

CITY OF LOCKPORT
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Lockport Municipal Building

Regular Meeting
Official Record

November 4th, 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:

Aldermen: Craig, Wyche, O'Malley, Fogle, Wiley and Kirchberger

INVOCATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESS

Recess for public input.

110426.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Alderman _____ seconded by Alderman _____ the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 28th, 2026 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)

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

110426.2

By Alderman _____:

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 November 5th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

110426.3

By Alderman Wiley:

Resolved, that the Mayor and Common Council do hereby extend congratulations and appreciation to the following City employees for their years of dedicated service to the City of Lockport:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Title</u>
Michael Kagels	5	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

110426.4

By Alderman _____:

**Resolution Calling For Public Hearing
For Submission of One or More
Community Development Block Grant Applications**

Whereas, the City of Lockport Common Council wishes to assess the advisability of submitting one or more Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) applications to the New York State Office of Community Renewal (the “OCR”) for a grant to support an economic development project that will support manufacturing, economic growth and job creation in the City and a grant to fund a microenterprise assistance program that will support existing and start-up microenterprise businesses in the City, and

Whereas, the City of Lockport is required to hold a public hearing to provide information to the public and to consider public comments regarding community development needs and the possible submission of applications for CDBG funding, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the City of Lockport Common Council shall conduct a public hearing whereat all interested parties shall be heard regarding the CDBG program, the City’s community development needs and the proposed funding applications at City Hall, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York on the 18th day of November, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that published notice of such hearing in the City’s official paper and posted notice on the City website shall be given at least eight (8) days before the public hearing.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes _____.

110426.5

By Alderman _____:

Resolution for Amending Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code

Whereas the Common Council of the City of Lockport originally adopted the Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code 9-17-2008, nearly two decades ago.

Whereas the City of Lockport first became a Certified Local Government (CLG) Historic Preservation program CLG in early 2009. The City's CLG program was decertified in 2018 due to lack of compliance with CLG regulations. The CLG program is a partnership between the federal government (National Park Service), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and local municipalities, which makes the City eligible for grants and expertise.

Whereas in December 2025, the City of Lockport Historic Preservation Commission began pursuing the process for re-certification as a CLG community. This proposed amendment to §116 of the City Code incorporates recommendations from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) related to re-certifications, including a refined statement of purpose.

Whereas the revised statement of purpose in §116 for the Historic Preservation Commission includes promoting and facilitating historic preservation as called for in the Historic Vision and Goal Framework of the City of Lockport Comprehensive Plan, maintaining and updating annually the Historic Overlay (HO) District in §190-23.3 of the City of Lockport Zoning Code, and designating local historic landmarks for protection.

Whereas the revised §116 of the City Code, including the associated CLG Historic Preservation Agreement signed by Mayor 10-20-26, have been submitted to the Common Council for review.

Whereas updating the Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code is necessary to ensure continued preservation of historically significant properties and districts in the City of Lockport and to maintain the architectural character and heritage of the community in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code updated in 2024.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Common Council for the City of Lockport hereby approves the amendment to Section 116 as recommended the City's Historic Preservation Commission.

Be it further resolved that the City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Niagara County Department of History / Historical Society.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes____.

110426.6 Being prepared.

110426.7

ADJOURNMENT

At _____pm Alderman O'Malley moved the Common Council be adjourned until 6:00pm Wednesday, November 18th, 2026.

Seconded by Alderman _____ and adopted. Ayes_____.

EMILY STODDARD
City Clerk

Employee Birthday Anniversary Report

Anniversary Date

November

Employee	Benefit Group	Date	Years
Department Civil Service - Civil Service / Personnel			
1000 Filbert, Mary Pat	DEPT 70 - Department Head 70 Hour	11/15/1995	31
Department Civil Service - Civil Service / Personnel Totals	Employees 1		
Department Police - Police Department			
1309 Abbott, Steven K	UNRPR P&F - Unrep - Police and Fire Chiefs	11/1/2019	7
1636 Banks, Duane J	NB 80 - No Benefits - 80	11/21/2025	1
Department Police - Police Department Totals	Employees 2		
Department Public Works - Public Works			
1020 Livergood, Rodney J	CSEA40 - CSEA 40 Hours	11/21/1994	32
1616 Brant, Autumn M	CSEA35 - CSEA 35 Hours	11/4/2024	2
Department Public Works - Public Works Totals	Employees 2		
Department Waste Water - Waste Water Department			
459 Kagels, Michael E	AFSCME - AFSCME	11/23/2021	5
Department Waste Water - Waste Water Department Totals	Employees 1		
Grandd Totals	Employees 6		

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

cityclerk@lockportny.gov

From: Vicki Smith <vsmith@lockportdevelopment.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 12:39 PM
To: cityclerk@lockportny.gov
Cc: Cheryl Westmorland; Debra Coulter; Chuck Bell
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public hearing resolution and notice - micro and buff transformer
Attachments: Public Hearing Resolution (economic dev- micro projects).doc; City of Lockport omnibus public hearing notice (ED-micro projects).docx

Hi Emily,

Please see the attached resolution and hearing notice for Buffalo Transformer and the Microenterprise grant program.

