

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

July 23rd, 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, Kirchberger

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

072325.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman _____ the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 9th, 2025 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes_____.

FROM THE MAYOR

Appointments:

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)

7/14/2025 Erin Zych from Western New York Independent Living requesting permission to hold the 9th Annual Lockport Overdose Awareness Day Rally on August 31st, 2025.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

070925.2

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 July 10th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.3

By Alderman _____

Whereas August 31st has been recognized as International Overdose Awareness Day since 2001, and is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose; and

Whereas an Overdose Awareness Rally in Lockport is planned, offering outreach for agencies, programs and/or services that support people with substance use disorder/addiction as well as NARCAN training; and

Whereas speakers will be attending to share their experiences working with people who have overdosed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that pursuant to their request, the organizers of the Overdose Awareness Rally are hereby granted permission to hold said event at Veterans Memorial Park on East Avenue in Lockport Sunday, August 31st, 2024 from 5pm until 8pm and be it further

Resolved that said permission is subject to WNYIL filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.4

By Alderman _____

Whereas the Department of Community Development, conducted a public "Request for Proposals," for a qualified organization to manage and provide program delivery services for the City of Lockport Home Improvement Program utilizing Federal grant funds under the administration of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation; and

Whereas the purpose of this process was to ensure an open, fair, and transparent selection for consideration under the federally funded grant program administered by the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation;

Now therefore let it be resolved that the bid proposal of Belmont Housing, received on June 27, 2025 for program delivery services for the completion of the City's Home Improvement Program under the administration of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation, be accepted in the amount of up to \$5,290 per residence.

Resolved that the Mayor, subject to Corporation Counsel approval, be and the same is hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract with Belmont Housing for program delivery services for the completion of the City's Home Improvement Program under the

administration of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation at a cost of up to \$5,290 per residence.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.5

By Alderman _____

Whereas the City Common Council regularly meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month which would be November 12th and 26th and December 10th and 24th, and;

Whereas it has been determined that changing the meeting dates will better serve the needs of the council and the community;

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the City Common Council hereby changes its meeting dates to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, November 5th and 19th and December 3rd and 17th, 2025 effective immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the City Clerk is directed to notify all council members and to post this resolution in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.6

By Alderman _____

Whereas Jason Webley, organizer of the Flotsam River Circus, has requested to host a free public performance in Lockport on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, as part of a tour along the Erie Canal and Hudson River in celebration of the Canal's Bicentennial; and

Whereas the proposed performance was originally intended to take place at the grassy area adjacent to the locks, below the Lockport Locks District Museum, on land owned by the New York State Canal Corporation; and

Whereas due to logistical considerations, the location of the performance has been changed to the Nelson C Goehle Municipal Park (Wide Waters), which has been evaluated for safety, accessibility, and suitability for the performance and public attendance; and

Whereas the Flotsam River Circus is fully insured and has committed to meeting all relevant local requirements and to coordinating with local officials to ensure a smooth and safe event; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Lockport hereby expresses its continued support for the Flotsam River Circus performance scheduled for August 5, 2025, and encourages coordination between city departments, local tourism officials, and the organizers to facilitate the event at the updated location of the Nelson C Goehle Municipal Park.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.7

By Alderman _____

Whereas the City of Lockport and Police Chief Steven Abbott are parties to an employment agreement that is currently in effect; and

Whereas as a result of negotiations with the Hickory Club Police Benevolent Association ("Hickory Club"), member officers of the Hickory Club have received wage increases which will result in Hickory Club member compensation to be higher than the Chief of Police's; and

Whereas the City has reviewed the matter and has prepared a Memorandum of Agreement to modify the terms of the Chief of Police's employment agreement which will remedy the discrepancy in compensation; and

Whereas said Memorandum of Agreement has been signed and executed by the Chief of Police and the Mayor; now therefore be it

Resolved that the City hereby ratifies the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and agrees to adhere to its provisions therein; and be it further

Resolved that the Common Council further directs the Mayor, in cooperation with Corporation Counsel, to execute any and all further necessary documentation to bring said Memorandum of Agreement into effect.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.8

By Alderman _____

Whereas the City of Lockport ("City") has entered into negotiations with the Hickory Club Police Benevolent Association ("Hickory Club") regarding the terms of a Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA") intended to take place from the date of expiration of the prior CBA through December 31, 2026; and

Whereas the City and the Hickory Club have reached a tentative agreement relative to the terms of said CBA; and

Whereas a Memorandum of Agreement has been signed and executed by the President of the Hickory Club and the Mayor; and

Whereas the Hickory Club has ratified the CBA by vote of its membership on or about July 17, 2025; now therefore be it

Resolved that the City hereby ratifies the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement and agrees to adhere to its provisions therein; and be it further

Resolved that the Common Council further directs the Mayor, in cooperation with Corporation Counsel, to execute any and all further necessary documentation to bring said Memorandum of Agreement into effect.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.9

By Alderman _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HARRISON PLACE BUSINESS
INCUBATOR KITCHEN COMMISSARY FOR WINEMAKING OPERATIONS BY LEQ
LANDING LLC**

Whereas the Greater Lockport Development Corporation (GLDC), as owner of the property located at 210 Walnut Street, Lockport, New York 14094, also known as the Harrison Place Business Incubator, has entered into an agreement with Paul LeQueux, Owner/Operator of LeQ Landing LLC, located at 3859 Mapleton Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120, to utilize a portion of the premises for winemaking operations; and

Whereas the agreement permits LeQ Landing LLC to utilize the designated kitchen commissary area of the property for winemaking purposes, including processing, fermenting, and bottling, effective from August 1, 2025, through the duration of their tenancy; and

Whereas the operations are contingent upon full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations, including obtaining permits from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) and the New York State Liquor Authority; and

Whereas LeQ Landing LLC is solely responsible for the conduct, cleanliness, insurance coverage, maintenance, and legal compliance of their business operations within the designated area, and must indemnify the property owner and any associated parties from any liabilities arising therefrom; and

Whereas a formal lease agreement will be executed and managed by a Mancuso Business Development representative to govern this tenancy and operational use;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of Lockport, that it hereby acknowledges and supports the agreement between the GLDC and LeQ Landing LLC for the permitted use of the Harrison Place kitchen commissary for winemaking operations, and encourages the responsible development of local small business enterprises consistent with local economic goals.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Greater Lockport Development Corporation and LeQ Landing LLC.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.10 WITHDRAWN (Local Law to Amend the Salaries of the Common Council and Common Council President)

072325.11

By Alderman _____

Whereas Secured by Grace Protection Agency (SBGPA) has proposed to sponsor a Gospel Festival at Outwater Park on Saturday, August 30, 2025, featuring live music, fellowship, and community engagement; and

Whereas the organizers have requested permission to utilize Outwater Park for this event and to temporarily block off the adjacent parking lot to accommodate the anticipated attendance and ensure public safety throughout the duration of the event;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby grants approval to Secured by Grace Protection Agency (SBGPA) to host the festival at Outwater Park on August 30, 2025; and be it further

Resolved, that the Department of Highways and Parks is authorized to coordinate with event organizers regarding site access, logistics, and to block off the parking lot for the duration of the event as needed; and be it further

Resolved, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue any necessary permits and documentation to facilitate the event in accordance with City policies.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____

072325.12

ADJOURNMENT

At _____ pm Alderman _____ moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, August 13th, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Devine and adopted. Ayes 5.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk