

**CITY OF LOCKPORT**  
**COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting  
Official Record

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
6:00 P.M.

Mayor John Lombardi III called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Common Council members answered the roll call:

Alderman Craig, Wyche, O'Malley, Fogle, Wiley and Kirchberger

**INVOCATION – Pastor Steve O'Mara**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECESS**

Recess for public input.

**052726.1**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Alderman Craig, seconded by Alderman Wyche, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 are hereby approved as printed in the Journal of Proceedings. Ayes 6.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Mayor announced a public hearing local law to Amend the Code of the City of Lockport to Establish a Uniform Fee Schedule and to Authorize the Setting of Fees by Resolution of the Common Council.

The Mayor asked the City Clerk if any petitions or communications relative to the proposed Local Law have been received.

5/26/2026 – Email from Maggie Lupo in opposition of proposed Local Law until more information is provided.

Recess for public input.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

**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 forwarded to appropriate city officials)

**5/7/2026** Notice of Deficiency re: Oakhurst Street Conditions - from Business owners, Darren Wildt from Zeton Properties, John Beaumann from Beauman's Garage, Chris McCaffrey from Ulrich Sign Company, James Watson II from DG Patterson, Kevin Schrader from KLS Landscaping and Mark Golding from Lock City Trucking.

## **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **052726.2**

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 May 28th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman O'Malley and adopted. Ayes 6.

### **052726.3**

By Alderman Wyche:

#### **Approve Juneteenth Celebration at Outwater Park**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby grants permission to Lockport Main Street, Inc. (LMS) to conduct a Juneteenth Celebration at Outwater Park on Sunday, June 14, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., with event set-up and use of park facilities permitted between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and be it further

**Resolved**, that said approval shall include the following requests associated with the event:

- Use of the pavilions at Outwater Park;
- Delivery and use of ten (10) garbage barrels and ten (10) picnic tables;
- Permission for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to operate within the event area;
- Use of the City Stage, as identified on the submitted event map;

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Director of Streets and Parks is hereby authorized and directed to arrange for the delivery of refuse containers and related City equipment necessary for the event; and be it further

**Resolved**, that LMS shall file a Certificate of Insurance with the City Clerk's Office naming the City of Lockport as an additional insured prior to the event; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve the use of the same event space on alternate dates in the event the celebration is rescheduled or additional related events are added to the calendar, provided LMS submits all required insurance documentation and complies with all applicable City requirements; and be it further

**Resolved**, that LMS shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, permits, and safety requirements in connection with the conduct of the event; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all activities are contingent upon coordination with the appropriate City departments and compliance with all City of Lockport requirements.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

### **052726.4**

By Alderman Craig:

#### **Approve "Rock the Locks" Event**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves the requests submitted by Lockport Main Street, Inc. (LMS) for the conduct of “Rock the Locks” on Sunday, July 5, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and be it further

**Resolved**, that said approval includes the following, subject to the coordination and approval of the appropriate City Departments:

1. Temporary closure of the Pine Street Bridge, Canal Street, the pocket park, and the adjoining parking lot, the extent of which shall be determined by the City, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2026, for the purpose of hosting the event;
  2. Placement and use of eighteen (18) street barricades for the above-referenced closures and event preparation beginning Friday, July 3, 2026;
  3. Delivery and use of available garbage barrels and picnic tables for the event area, coordinated through the Department of Streets and Parks;
  4. Authorization for vendors, restaurants, and food trucks to operate on Canal Street and the Pine Street Bridge during the event, subject to all required permits, inspections, and approvals, including access to electrical service from approved City light posts where feasible;
  5. Permission to place portable sanitation units on Canal Street and the lower parking lot on Pine Street beginning Friday, July 3, 2026;
  6. Use of the City Stage on Sunday, July 5, 2026, to be located in the lower parking lot on Pine Street;
  7. Permission to place promotional yard signs within City rights-of-way, excluding the center medians on Main Street, beginning June 1, 2026, with all signs to be removed no later than Monday, July 6, 2026;
  8. Suspension of enforcement of the City’s open-container restrictions within the designated event area and during approved event hours solely for the purpose of permitting the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages from authorized and properly licensed beer tents, subject to compliance with all New York State Liquor Authority requirements and Police Department approval;
- and be it further

**Resolved**, that LMS shall file with the City Clerk a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Lockport as an additional insured prior to the event; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve use of the same locations for rescheduled or additional related event dates, provided LMS submits appropriate insurance documentation and obtains all required departmental approvals; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all activities shall be contingent upon compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, executive orders, permit requirements, and coordination with the appropriate City departments and public safety officials.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **052726.5**

By Alderman Fogle:

#### **Cancellation of prior approved event Lockport Food Fest by the organizers**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby rescinds and cancels its prior approval granted for the Lockport Food Fest event pursuant to Resolution No. 012826.5 adopted on January 28, 2026; and be it further

**Resolved**, that any permissions, authorizations, street closures, use of City property, and related approvals previously granted under said resolution are hereby withdrawn and deemed null and void.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