We're hoping to call for the public hearing at the November 4th Common Council meeting and then have the hearing on 11/18.

Thanks,

Vicki A. Smith

Director of Planning & Development

City of Lockport

President/CEO

Greater Lockport Development Corporation

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**RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR SUBMISSION OF ONE OR MORE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATIONS**

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RESOLVED, that published notice of such hearing in the City’s official paper and posted notice on the City website shall be given at least eight (8) days before the public hearing.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

City of Lockport

The City of Lockport Common Council will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York for the purpose of hearing public comments on the County's community development needs, and to discuss the possible submission of one or more Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the 2026 program year.

The NYS CDBG program is administered by the New York State Homes and Community Renewal and will make available to eligible local governments approximately \$45 million for the current program year for housing, public infrastructure, public facilities, economic development (including microenterprise assistance), imminent threat, and community planning, with the principal purpose of benefiting low-to-moderate income persons. The City of Lockport is applying for funding to assist an economic development project and to provide microenterprise assistance for an estimated aggregate amount of \$600,000 in CDBG funds to support an economic development project that will support manufacturing, economic growth and job creation in the City and to provide funding to support existing and start-up microenterprise businesses in the City. It is expected that \$524,000 of the requested CDBG funds will be used to offset the cost of furnishings, fixtures and equipment and/or working capital expenses for the economic development project and for the microenterprise businesses, with the remaining funding utilized for expenses related to program delivery and grant administration. It is anticipated that the economic development project is estimated to result in the creation of 20 full-time equivalent jobs, at least 11 of which will be available to low-to-moderate income persons. The hearing will provide CDBG program information and accept public input on proposed grant applications and alternative project ideas.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, those with hearing impairments, or those in need of translation from English, contact Emily Stoddard, City Clerk, at cityclerk@lockportny.gov or (716) 439-6676, at least three days in advance of the hearing. Written comments are invited and can be submitted by email to vsmith@lockportdevelopment.org using the subject line "Public Hearing" no later than 6:00 p.m. on November 20, 2026.

Applications and related CDBG materials will be made available at One Locks Plaza, Lockport, New York.

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From: Vicki A. Smith <vasmith@lockportny.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 3:08 PM
To: cityclerk@lockportny.gov
Cc: 'John Taylor'
Subject: Resolution for Amending Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code
Attachments: Resolution for Amending Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code.docx

Hi Emily,

Attached is a resolution for 11/4 concerning changes to §116 Historic Preservation Code. The Mayor said that it would need Common Council approval.

Thanks,

Vicki A. Smith

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From: John Taylor <jstaylor@buffalo.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2026 2:24 PM
To: Vicki A. Smith <vasmith@lockportny.gov>
Cc: Shelley Richards <sannr0207@gmail.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Draft Resolution for Amending Historic Preservation Section 116 of the City Code

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City of Lockport - Resolution Request Form

Agenda Description: City Department Budget Resolution

Presented By: John Craig, Ward 1

Date Submitted: October 28, 2026

Topic Area (Select Most Applicable Option):

Community Event
Budget Amendment
Contract Approval
Donation Acceptance
Grant Application / Award
Fund Utilization Request

✓
✓

Local Law Change
Community Development
Highways and Parks
Engineering
Code and Planning
Other

Please provide to Clerk at least 9 calendar days prior to Council meeting. Otherwise request will go to following meeting.

Summary of Resolution:

City Department Budget funding has been an ongoing concern it terms of how it is being used and for what specific purposes. While semi-monthly Accounts Payable Reports are compiled and shared 24-36 hours before approvals are granted by Council Resolution at the next session, there at times, is insufficient details or an appropriate time frame to determine what costs are being used for. Communications to Department Heads are timely enough to ensure adequate details can be shared with council members.

We also have realized that Overtime spending in many Departments have exceeded their budget allotment with more than two months still remaining in the current fiscal year. During the budget review process, we'll need to reconcile the budget expenses and revenue lines to cover them.

Therefore, if and when this resolution is passed, all expenditures requiring more than \$250.00 that are not deemed a Department emergency or immediate safety need, must be reviewed and details explaining utilization shared with the Finance Director, City Treasurer and approved by the them and the Mayor as well as shared with Common Council members via email to determine if said purchases can be extended. This share remain in effect until the end of the 2026 fiscal year until Friday, January 1, 2027 when a new year is underway.

Explanation of Attachments:

Please include all backup correspondence, purchase order, quotes, meeting minutes, emails, etc... If any of this information is confidential and cannot be released publically, please denote a check in this field: _____

Clerk/Legal/Finance Approval:

Notes:

Name: John Craig, Finance Chairman

Date of Approval: