

LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL
LANCASTER, OHIO

January 26, 2026

PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
REGULAR MEETING CONVENES
CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS
PERMISSION OF VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES
PUBLIC HEARINGS
READING OF RESOLUTIONS

THIRD READING

None

SECOND READING

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| Temp Res #1-26 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LANCASTER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE 2026-2027 DRUG USE PREVENTION GRANT
Safety Committee (Bizjak/Sollie) (3 Reading) |
| Temp Res #2-26 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY DEPARTMENTS TO DISPOSE OF CITY PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED VIA INTERNET AUCTION IN 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Administrative Services Committee (Cohen/Hoop) (3 Readings) |
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Administrative Services Committee (Cohen/Hoop) (3 Readings) |
| Temp Res #4-26 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
Administrative Services Committee (Cohen/Ogg) (3 Readings) |
| Temp Res #5-26 | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT ADMINISTERED BY OMNIA PARTNERS, PUBLIC SECTOR
Administrative Services Committee (Cohen/Ogg) (3 Readings) |

- Temp Res #6-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LANCASTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF OHIO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
Administrative Services Committee (Cohen/Smiley) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #7-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY LAW DIRECTOR'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT GRANT
Law Committee (Smiley/Schoonover) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #8-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025 IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FUND (7030)
Water/Water Pollution Control (Ailes/Bizjak) (2 Readings)
- Temp Res #9-26** A RESOLUTION TO SET A 2026 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET IN THE WATER CONSTRUCTION FUND (6026), WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6027), WASTEWATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029), AND WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION FUND (6030), AMEND THE CERTIFICATES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENTS OF BILLS
Water/Water Pollution Control (Ailes/Cohen) (2 Readings)
*Revision Proposed**
- Temp Res #10-26** A RESOLUTION TO SET A 2026 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET IN THE STORMWATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6019), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Cohen) (2 Readings)
*Revision Proposed**

FIRST READING

- Temp Res #11-26** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PURCHASE ROCK SALT FOR THE 2026-2027 WINTER SEASON
Public Works Committee (Carr/Sollie) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #12-26** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF WATER
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Cohen) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #13-26** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PIPES AND FITTINGS FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF WATER
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Cohen) (3 Readings)

- Temp Res #14-26** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2025 APPROPRIATION BUDGETS AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE ESCROW FUND (8060) DUE TO A PARTIAL DRAW FOR THE NORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT
Finance Committee (Schoonover/Sollie) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #15-26** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FUNDS, TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE .15 FIRE LEVY FUND (2046) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY
Safety Committee (Ogg/Schoonover) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #16-26** A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE EASTSIDE INDUSTRIAL CONNECTOR PROJECT
Public Works Committee (Carr/Smiley) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #17-26** A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE WASTE WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND (6023), AND TO ISSUE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Bizjak) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #18-26** A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, INCREASE RECEIPTS, AND COMPLETE A FUND-TO-FUND TRANSFER IN THE WASTE WATER FUND (6004) AND IN THE WASTE WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029)
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Bizjak) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #19-26** A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE WASTE WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND (6023) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Cohen) (3 Readings)
- Temp Res #20-26** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR DESIGN SERVICES, TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (2012)
Service Committee (Knisley/Hoop) (3 Readings)

Temp Res #21-26 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AND DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE WASTE WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029), AMEND THE CERTIFICATES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS
Water/Water Pollution Control Committee (Ailes/Bizjak) (2 Readings)

Temp Res #22-26 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF A BILL FOR CONTRACT SERVICES
Finance Committee (Schoonover/Ailes) (2 Readings)

READING OF ORDINANCES

THIRD READING

None

SECOND READING

Temp Ord #1-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LANCASTER ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF 0.49 +/- ACRES IDENTIFIED AS FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITOR TAX PARCEL NUMBER 0535005900 FROM MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL GENERAL DISTRICT
Code Enforcement & Zoning Committee (Sollie/Knisley) (3 Readings)

FIRST READING

Temp Ord #2-26 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACQUIRE PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY AS NECESSARY FOR THE MEMORIAL, PIERCE, WHITTIER NEW SIDEWALKS PROJECT KNOWN AS THE FAI-CR 33/MR 70505-4.93/1.09 PROJECT
Public Works Committee (Carr/Bizjak) (3 Readings)

TABLED LEGISLATION

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing regarding Temp Ord #1-26 on 2/9/2026.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS**REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1. February 9th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers
2. February 23rd, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

SPECIAL SCHEDULED MEETINGS

None

REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Economic Development Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. – 1897 Conference Room – City Hall
2. Safety Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. - 1897 Conference Room – City Hall
3. Water / Water Pollution Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. - 1897 Conference Room – City Hall
4. Law Committee meeting at 12:30 p.m. - 1897 Conference Room – City Hall

READING OF BILLS

MNCO - \$56.09 - for publication of resolution PR 2-26
ProForma - Invoice to be received – for legislation books

EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)**ADJOURNMENT**

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 9-26*

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SET A 2026 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET IN THE WATER CONSTRUCTION FUND (6026), WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6027), ~~WASTEWATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029), AND WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION FUND (6030)~~, AMEND THE CERTIFICATES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENTS OF BILLS

WHEREAS, unspent balances within the Water Construction Fund (6026), and Water Utility Reserve Fund (6027), ~~Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund (6029) and Wastewater Construction Fund (6030)~~ need to be reappropriated; and

WHEREAS, a 2026 revenue budget needs to be established; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor amend the Certificate of Other Sources with the County Auditor in the following Improvement Funds:

6027	Water Utility Reserve Fund	\$ 7,456,469.13
6029	Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund	\$25,670,808.01
	TOTAL	\$33,127,277.14
		\$ 7,456,469.13

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor increase receipts in the following revenue accounts in the Water Utility Reserve Fund (6027) ~~and Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund (6029)~~:

6027.0000.43024	OWDA Reimb-Water Utility Reserve	\$ 3,473,072.59
6027.0000.49075	Deposits from Water Revenue Fund	\$ 3,983,396.54
	TOTAL	\$ 7,456,469.13
6029.0000.49073	Transfer from Wastewater Fund	\$ 9,350,199.00
6029.0940.43024	OWDA Reimb Upper Hoeking	\$16,320,609.01
	TOTAL	\$25,670,808.01

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the following Improvement Funds:

6026	Water Construction Fund	\$ 3,876.45
6027	Water Utility Reserve Fund	\$ 8,206,839.57
6029	Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund	\$29,156,170.00
6030	Wastewater Construction Fund	\$ 24,124.04

TOTAL **\$37,391,010.06**
\$ 8,210,716.02

SECTION 4. That the City Auditor appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the following expense accounts in the Water Construction Fund (6026), and Water Utility Reserve Fund (6027), ~~Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund (6029), and Wastewater Construction Fund (6030):~~

Water Construction Fund

6026.0740.56003	Water Storage Tank Renovations	\$ 746.25
6026.0920.56090	Wellhead Protection	\$ 0.00
6026.6750.59019	Interest/Transfer	\$ 3,130.20

TOTAL **\$ 3,876.45**

Water Utility Reserve Fund

6027.0070.56023	Rock Mill Corporate Park American Recovery Plan	\$ 0.00
6027.0070.56090	Rock Mill Corporate Park	\$ 21,039.76
6027.0360.55007	OWDA Direct Payments	\$ 3,119,935.35
6027.0360.56003	Miller Park/Waterworks Hill	\$ 1,985,575.64
6027.0360.56023	Miller Park American Recovery Plan	\$ 0.00
6027.0370.56023	Transmission Lines American Recovery Plan	\$ 43,446.61
6027.0720.56003	South Water Plant	\$ 2,138,580.64
6027.0720.56023	South Water Plant American Recovery Plan	\$ 759,951.19
6027.6500.55000	Note Principal	\$ 0.00
6027.6500.55001	Note Interest	\$ 0.00
6027.6500.55005	Bond Service - Water	\$ 1,753.07
6027.6500.55006	Bond Reserve - Water	\$ 0.00
6027.6500.55007	OWDA - Water	\$ 8,857.34
6027.6500.59019	Interest/Transfer	\$ 127,699.97
6027.6500.59024	Transfer to Revenue	\$ 0.00
6027.6500.59026	Transfer to Repair & Replacement	\$ 0.00
6027.6500.59099	Contingency	\$ 0.00

TOTAL **\$ 8,206,839.57**

Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund

6029.0010.56004	Pump Stations	\$ 100,174.96
6029.0060.56004	Miller Park Sewers	\$ 8,168.58
6029.0100.56004	Lake Allen Improvement Project	\$ 0.00
6029.0450.56004	CSO Projects	\$ 985,858.86
6029.0910.56004	South Broad Street	\$ 0.00
6029.0920.56004	Lawrence St WPCF	\$ 1,959,158.43
6029.0930.56004	Commerce St Sanitary Sewer	\$ 0.00
6029.0940.56004	Upper Hoeking WWTP	\$ 2,177,114.61
6029.0940.56021	OWDA Reimbursement	\$14,622,161.92
6029.6750.52095	Transfer to Revenue Fund	\$ 0.00

6029.6750.55000	Note Principal	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55001	Note Interest	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55005	Bond Service	\$	725.21

TOTAL \$ 8,206,839.57

Wastewater Utility Reserve Fund

6029.0010.56004	Pump Stations	\$	100,174.96
6029.0060.56004	Miller Park Sewers	\$	8,168.58
6029.0100.56004	Lake Allen Improvement Project	\$	0.00
6029.0450.56004	CSO Projects	\$	985,858.86
6029.0910.56004	South Broad Street	\$	0.00
6029.0920.56004	Lawrence St WPCF	\$	1,959,158.43
6029.0930.56004	Commerce St Sanitary Sewer	\$	0.00
6029.0940.56004	Upper Hoeking WWTP	\$	2,177,114.61
6029.0940.56021	OWDA Reimbursement	\$	14,622,161.92
6029.6750.52095	Transfer to Revenue Fund	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55000	Note Principal	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55001	Note Interest	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55005	Bond Service	\$	725.21
6029.6750.55006	Bond Reserve	\$	0.00
6029.6750.55007	OWDA	\$	7,358,000.00
6029.6750.59025	Interest/Transfer	\$	1,055,928.90
6029.6750.59025	Transfer to Revenue Fund	\$	888,878.53

TOTAL \$29,156,170.00

Wastewater Construction Fund

6030.0940.56000	Upper Hoeking WWTP	\$	11,882.86
6030.6750.59019	Interest/Transfer	\$	12,241.18

TOTAL \$ 24,124.04

SECTION 5. That Lancaster City Council issue Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders previously encumbered in the 6026 and 6027 ~~6029~~, and ~~6030~~ fund accounts for 2025 and which are now re-appropriated in the aforementioned funds.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water/Water Pollution Control

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 10-26*

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO SET A 2026 REVENUE AND EXPENSE BUDGET IN THE STORMWATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6019), AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, unspent balances within the Stormwater Utility Reserve Fund (6019) need to be reappropriated; and

WHEREAS, a 2026 revenue budget needs to be established; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor amend the Certificate of Other Sources with the County Auditor in the Improvement Fund 6019 Stormwater Utility Reserve in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$2,412,631.36).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor increase receipts in the Improvement Fund 6019 Stormwater Utility Reserve in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$2,412,631.36) as follows:

6019.0020.43001	Street Throughfare Plan	\$ 390,000.00
6019.0040.43001	Storm Sewers	\$ 125,000.00
6019.0450.43001	CSO Project Improvements	\$1,131,274.82
6019.0450.43024	OWDA Reimbursement Stormwater	\$ <u>766,356.54</u>

TOTAL **\$2,412,631.36**

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the Improvement Fund 6019 Stormwater Utility Reserve in the amount of Six Million ~~Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$6,571, 446.26)~~ Five Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$5,762,254.26).

SECTION 4. That the City of Lancaster Auditor appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the following expense accounts in the Stormwater Utility Reserve Fund (6019):

6019.0010.56006	Various Culverts	\$ 104,888.95
6019.0020.56006	Equipment	\$ 925,250.00
6019.0030.56006	Curbs	\$ 0.00
6019.0040.56006	Storm Sewers	\$2,289,257.91 1,455,065.91
6019.0050.56006	Stream Projects	\$ 57,206.05
6019.0060.56006	Union Mulberry	\$ 0.00
6019.0100.56006	Lake Allen Maple	\$ 0.00
6019.0120.56006	Miller Park Storm Sewer	\$ 10,000.00
6019.0210.56006	Rock Mill Corp Park	\$ 0.00
6019.0300.56006	Reese Hubert Stormwater	\$ 0.00

6019.0450.56006	Combined Sewer Separation	\$2,316,410.81 —\$2,341,410.81
6019.0450.56021	Cherokee Drive OWDA	\$ 766,356.54
6019.0450.56022	Combined Sewer OPWC	\$ 0.00
6019.0630.56006	Deeds Wetland	\$ 102,076.00
6019.2400.56006	FEMA Grant Reimbursement	\$ 0.00
6019.6400.56006	Retirement Reserve	\$ 0.00
6019.9700.56006	Ety Road Improvements	\$ 0.00

TOTAL **\$6,571,446.26**
\$5,762,254.26

SECTION 5. That City Council issue Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders previously encumbered in the 6019 fund accounts for 2025 and which are now re-appropriated in the 6019 fund.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water/Water Pollution Control

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 11-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PURCHASE ROCK SALT FOR THE 2026-2027 WINTER SEASON

WHEREAS, this is an annual resolution introduced at the beginning of the year to ensure the City is prepared to purchase adequate sodium chloride or rock salt to treat the City streets for the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's ("ODOT") Cooperative Purchasing Program for rock salt is due to the State of Ohio by May to guarantee salt in time for the 2026-2027 winter season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement for the purchase of sodium chloride, commonly known as rock salt, for snow and ice control under ODOT's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the 2026-2027 winter season. The effective period is twelve (12) months from the date of approval.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

President of Council

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Public Works Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 12-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF WATER

WHEREAS, this is an annual resolution introduced at the beginning of the year to ensure the City is prepared to purchase the chemicals necessary for water treatment for the balance of the year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of chemicals for use by the Division of Water.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 13-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PIPES AND FITTINGS FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF WATER

WHEREAS, this is an annual resolution introduced at the beginning of the year to purchase materials through competitive bidding to replace and repair pipelines and fittings in the water distribution system for the balance of the year; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to advertise for bids and enter into contracts for the purchase of pipes and fittings for use by the Division of Water.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 14-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2025 APPROPRIATION BUDGETS AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE ESCROW FUND (8060) DUE TO A PARTIAL DRAW FOR THE NORTH WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, Kokosing, the general contractor on the City's North Water Treatment Plant Replacement Project, requested a partial draw on the project retainage in December of 2025 after the 2026 budget was passed; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 153.13 requires retainage held after substantial completion to be released within thirty (30) days of the primary contractor's request; and

WHEREAS, the partial draw on the retainage the City was obligated to pay to Kokosing changed the prior calculations and caused the expense budget to exceed the carryover cash balance plus the current year revenue estimate; and

WHEREAS, Fund 8060 (Escrow Fund) expense budget must now be reduced to match the carryover cash balance that was lower than anticipated due to paying out the unanticipated escrow in December 2025 to Kokosing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in Fund 8060 Escrow Fund for NEGATIVE Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (-\$776,539.52). This will bring the unencumbered balance back to Zero Dollars (\$0.00).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall amend appropriations in expense account 8060-9620-56060 (Escrow Project Payment) by NEGATIVE Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (-\$776,539.52).

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee

President of Council

Mayor

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 15-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FUNDS, TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF OTHER SOURCES AND APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE .15 FIRE LEVY FUND (2046) AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("BWC") Safety Intervention grant program provides funding to help employers purchase equipment to reduce or eliminate injuries and illnesses related to their employees' job tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster Fire Department ("LFD") has been awarded Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$10,826.50) in BWC Safety Intervention grant funds; and

WHEREAS, LFD plans to utilize these BWC grant funds to purchase a Lucas v.3.1 Chest Compression System, Desktop Battery Charger, External Power Supply, and Spare rechargeable battery; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service Safety Director is hereby authorized to accept Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$10,826.50) in BWC Safety Intervention grant funds.

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Other Sources and Appropriations with the County Auditor in the following Fund:

2046	.15 Fire Levy Fund	\$10,826.50
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SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby increase receipts in the following revenue account:

2046.0000.49001	.15 Fire Levy – Misc. Receipts	\$10,826.50
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SECTION 4. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the following expense account:

2046.3520.56030	Equipment – .15 Fire Levy	\$10,826.50
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SECTION 5. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City and for the further reason that immediate acceptance of these grant funds will enable immediate purchase of needed equipment; wherefore, this

resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Safety Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 16-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS CONSULTANTS FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS THE EASTSIDE INDUSTRIAL CONNECTOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Eastside Industrial Connector Project has been awarded federal grant funding to procure a feasibility study for the project; and

WHEREAS, the grant money will fund One Hundred Percent (100%) of the project costs up to a maximum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to execute any grant agreements that may be necessary to obtain the grant funds.

SECTION 2. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to enter into design services contracts with various consultants not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Public Works Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 17-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE WASTE WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND (6023), AND TO ISSUE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster Water Pollution Control budgeted to do a fund-to-fund transfer of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00) from the Waste Water Fund (6004) to the Waste Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (6023); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall amend the Certificate of Other Sources and Appropriations with the County Auditor in the Waste Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (6023) in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall increase receipts in revenue account 6023.0000.49090 (Deposits from Waste Water Revenue) in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00)

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor appropriate from the unencumbered balance in expense account 6023.6750.56030 (Equipment/Vehicle-Waste Water Plant) in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00).

SECTION 4. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders previously encumbered in the Waste Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (6023) which were not carried over into the new budget year.

SECTION 5. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 18-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, INCREASE RECEIPTS, AND COMPLETE A FUND-TO-FUND TRANSFER IN THE WASTE WATER FUND (6004) AND IN THE WASTE WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029)

WHEREAS, the City needs to keep a larger cash balance in the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029) per the covenants of the Waste Water Revenue Bond documentation and this resolution is allowing the transfer of cash from the Waste Water Revenue Fund (6004) into the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029) to make sure the City is compliant with its bond covenants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the Waste Water Fund (6004) in expense account 6004.6750.59019 (Transfer) in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the Waste Water Fund (6004).

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby complete a Fund-to-Fund transfer from expense account 6004.6750.59019 (Transfer) to revenue account 6029.0000.49073 (Transfer from Waste Water Revenue) in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 4. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby increase receipts in revenue account 6029.0000.49073 (Transfer from Waste Water Revenue) in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 5. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby appropriate from the unencumbered balance in expense account 6029.6750.59025 (Transfer to Waste Water Revenue) in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 6. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Other Sources and Appropriations with the County Auditor in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029).

SECTION 7. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

President of Council

Mayor

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 19-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE WASTE WATER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND (6023) AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, unspent balances carried over from 2025 within the Waste Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (6023) need to be appropriated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the amount of Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Twelve Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$557,012.53) in the Waste Water Replacement and Improvement Fund (6023).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the following expense accounts:

6023.0470.56004	Sewer Rehab Project	\$ 400,241.44
6023.0480.56004	Lawrence Street, Improv	\$ 150,000.00
6023.6750.56030	Equipment	\$ 6,771.09
	Total	\$ 557,012.53

SECTION 3. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders previously encumbered in the 6023 Fund accounts which were not carried over into the new budget year.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 20-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH EMH&T FOR DESIGN SERVICES, TO APPROPRIATE FROM THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE, AND AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND (2012)

WHEREAS, with the completion of the new water plant, the Board of Park Commissioners wishes to enter into a contract with EMH&T to complete the final engineering design services for the Miller Park Phase 1 Redevelopment project; and

WHEREAS, park staff completed the RFQ process in 2025 to select a firm to provide these services and EMH&T was selected and approved by the Park Board on December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, park staff were also authorized to seek permission from City Council to enter into a contract with EMH&T at the Park Board meeting on January 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated cost of this project is Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$354,600.00) and will be funded from the Parks and Recreation Fund (2012); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to enter into a design services contract with EMH&T in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$354,600.00).

SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$354,600.00) in the Parks and Recreation Fund (2012).

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby appropriate from the unencumbered balance in the 2012.5000.56009 (Parks Improvements – Parks & Recreation) expense account in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$354,600.00).

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Service Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 21-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE AND DECREASE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE WASTE WATER UTILITY RESERVE FUND (6029), AMEND THE CERTIFICATES WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, unspent balances within the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029) need to be reappropriated; and

WHEREAS, the amounts approved in the 2026 budget for the fund did not include all of the 2026 funds due to the status of contracts at the end of 2025; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Other Sources with the County Auditor in the following Improvement Funds:

6029	Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund	\$12,324,306.01
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SECTION 2. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby increase/decrease receipts in the following revenue accounts in the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029):

6029.0000.43024	OWDA Reimbursement	(\$1,427,778.00)
6029.0000.49073	Transfer from Waste Water Revenue	\$ 1,995,407.00
6029.0940.43024	OWDA Reimb - Upper Hocking	<u>\$11,756,677.01</u>
	TOTAL	\$12,324,306.01

SECTION 3. That the City of Lancaster Auditor shall hereby amend the Certificate of Appropriations with the County Auditor in the following Improvement Funds:

6029	Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund	\$7,211,102.52
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SECTION 4. That the City Auditor shall hereby increase/decrease appropriations from the unencumbered balance in the Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund (6029):

<u>Waste Water Utility Reserve Fund</u>		
6029.0010.56004	Pump Stations	\$ (79.61)
6029.0060.56004	Miller Park Sewers	\$ (0.42)
6029.0450.56004	CSO Projects	\$ (330,143.14)
6029.0920.56004	Lawrence St WPCF	\$ (644,382.48)
6029.0940.56004	Upper Hocking WWTP	\$ 303,091.61
6029.6750.55005	Bond Service	\$ 0.21
6029.6750.55007	OWDA	\$ 1,632,508.00

6029.6750.59025

Interest/Transfer

\$ (1,396,623.57)

TOTAL

\$ 7,211,102.52

SECTION 5. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of Then and Now Certificates for purchase orders previously encumbered in the 6029 Fund for 2025 and now re-appropriated in the aforementioned accounts.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Water & Water Pollution Control Committee

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 22-26

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT OF A BILL FOR CONTRACT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City received an invoice for services from Paper Crane Funding Solutions in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) before the 2026 purchase order could be opened; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.41(D)(1) if the amount involved in such a situation "is less than...three thousand dollars in the case of all other subdivisions or taxing units, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without such affirmation of the subdivision or taxing unit, if such expenditure is otherwise valid"; and

WHEREAS, due to the invoice amount being above the statutory threshold amount a Then and Now Certificate is required by law; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of a Then and Now Certificate for the payment of an invoice for Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for contract services provided by Paper Crane Funding Solutions.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Date Approved: _____

Clerk: _____

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Finance Committee

President of Council

Mayor

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 2-26

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACQUIRE PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY AS NECESSARY FOR THE MEMORIAL, PIERCE, WHITTIER NEW SIDEWALKS PROJECT KNOWN AS THE FAI-CR 33/MR 70505-4.93/1.09 PROJECT

WHEREAS, permanent and temporary right-of-way acquisitions are necessary for the construction and maintenance of the proposed improvements associated with the project and roads identified above; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way plans have been completed and legal descriptions for the needed real property acquisitions have been finalized; and

WHEREAS, Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization ("CORPO") grant funds were awarded and budgeted to pay for the right-of-way acquisition necessary to complete this project; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to acquire the permanent and temporary right-of-way as shown on the FAI-CR 33/MR 70505-4.93/1.09 Right-of-Way Plans using the budgeted CORPO grant funds.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed: _____ after _____ reading. Vote: Yeas _____ Nays _____

Approved: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Public Works Committee

I, Anitra Scott, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on _____, 2026 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

Clerk of Council