#### **052627.6 WITHDRAWN**

**052726.7**

By Alderman Kirchberger:

**Approve Big Ditch Brewing Summer Concert Series and Use of City Property**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves the request submitted by Big Ditch Brewing Company to conduct a concert series on June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 between the hours of 6 and 9pm; and be it further

**Resolved**, that said approval shall include permission to utilize a designated portion of a city parking lot, the extent and location of which shall be determined by the City and coordinated with the appropriate departments and use of the City's stage; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Department of Highways Streets and Water Distribution is hereby authorized and directed to provide available trash receptacles and barricades necessary for the event area and related traffic and pedestrian control; and be it further

**Resolved**, that all activities associated with the concert series shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, permits and safety requirements, including any directives issued by the Police Department, Fire Department and Code Enforcement Office; and be it further

**Resolved**, that Big Ditch Brewing Company shall file a certificate naming the City of Lockport as additional insured prior to the events.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.8**

By Alderman O'Malley:

**Approve Thunderwolves Baseball Tournament Field Use at Outwater Park**

**Resolved**, that pursuant to their request, Thunderwolves Baseball, LLC is hereby granted permission to use the baseball field at Outwater Park for their 2026 Youth Baseball Tournaments, subject to approval of the schedule by the Highways & Parks Department, for games to be played on 6/21, 6/28, 7/17, 7/18 and 7/19 2026 contingent upon the Thunderwolves Baseball LLC paying the fees established by the City and filing a certificate of insurance with the City Clerk naming the City of Lockport as additional insured.

Seconded by Alderman Kirchberger and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.9**

By Alderman Fogle:

**A Resolution Amending the 2026 Budget for the Game Changers Program**

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport Police Department has entered into a funding arrangement for the Game Changers Program, a six-week youth initiative designed to promote healthy lifestyles, leadership, decision-making, mentorship, educational activities, and positive life experiences for participating youth; and

**Whereas**, the City of Lockport has been awarded funding in the amount of \$15,000 to support program activities; and

**Whereas**, it is necessary to amend the 2026 City Budget to recognize the associated revenue and expenditures for this program;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the FY 2026 budget be amended as follows.

Revenue

Increase

A.3120.34389

Other Federal Public Safety Aid

\$15,000

Expenditures

Increase

A.3120.54510

Program Expenses

\$15,000

Seconded by Alderman Wiley and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.10**

By Alderman O'Malley:

**Approve Family Fun Day Hosted by Hope Rises and Niagara Aquatics Club at Outwater Park Pool**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby approves the request submitted by Hope Rises and Niagara Aquatics Club to conduct a complimentary "Family Fun Day" event at the Lockport Community Pool located at Outwater Park on Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the event shall provide free family-oriented recreational activities for the community; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the approval of said event is contingent upon the submission of a Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Lockport as additional insured; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the event organizers shall comply with all applicable City ordinances, park regulations, safety requirements, and directives issued by City officials and staff; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, subject to Corporation Counsel approval.

Seconded by Alderman Wyche and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.11**

By Alderman Wyche:

**Approve Consultant Agreement for Civil Service Transition Services**

**Resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes and approves the Consultant Agreement with Mary Pat Filbert for Civil Service consulting services following her retirement effective April 29, 2026; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Common Council finds that Mary Pat Filbert has provided invaluable service to the City of Lockport and possesses extensive institutional knowledge and expertise necessary to assist with the continued efficient operation and transition of the Civil Service Department; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Mayor, subject to approval by Corporation Counsel, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute a Consultant Agreement with Mary Pat Filbert at a rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per hour, to be charged to Account A1430.51010, with total compensation not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000). Said agreement to terminate on December, 31st, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Craig and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.12**

By Alderman Craig:

**Approve Agreement for 2026 Summer Youth Recreational Program at Willow Altro Park**

**Whereas**, the City utilized a collaborative community partnership model for Summer Youth Programming in 2025, which successfully provided recreational programming and youth engagement

opportunities at Willow Altro Park, and the City desires to continue and build upon that model for the 2026 summer season; and

**Whereas**, a Summer Youth Recreational Program proposal for 2026 was submitted by The Kenan Center and YWCA of Niagara to provide and coordinate structured recreational activities, youth engagement opportunities, meal distribution coordination, and community partnerships at Willow Altro Park; and

**Whereas**, the City desires to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Kenan Center and YWCA of Niagara for administration and implementation of the 2026 Summer Youth Recreational Program at Willow Altro Park in an amount not to exceed **\$39,000**;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Common Council of the City of Lockport hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with The Kenan Center and YWCA of Niagara for administration and implementation of the 2026 Summer Youth Recreational Program at Willow Altro Park in an amount not to exceed **\$39,000**.

**Be it further resolved**, that funding for said program shall be drawn from the appropriate budget lines as designated by the Finance Department.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

**052726.13**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:20pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm, Wednesday, June 10th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman Fogle and adopted. Ayes 6.

Emily Stoddard  
City Clerk