee effective May 28th, 2025, for a 4-year term to expire on December 31st, 2029.

FROM THE CITY CLERK

The Clerk submitted payrolls, bills for services and expenses, and reported that the Department Heads submitted reports of labor performed in their departments.

Reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Communications (which have been referred to the appropriate City officials)

5/19/2025 Patricia McGrath sent in a letter on behalf of a client requesting a meeting of conciliation with the city regarding an unpaid water bill and asking for confirmation that they will not be re-levied on next year's city tax bill.

5/25/2025 David Davidson, Co-Chairman for Friends of Outwater Park, sent a letter to provide updates on the projects completed by the Friends of Outwater Park from the last year.

5/28/2025 Michael Peacock from Freedom Church in Lockport, NY, wrote a letter requesting permission to hold an event on Wednesday July 9th at the Imagine Community Garden.

5/29/2025 Beth Ann Banks, Festival Director for the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society sent a letter requesting permission to hang their banner in promotion of their festival to be held on 9/13 and 9/14 this year.

6/3/2025 Emily Stoddard, City Clerk – Notification that the Municipal Buildings will be closed on Thursday June 19th in observation of Juneteenth and Friday July 4th in observation of Independence Day.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

061125.2

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to issue orders in favor of the claimants for payrolls, bills and services to be paid on June 12th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.3

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, Cornell Cooperative Extension is hereby granted permission to erect a banner across East Avenue at Davison Road at least 17 feet from the ground to promote the Niagara County Fair to be held from July 23rd, 2025 through August 3rd, 2025. Said permission is subject to the Cornell Cooperative Extension filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and subject to payment of \$250, and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements to erect the banner.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.4

By Alderman Craig:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society, Inc. is hereby granted permission to erect a banner at least 17' from the ground across East Avenue at Davison Road to promote the 2025 Niagara Celtic Heritage Festival & Highland Games held on September 13th and 14th, 2025. Banner is to be erected from 8/12 thru 9/14, 2025 based on a schedule approved by the City Clerk, and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to the Niagara Celtic Heritage Society, Inc. filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured and subject to payment of \$250, and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements with city forces to erect the banner.

Seconded by Alderman Lupo and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.5

By Alderman Devine:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted to Freedom Church to barricade a portion of Ontario Street, between Hawley and North Transit Streets, in front of the Imagine Community Garden, Wednesday, July 9th, 2025, for a Neighborhood Appreciation Picnic from 5 until 8 p.m., and be it further

Resolved that Freedom Church is granted permission to erect bounce houses during the event, subject to Freedom Church providing the City Clerk with a certificate of insurance naming the City of Lockport as additionally insured prior to the event, and be it further

Resolved that the Director of Highways, Parks and Water Distribution be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.6

By Alderman Mullane:

Resolved that pursuant to their request, permission is hereby granted the residents of Orchard Place to barricade their Street from Waterman Street to Park Place on July 12th, 2025, for their annual block party, and be it further

Resolved that the Director of Highways and Parks be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for delivery of barricades to said area at 9am to 9pm prior to said event.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.7

By Alderman Fogle:

Whereas the City of Lockport is committed to fostering a sense of unity, pride, and connection among its residents; and

Whereas the first annual “716 Community Day” will be held in the City of Lockport, sponsored by Baby Ribs on Saturday July 19th from 12-5pm; and

Whereas the event will feature free activities and entertainment for the children of the community, including complimentary bag lunches for each child, ensuring a welcoming and inclusive experience for all families at no cost; and

Whereas organizers have requested use of the Little Loop Football Field, the gazebo at the skate park, and the adjacent skate park parking lot for vendor setup, all of which will be used to support the event and its offerings for the betterment of the community; and

Whereas vendors will participate free of charge to support the local community and contribute to the success and accessibility of the event;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Lockport do hereby grant permission for the use of the Little Loop Football Field, the gazebo at the skate park, and the skate park parking lot for “716 Community Day”.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.8

By Alderman Lupo:

Whereas the City of Lockport, New York, celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal, a monumental feat of engineering and labor that transformed commerce, transportation, and development across the state and the nation; and

Whereas thousands of Irish immigrants contributed to the construction and operation of the Erie Canal, enduring harsh conditions and grueling labor to create what was then considered the greatest public works project in America; and

Whereas the Irish-American community has played a vital role in the cultural, civic, and economic life of Lockport and continues to shape the city's identity and future; and

Whereas the City of Lockport seeks to celebrate and promote awareness of the diversity, resilience, and contributions of its residents by honoring the rich traditions of Irish-Americans;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby proclaims July 12th, 2025, as Irish Recognition Day in the City of Lockport, in conjunction with the bicentennial celebration of the Erie Canal;

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.9

By Alderman Mullane:

Whereas General City Law 20(3) authorizes the City to accept donations from individuals or organizations, and to use said donations per the restrictions placed on them by the donor, regardless of minimum value; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend thanks and appreciation to Heinrich Chevrolet Corp., for a donation of \$7,500 to be used for the 2025 July 4th Fireworks display; and

Resolved that the FY 2025 General Fund budget be amended as follows:

Revenue

Increase

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| A.8510.32705 | Gifts and Donation | \$7,500 |
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Expenditures

Increase

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| A.8510.54515 | Special Supplies | \$7,500 |
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Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.9A

By Alderman Devine:

Whereas a Juneteenth Field Day celebration has been proposed to take place on Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm, to bring together residents for a day of family-friendly activities, cultural awareness, and fellowship; and

Whereas the Common Council wishes to express its support for this important celebration and ensure appropriate city services and resources are available to facilitate the event;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Lockport do hereby grant permission to Shaun Allen for the use of Outwater Park on Sunday

June 22nd for the planned festivities contingent upon filing a certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 5.

061125.10

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16pm Alderman Fogle moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, June 25th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk