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From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2025 10:36 AM
To: Dull, Breanna; Partin, Maggie; City Council Mail Group; Patrick Riley; Carrion, Rey; Bradley, Jack; Soto, Rick; Soto, Terri, Ted Kalo
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Subject: Please provide certificates of completion of the Sunshine laws training course for ALL members of council since rule 41 was written.

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Hello,

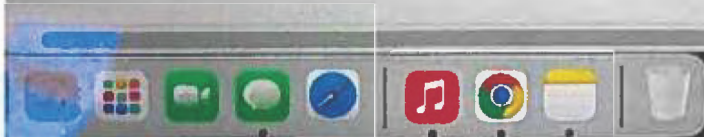
And ALL other training completions as required by Lorain City Council rule 41.

Thank you,
Garon Petty

... of any member may call him to order. The question of order shall be decided immediately and without debate.

RULE 41- Other Rules/Council Chamber

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The Chronicle-Telegram

Mar 21, 2024 1:00 AM

LORAIN — Lorain City Council recognized Women’s History Month with a resolution, and one member referenced derogatory emails from two councilmen in her remarks.

Victoria Kempton, D-2nd Ward, submitted a letter to Council regarding Women’s History Month. During Monday’s meeting, she read her letter into the record, recognizing the “invaluable contributions of women” and sharing “a troubling personal experience.”

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She wrote that in January she raised concerns about a potential Ohio Revised Code violation in an email to colleagues. She called the response she received “disheartening.”

“I was labeled ‘stupid,’ and two female colleagues supporting my position were disparaged as ‘puppets,’” she read. “... It’s a stark reminder that the patriarchy’s influence extends even to those within our own ranks, as they allowed an attack on female Council members again without intervention.”

The thread of emails, provided to The Chronicle-Telegram, started Jan. 18, from Kempton to all of Council, referenced “perceived violations of the Ohio Revised Code and the Open Meetings Act within our body.”

The concerns brought up by Kempton were about emails from Garon Petty, a Lorain resident with a history of litigation against Council, and his request for text messages between Council members during meetings.

"Whether it's a matter of awareness, forgetfulness, or differing priorities, we must address the issue at hand," Kempton wrote in her initial email. "As we tackle the challenges facing our city, it's imperative that we do so within the confines of the law. Texting or engaging in side conversations during meetings not only violates the Open Meetings Act but also has the potential to agitate citizens and create unnecessary legal challenges for our city."

Josh Thornsberry, D-8th Ward, responded by requesting an opinion on whether text messages from his employer or his wife during meetings are subject to public record. He wrote the issue was Kempton and Petty did not understand the law.

Mary Spellacy, D-7th Ward, then responded to the thread, expressing her own frustration, stating citizens requesting public records should be provided with them.

Thornsberry replied, asking for a legal opinion on whether abstaining from a vote without a conflict of interest was permitted — as Spellacy had abstained from voting on a resolution for former Councilwoman Mary Springowski, D-at large, at a Jan. 17 meeting.

"No wonder the public can't keep it straight when they have elected officials in 2 and 7 spewing their stupidity and the President thanking them for again putting out false information," Thornsberry wrote.

Tony Dimacchia, D-at large, then replied in Thornsberry's support.

"If you folks think this is a serious challenge with the city of Lorain, our city is in more trouble than I thought," Dimacchia wrote. "I thought the fact that our city leaders, by vote, fed into the negative perception that has plagued Lorain for many years was bad enough. I have been educated."

Thornsberry then advised his fellow Council members to avoid replying further, "as the Petty Puppets continue to feed him information for his frivolous lawsuits."

Thornsberry and former Council members Cory Shawver, D-7th Ward, and Springowski were subjects of a lawsuit by Petty in February 2022 alleging libel, slander and defamation. The federal lawsuit was dismissed in October 2022.

Spellacy wrote back in the text thread that she took issue with Thornsberry calling her decision stupid and alleging she is a puppet. She said his comments to her were inappropriate and disrespectful as a female member of Council with the same seat at the table as him.

The thread ended with another reply from Thornsberry again requesting a legal opinion on Spellacy's abstention on Springowski's resolution and what texts during meetings may be a public record.

"To clarify — I never called your voting decision stupid, even though it was," he wrote. "We can vote however we want. You have to answer to your voters as do I."

He went on to reference winning his seat with 75 percent of the vote versus Jackie Conrad, and previously defeating Spellacy's daughter, Natalie Rodriguez, in the 2015 general election.

"I said you are spewing stupidity by not understanding sunshine law and public records," he wrote. "So in the future please try to not twist my words. As a male member of Council, I find your comments to be very insulting."

Dimacchia and Thornsberry both declined to comment on the email thread and Kempton's comments from the March 18 meeting.

Spellacy said Wednesday that Thornsberry was "out of line."

"We just can't have that in Council," she said. "We're there to do the work of the people, so let's just work on that."

During Monday's meeting, Council voted 10-1 to receive and file Kempton's comments. Thornsberry voted against it.

A resolution recognizing Women's History Month in Lorain and all the women who served on City Council passed unanimously, but not every prior councilwoman was recognized the same.

Kempton read a list of all the women who had held seats on Council, but when it came time to recognize those in attendance on Monday, she skipped over Springowski, who was in the front row.

The oversight prompted a reaction from residents and members of United Steelworkers Local 6621 gathered in the audience.

Kempton said she did not see her in the crowd.

After the meeting, Springowski said she is comfortable with what she did as a council member and preferred to "not be petty and small-minded like that."

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Subject: Very good video on Public Records/Sunshine Laws By Aaron Knapp.

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To: Patrick Riley; Michele Beko
Subject: Fw: the article Jon Morrow

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FYI in case you haven't seen this since it is about the Law Dept.

The Corrupt Bargain: Power, Favoritism, and the Erosion of Justice in Lorain and Sheffield Lake

Has Lorainite and Ethics Activist Aaron Knapp blown the cover off of attorneys, law enforcement, and government bureaucracy Behaving Badly?



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MAR 16, 2025

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By Jon Morrow with information and tenacious investigative work provided by Aaron Knapp
In the shadow of the steel mills and the quiet streets of Lorain and Sheffield Lake, a silent transaction took place. It was not conducted in the open market, nor was it debated before the citizens whose trust and tax dollars sustain the great bureaucratic machinery of municipal government. Instead, it was an arrangement between men who believe that the levers of power exist to serve their own ambitions. A transaction of favors, cloaked in official procedure, disguised as governance.

At the center of this arrangement stands **Rocky Radeff**, a man whose partisan power straddles two cities. As the **Mayor of Sheffield Lake** and the **Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director for Lorain**, Radeff has transformed his public office into a kingdom of

Democrat influence, where justice bends to the hand of the Democrats in power in Lorain and Sheffield Lake. Across from him, **Antonio Baez**, a city councilman turned police officer in a meteoric rise that defies both legal precedent and ethical decency. The two men, bound not by duty but by mutual benefit, have orchestrated a sequence of events that calls into question the very foundation of integrity in public office.

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A Convergence of Power and Self-Interest

On February 13, 2024, **Antonio Baez**, a newly elected Lorain City Council member, was appointed as a full-time police officer in Sheffield Lake—a city where Radeff, his political benefactor, holds the highest office. Six weeks later, on March 18, 2024, Baez cast a critical vote on Ordinance 47-24, a measure that amended the Lorain City Code regarding the compensation and structure of the Lorain Law Department, the very office in which Mayor Radeff serves as Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director.

Within days of Baez’s vote on Lorain’s City Council, reports surfaced that the new ordinance would result in raises and the creation of a new position — a direct financial benefits to Radeff’s department.

Was this governance? Or was this a quid pro quo? **A favor exchanged for a favor?** The evidence suggests the latter.

Baez’s rapid appointment in Sheffield Lake—under Radeff’s executive authority—immediately raises suspicions. This was an abnormal rush and hurried process. That Baez then turned around and voted on an ordinance directly benefiting Radeff’s department only intensifies those concerns (*There is no law that Lorain’s or Sheffield Lake’s law enforcement officers need to reside within their respective cities*). The timeline of events is not a coincidence; these illegal and deliberate maneuvers were executed by men who believe the law Should not apply to them.



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Beyond this, Baez continued to cast votes on critical financial matters in Lorain—budget appropriations, ARPA fund allocations, and departmental funding decisions—despite being a full-time, classified city employee in Sheffield Lake, a clear violation of Ohio law.

*A classified employee in Ohio is a public servant bound by law to remain impartial, apolitical, and focused solely on executing government functions. **Ohio Revised Code § 124.57** explicitly prohibits such employees from engaging in partisan politics, stating: "No officer or employee in the classified service... shall take part in political campaigns other than to vote as he pleases and to express freely his political opinions." This restriction exists to prevent conflicts of interest—ensuring that those who enforce the law do not manipulate it for personal or political gain. A classified employee holding elected office is a fundamental contradiction, undermining the integrity of government by blurring the line between administration and political ambition.*

The Laws That Bind Lesser Men

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) exists not as a suggestion, but as a safeguard against precisely the kind of unethical deal making that Radeff and Baez have exercised in the “I’ll wash your back if you wash mine.” The laws are clear:

- **ORC § 124.57 - Prohibition on Partisan Political Activity for Classified Employees**

Baez’s status as a full-time police officer in Sheffield Lake renders him a classified employee, prohibited from engaging in partisan political activity—including serving as an elected city council member in Lorain. His continued votes while in uniform were a violation of state law. While Baez resigned his position on the City of Lorain’s city council amid Aaron Knapp’s investigation - the law was undoubtedly broken

- **ORC § 2921.42(A)(4) - Unlawful Interest in a Public Contract**

A public official cannot have a financial interest in a contract involving their governmental agency. Radeff’s dual role places him in an untenable conflict: as Mayor of Sheffield Lake, he oversees expenditures that benefit the City of Lorain, where he is an Assistant Prosecutor and Law Director. Radeff’s friend (Baez) benefitted from Radeff hiring him as Mayor. Radeff then benefitted from Baez’s vote on the Lorain City Council to give Radeff a raise. This is why ethically - it is improper for an elected officeholder to hire donors to their campaign, friends, family, and business associates.

- **ORC § 2921.42(A)(1) - Securing an Unauthorized Public Contract**

The alleged quid pro quo—Baez’s hiring in Sheffield Lake in exchange for his votes

benefiting Radeff's office—may constitute an abuse of authority under Ohio law, particularly given the financial entanglements between the two municipalities.

- **ORC § 102.03(D) - Using the Authority or Influence of Office**

This statute prohibits a public official from using their office to secure anything of value for themselves or their associates. Radeff's influence over Baez's hiring, coupled with Baez's votes benefiting Radeff's department, suggests at a minimum a breach of ethical conduct, and at most this law.

- **The Hatch Act (Federal Law)**

Given that Sheffield Lake, like Lorain, receives federal funding, Baez's simultaneous role as an elected official and a classified city employee may also constitute a violation of federal restrictions on political activity by municipal employees.

These statutes do not exist as mere ink on paper. They are a shield against corruption, a bulwark against the unchecked consolidation of power. And yet, for those who believe themselves above the law, they are merely obstacles to be maneuvered around.

The Ethics of Power and the Peril of Unchecked Governance

A famous author wrote of men who live not by toil and trade, but by pull—those who do not produce, but consume the labor of others through force and manipulation. The events unfolding in Lorain and Sheffield Lake are the very embodiment of this moral corruption. Radeff and Baez do not operate in the marketplace of honest governance; much like the Democrat corruption within the governments of the City of Lorain and Sheffield Lake they do not engage in the free exchange of ideas or labor. Instead, they wield power as a commodity, trading political influence like currency, securing positions, votes, and salaries through quiet, backroom deals rather than merit or public accountability.

Consider the ethical implications:

- What message does it send to the residents of Sheffield Lake that their Mayor is also a high-ranking official in a neighboring city, with direct financial and legal entanglements?
- What faith can the people of Lorain have in their government when one of their council members is simultaneously an employee of another city, casting votes that directly benefit his employer?
- What becomes of law and order when those who swear to uphold justice instead exploit their offices for personal gain?

This is not governance; it is oligarchy. It is not leadership; it is collusion. It is not law; it is the manipulation of law by those who view it as an inconvenience rather than an obligation.



We should expect our elected officials to not use their position to personally benefit themselves through a - “If you scratch my back - I’ll scratch your back.” We absolutely should request an investigation when it is our law enforcement and legal professionals that have a much higher expectation that their action should avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

In the legal profession, integrity is not merely an expectation but an obligation enshrined in the **Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct**. Rule **8.4(f)** explicitly prohibits a lawyer from engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, while Rule **1.7** warns against conflicts of interest that compromise an attorney’s independent professional judgment. These rules exist not only to prevent outright corruption but to guard against **the appearance of impropriety**—the erosion of public trust that occurs when legal professionals manipulate their positions for personal gain.

Suffice it to say - the actions that favored the two officeholders have every appearance of being unethical and illegal.

Mayor Rocky Radeff’s simultaneous roles as **Assistant Prosecutor/Law Director for Lorain** and **Mayor of Sheffield Lake** create an undeniable ethical quagmire. His influence over hiring decisions in Sheffield Lake, particularly the appointment of **Antonio Baez**, who later voted on financial matters benefiting Radeff’s department in Lorain, raises serious concerns about whether his dual positions were leveraged for political and financial advantage. Even if no explicit quid pro quo can be proven, the perception alone undermines the credibility of both offices. The Ohio Supreme Court has long recognized that **judges, prosecutors, and public officials must avoid even the semblance of self-dealing**, as public confidence in the judiciary and legal system depends on the belief that laws are applied impartially. When a legal professional skirts these ethical guardrails, it is not just a violation of conduct—it is an assault on the foundational principle that the law serves the public, not those who wield it for personal advancement.

The Path Forward: A Demand for Justice

For too long, the people have been conditioned to accept these transgressions as politics as usual, to shrug off what they see as minor corruption as a cost of doing business in government. But this is not the natural order of things. Corruption does not flourish where men of integrity stand against it.

The actions of Rocky Radeff and Antonio Baez demand more than public scrutiny; they demand legal consequence. The Ohio Ethics Commission, the Attorney General, and federal authorities must investigate, prosecute, and, if warranted, ensure that these men no longer serve in public office. If the laws of Ohio are to mean anything, if the ethical standards of

governance are to hold any weight, then this charade of power must be dismantled. While Baez did the right thing in removing himself from the Lorain City Council - Mayor Rocky Radeff is continuing serve as Mayor of Sheffield Lake, OH.

In a just world, public office is not a prize to give favors in return for favors. It is a responsibility—one that must be guarded, protected, and, when necessary, reclaimed from those who have defiled it.

Justice is not a suggestion. It is a demand. And it is time for the people of Lorain and Sheffield Lake to demand it. Mayor Radeff explain yourself or step down immediately.

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Subject: Read Council Rule 3 and 41 at the March 17, 2025 council meeting please.

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Hello Lorain city council clerks Dull, Partin and Lorain city council members.
! am requesting that council rules 3 and 41 be read at the March 17, 2025 meeting.

Also I am still waiting for my records requests about the Sunshine Laws Certificate of the Council members who have completed the training.

Thank you
Garon Petty

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From: Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 11:52 AM
To: Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty
Subject: Requests for contracts between the City of Lorain and Sheffield Lake
Attachments: DOC.pdf; DOC.pdf; DOC.pdf

Per both of your records request that Mr. Koziura responded to on January 31st, please find copies of the listed contracts: Lorain County, Ohio Amended Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement; Agreement for the Treatment of Sanitary Sewage between the Cities of Lorain, Ohio and Sheffield Lake, Ohio; and, Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lorain, Ohio the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio. There are no written contracts between the City of Lorain Municipal Court and the City of Sheffield Lake.

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 8:27 PM
To: Patrick Ward; Arredondo, Joel; Jack Bradley; Carrio, Rey; McCann, Chief; Morris, Jacob; Zaleski, Don; Bowles, Scott; Radeff, Rocky; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Riley, Patrick; Resar, Kenneth; Joseph LaVeck; Pritchard, Joseph; michele_beko@cityoflorain.org; City Council Mail Group; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty
Subject: Fwd: a person inside the chamber during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

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During a city council meeting a reporter enters the restricted area of the council chambers; is this a violation of law?

Is she going to be charged with criminal trespass?

Why is Garon F. Petty so charged and he entered on 7/1/24 after the meeting concluded to ask questions of a government official?

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Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 7:54 PM

Subject: Carissa Witch inside the Sacred Sanctuary during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

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Cc: Javier M.young; Rocky Radeff; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Don Zaleski; Kenneth Resar; Joseph LaVeck; Joseph Pritchard; michele_beko@cityoflorain.org; Jacob Morris; Chief McCann
Subject: Fwd: 'We got another one': Michigan customers seeking restitution from same contractor discover he's being charged in Ohio

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Unlicensed contractors in Lorain cause problems / where does a damaged constituent go when nobody will enforce the Ordinance in Lorain?

Why has this contractor not been prosecuted?

Can Members of City Council find out why?

Thank you.

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From: "Javier M.young" <jmarrer6@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: 'We got another one': Michigan customers seeking restitution from same contractor discover he's being charged in Ohio

Thank you Mr. Gargasz for staying alert to these issues and similar situations.

Hopefully they can show us some respect and just reply one day.

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On Mar 7, 2025, at 6:40 AM, Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com> wrote:

Consumer Fraud

Javier Young has requested prosecution of an unlicensed contractor who damaged his home in Lorain. Are you going to prosecute this contractor?

<https://www.13abc.com/2025/03/06/we-got-another-one-michigan-customers-seeking-restitution-same-contractor-discover-hes-being-charged-ohio/>

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Subject: Re: Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22

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Good morning council clerk, Please send me the certificates for the Sunshine Law Training course and any other training courses completed of all council members per council rules 41 and 149.43 ORC for the last 10 years.

Beth Henley, JoAnne Moon, Angle Arroyo, Joshua Thornsberry and Mary Springowski. Council Rules 41 is clear on the retention of records.

Please send my request ASAP.

Thank You,
Garon Petty

shall be identified in the notice and no other business shall be considered. Should the legislative authority adjourn into Executive Session during a special and/or emergency meeting, the topic shall be directly related to matters identified in the notice.

RULE 3 - Public Meetings

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RULE 4 - Committee-of-the-Whole

may be made into a Committee-of-the-Whole by a majority

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On Mar 4, 2025, at 1:30 PM, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:

Hello,

The last twenty minutes of the March 3, 2025 Lorain City Council meeting and during the whole meeting has clear violations of Ohio's Sunshine Laws 121.22 ORC. Whispering, Texting, passing notes. The Council Clerk monitors the activities of members during the meetings on a computer. Yet violations of the Ohio Sunshines Laws are not reported many times in the Council approved meeting minutes.

Council rule 41 reads, Council members will attend and complete the Sunshine Law training provided by the Ohio Attorney General and provide a certificate of completion at the end of their term. I would like a copy of all council Sunshine Laws certificates for the year of 2022 of current and past members of council which certificates are on record sent to all I have included in this Public Records Request 149.43 by Friday March 7, 2025.

Also I have observed by the Council provided Meeting on Demand videos, that many members of council violate rules 45 and 46 of Lorain City Council. Use of Electronic Devices. What punishments are provided in Lorain city council rules and the Ohio Revised Code to STOP those Observed Violations of Law?

How will Lorain City Council protect the Ohio Sunshine Laws and your Oaths to uphold the Laws of Ohio in the future?

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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Subject: Re: Public Records needed from Lorain and Sheffield Lake

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Good Morning, Please provide the records requested below per 149.43. It has been 14 days.
Thank you, Garon Petty

> On Feb 24, 2025, at 1:15 PM, Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com> wrote:
> > To ALL Lorain and Sheffield Lake Officials please send me per 149.43 ALL electronic
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From: Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 7, 2025 8:04 AM
To: City Group; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Robert J. Gargas; David O'Brien; Carissa Woytach; Patrick Riley; Tony Cillo; Jackie Conrad; Garon Petty; Brad Dicken, Sheriff Jack Hall
Cc: David Yost AG; Anthony Nici; Noelle Williams
Subject: Mercy Health

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So we wasted 50 grand to fight this?? This is one more reason you must fire James McCann. I've provided you with the crimes he committed against me and you failed to act. Now he has done it again. Great job protecting the medical professionals of Lorain City.

He is a bully and a thug.

I was Right again.

Contempt charge dismissed
Dave O'Brien and Carissa Woytach The Chronicle-Telegram

Lorain County Common Pleas Judge Giovanna Bremke has dismissed a request by the county Prosecutor's Office to hold Mercy Health Hospital in Lorain and several of its doctors in criminal contempt for refusing to retrieve suspected illegal drugs from a patient's rectum pursuant to two court-ordered search warrants in August.

A settlement in a federal lawsuit Mercy Health filed against the city of Lorain, city officials and Lorain County also is expected soon, officials said this week.

The Prosecutor's Office filed a motion in her courtroom to dismiss its own complaint, and Bremke granted that request Tuesday, according to Common Pleas Court records. The criminal contempt complaint was the subject of a six-hour hearing Feb. 27 in Bremke's courtroom.

In a filing by Assistant Prosecutor Matt Kern that asked Bremke to dismiss his office's criminal contempt request, he wrote that Mercy Health and the Prosecutor's Office "have agreed to execute a memorandum of understanding to address policies and procedures for future cavity searches."

Federal court records Thursday also said a settlement had been reached in a related lawsuit filed by Mercy Health in U.S. District Court against the city, Police Chief Jim McCann and other officials.

"The parties have confirmed an agreement to settle all matters in dispute," read an entry on the federal court docket. The parties have 30 days to consent to the agreement, according to the entry.

A copy of that settlement agreement had not been made publicly available as of The Chronicle-Telegram's deadline Thursday.

Lorain Safety/Service Director Rey Carrion told The Chronicle-Telegram in a text message that he was advised to refrain from comment until further information was available from all parties involved in the lawsuit.

County Prosecutor Tony Cillo said Thursday all the parties will release a statement soon about the matter.

The Chronicle-Telegram reached out to a Mercy Health spokesperson for comment. The newspaper had not gotten a reply as of deadline Thursday.

Mercy Health is a private, Catholic Church-affiliated health system with hospitals in Lorain, Oberlin and elsewhere. It operates the only hospital in Lorain.

Mercy Health attorneys and Kern argued in Bremke's courtroom Feb. 27 over prosecutors' attempt to hold the hospital in criminal contempt for not abiding by two court-ordered search warrants.

The search warrants ordered the hospital to search for and remove suspected drugs from patient Tony Harris. After arresting Harris, 31, on Aug. 10, Lorain police did a strip search and full body scan that led them to believe there was a baggie of suspected drugs in his rectum.

Citing medical ethics and the advice of its legal counsel, Mercy Health refused to honor a warrant approved by former Judge James Miraldi, then a second approved by Judge Christopher Rothgery.

An examination of Harris without his consent, whether with a doctor's fingers or an endoscope - a tube with a camera in it - would have been a violation of medical ethics, Mercy Health President Gil Palmer and gastroenterologist Dr. Alok Jain testified Feb. 27.

Allowing the alleged drugs or foreign object to "pass" naturally in a bowel movement was the most-acceptable alternative, Mercy Health argued. Its doctors testified they would have expected Harris to excrete any foreign objects during his stay in the hospital.

There were also concerns the baggie might rip during a physical or endoscopic examination. If it did, the drugs could have been absorbed by Harris' body and he could have died from an overdose.

The Prosecutor's Office saw it differently: Mercy Health willfully ignored a court order because its attorneys were worried about being sued, not because the hospital had a "conscientious objection" to doing a rectal exam, Kern argued in court.

Kern also suggested it could have been just as dangerous to leave a baggie of suspected drugs inside Harris, and that doctors were skilled enough to safely use an endoscope to see it and then remove it.

Harris spent nearly two days in the hospital. He consented to one CT scan and drank laxatives, but refused doctors' attempts to do a physical exam or an endoscopy. McCann eventually ordered an officer to issue Harris a summons to appear in court and release him.

No baggie of suspected drugs came out of Harris in a bowel movement, nor was it ever confirmed there were any drugs inside him. Mercy Health doctors said scans showed either a "foreign body" or simply feces.

Prosecutors charged Harris with, and he pleaded not guilty to, felony evidence tampering and obstructing official business in Common Pleas Court. He is free on bond.

Lorain police arrested Harris, a convicted cocaine trafficker, after a traffic stop on a car they saw leaving a suspected drug house early on the morning of Aug. 10.

Harris allegedly acted suspiciously before and after his arrest, and Lorain police said officers felt something in his pants that wasn't part of his anatomy. He was eventually released from the hospital and police custody on Aug. 12.

Cillo previously said that if the hospital had a problem with the warrant, it should have said so in court. A medical ethicist told The Chronicle-Telegram that Harris had the right to refuse any treatment or procedures.

Mercy Health, Palmer and Jain sued McCann, the city of Lorain and Lorain County on Dec. 31 in U.S. District Court. It alleged violations of its right to free exercise of religion, due process and equal protection violations and retaliation, among other claims.

McCann terminated the hospital's seven-year-old security police operating agreement with the city effective Jan. 1, allegedly in retaliation for its refusal to comply with the search warrants.

City officials including McCann denied the allegations in Mercy Health's lawsuit. The city allocated \$50,000 in taxpayer money to fight the lawsuit.

Contact Dave O'Brien at (440) 329-7129 or dobrien@chroniclet.com. Contact Carissa Woytach at (440) 329-7245 or cwoytach@chroniclet.com.

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Subject: Re: Public Records needed from Lorain and Sheffield Lake

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To: Lindsay Carr; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Patrick Riley; City Council Mail Group; Dull, Breanna; lcp@lcpProsecutor.org; Comer, David; Beko, Michele; Lorain Police; Partin, Maggie; Bradley, Jack; Soto, Rick; Kokoski, Lori; Arredondo, Joel
Cc: Robert J Gargas, Andrew Geronimo, JD; Aaron Knapp; Jackie Conrad; Michael Scherach; Brad Dicken; clandestinecanary; Noelle Williams; Carolyn White; Stephanie Jablonsky; Institute for Justice; Dennis Flores; Jon Morrow; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Kathryn Kennedy
Subject: Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22

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Hello,

The last twenty minutes of the March 3, 2025 Lorain City Council meeting and during the whole meeting has clear violations

of Ohio's Sunshine Laws 121.22 ORC. Whispering, Texting, passing notes.

The Council Clerk monitors the activities of members during the meetings on a computer. Yet violations of the Ohio Sunshines Laws are not reported many times in the Council approved meeting minutes.

Council rule 41 reads, Council members will attend and complete the Sunshine Law training provided by the Ohio Attorney General and provide a certificate of completion at the end of their term. I would like a copy of all council Sunshine Laws certificates for the year of 2022 of current and past members of council

which certificates are on record sent to all I have included in this Public Records Request 149.43 by Friday March 7, 2025.

Also I have observed by the Council provided Meeting on Demand videos, that many members of council violate rules 45 and 46 of Lorain City Council. Use of Electronic Devices. What punishments are provided in Lorain city council rules and the Ohio Revised Code to STOP those Observed Violations of Law?

How will Lorain City Council protect the Ohio Sunshine Laws and your Oaths to uphold the Laws of Ohio in the future?

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 12:13 AM
To: City Council Mail Group; Fbi Director; Fb: Director; Patrick Riley; Aaron Knapp
Cc: Jon Morrow; Teresa Upton; Special investigations unit State Of Ohio; auditor@loraincounty.us; Joe K Auditor; Jack Bradley; Rey Carrion; David Yost AG; Lindsay Carr; boblatta@mail.house.gov; Jim Jordan; Congressman Jim Jordan; Congresswoman Kaptur
Subject: Lorain City Politics Unplugged

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From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2025 1:36 PM
To: Patrick Ward; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Joe K Auditor; Jacob Morris; Tony Cillo; Rocky Radeff; Sheriff Jack Hall; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Scott Bowles
Cc: Garon Petty; Aaron Knapp; Office Robert J Gargasz Co LPA
Subject: Facebook

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Prosecutor Ward: Do you have the videos taken by Mary Springowski made on 7/1/2024?

Please obtain them as they will have exculpatory evidence.

We need to obtain this exculpatory evidence. If she destroyed this evidence then the case should be dismissed based upon the destruction of evidence. Why was Aaron Knapp provided the State's evidence by detective Captain Morris? Can you agree to have Lorain Police and other agents and officers stay off Mr. Knapp's real property and home? Please request authority from Mr. Riley to dismiss this case against Garon F. Petty. Robert J. Gargasz, Esq.

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Subject: Help stop the harassment!

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Lorain Politics Unplugged News Break | Aaron dives into his second subpoena in just two days, peeling back the layers of legal drama surrounding Lorain's political scene. | By Aaron | Good morning there, Lorain City. Hey, Aaron Knapp here. It is Thursday. Thursday, Thursday. Hey, I just wanted to do a quick live. I was trying to schedule a video for YouTube but unfortunately, it wouldn't it wouldn't play out. This is unannounced. Um I don't expect a lot of people to pop in and see it but you will see it after the fact in the feed. Um so today, I got my second of the subpoenas and so, today, a sergeant from the LPD showed up in my house. With a copy of this subpoena to serve me a now second time. So, even after I've mailed them all, even after my attorney has reached out to them, even after I've told them numerous

times, they don't have what they're asking me to produce. Even after I messaged the judge and god knows everyone else, they came to my house a second time this morning at eight
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Subject: RE: Subpoena
Attachments: Subpoena Response.pdf

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Subject: Supreme Court Orders Retrial of Oklahoma Death Row Inmate | The Epoch Times

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“We are thankful that a clear majority of the court supports long-standing precedent that **prosecutors cannot hide critical evidence from defense lawyers and cannot stand by while their witnesses knowingly lie to the jury,**” Knight told The Epoch Times.

Look at the lies your presenting to a jury/court.

Look at the lies that have been presented to Judge Elwell? How do you correct it?

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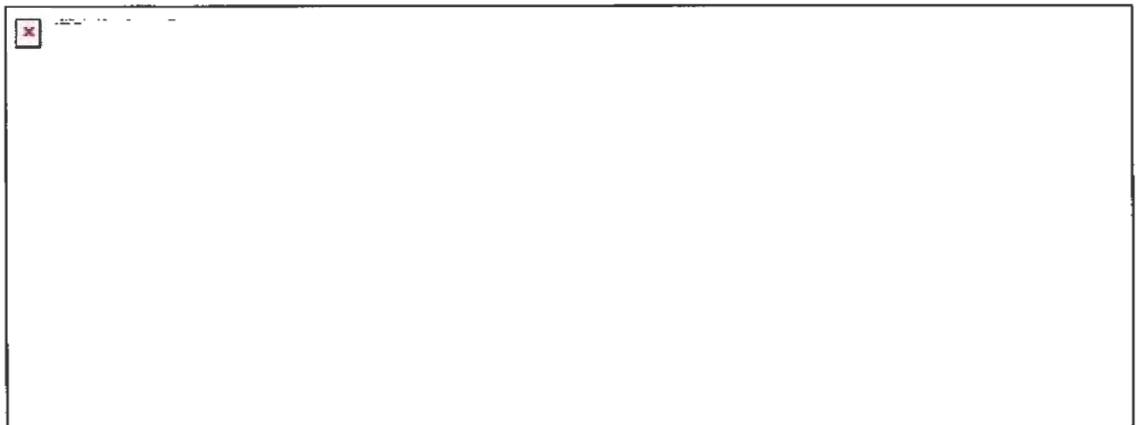
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For Immediate Release
Feb. 24, 2025



State Investing More Than \$1.5 Million to Support Business Expansion Projects

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – The Ohio Department of Development today announced the release of more than \$1.5 million through the [Regional 166 Direct Loan Program](#), which promotes economic development, job creation, and retention by providing low-interest loans to businesses with limited access to adequate capital from private funding sources.

Rylanda Real Estate Development, LLC will receive **\$1 million** to assist in financing the construction of an 18,000-square-foot building at 1310 West Fourth Street in **Mansfield (Richland County)**. Rylanda Real Estate Development, LLC is a real estate holding company that will lease the project real estate to NCF CIM Fabricators, LLC, a steel fabricator that provides structural steel and metal products for several industries. The project, which has an approximate total cost of \$3 million, will create 10 new full-time-equivalent jobs and retain 43 existing jobs.

Premier Warehouse and Storage, LLC will receive **\$318,750** to assist in financing the purchase of a 9,600-square-foot commercial property at 2651 Cougar Street NE in **Canton (Stark County)**. Premier Warehouse and Storage, LLC is a real estate holding company that will lease the project real estate to Lutz Landscaping and Management, Inc., a full-service lawn and landscaping company providing services exclusively to commercial companies. The project, which has an approximate total cost of \$425,000, will create three new full-time-equivalent jobs and retain 10 existing jobs.

Maumee Valley Restaurant Group LLC will receive **\$205,413** to assist in financing the purchase of new equipment at 25661 Fort Meigs Road, Suite E, in **Perrysburg (Wood County)**. Maumee Valley Restaurant Group LLC, which does business as Extra Virgin Food Services, is a food service company providing catering and vending needs and preparation to companies and organizations across northwest Ohio. The project, which has an approximate total cost of \$273,885, will create two new full-time-equivalent jobs and retain 32 existing jobs.

Through the Regional 166 program, eligible projects include those related to industry, commerce, and distribution or research activities, with loans up to \$1 million. Priority may be given to eligible projects with higher wages and job creation commitments in a distressed area of the state. A special loan dollar-to-job ratio is not required.

The program utilizes seven local economic development agencies to underwrite and help administer the program across the state, with locations in Akron (Cascade Capital Corporation), Cambridge (Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association), Cincinnati (Alloy Development Co., Inc.), Columbus (Ohio Statewide Development Corporation), Lima (Anchor Financial Services), Toledo (Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority), and Youngstown (Valley Economic Development Partners, Inc.). Businesses may not proceed with a project until receiving approval through the Ohio Controlling Board.

For more information about how to apply and to find out if a project is eligible, go to the [Regional 166 Direct Loan Program](#) page.

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For more information, contact:
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Cc: City Group
Subject: Fwd: ATTENTION SI Phillip Langston Please see attached requested materials
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To: ethics@ethics.ohio.gov <ethics@ethics.ohio.gov>; brian.ring@ethics.ohio.gov <brian.ring@ethics.ohio.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 12:08:28 PM EDT
Subject: ATTENTION SI Phillip Langston Please see attached requested materials

Beko, Michele

From: Beko, Michele <Michele_Beko@cityoflorain.org>
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2025 11:52 AM
To: Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty
Subject: Requests for contracts between the City of Lorain and Sheffield Lake
Attachments: DOC.pdf; DOC.pdf; DOC.pdf

Per both of your records request that Mr. Koziura responded to on January 31st, please find copies of the listed contracts: Lorain County, Ohio Amended Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement; Agreement for the Treatment of Sanitary Sewage between the Cities of Lorain, Ohio and Sheffield Lake, Ohio; and, Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lorain, Ohio the City of Sheffield Lake, Ohio. There are no written contracts between the City of Lorain Municipal Court and the City of Sheffield Lake.

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Beko, Michele

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 10:36 AM
To: Partin, Maggie; Dull, Breanna; City Council Mail Group; Joel Arredondo
Cc: Bradley, Jack; Patrick Riley; Harper, Anita; Soto, Terri; Soto, Rick; Robert J Gargas; Aaron Knapp; Carissa Woytach; Darryl Tucker; Brad Dicken; Michael Scherach; Jackie Conrad; jeanne Petty; rebecca kempton; mark campolo; Mike Mason; Dennis Flores; Kathryn Kennedy; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Andrew Geronimo, JD; clandestinecanary; Clevescene; Noelle Williams; Fox 8; Stephanie Jablonsky; Institute for Justice
Subject: Read Council Rule 3 and 41 at the March 17, 2025 council meeting please.

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Hello Lorain city council clerks Dull, Partin and Lorain city council members.
I am requesting that council rules 3 and 41 be read at the March 17, 2025 meeting.

Also I am still waiting for my records requests about the Sunshine Laws Certificate of the Council members who have completed the training.

Thank you
Garon Petty

Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2025 8:27 PM
To: Patrick Ward; Arredondo, Joel; Jack Bradley; Carrio, Rey; McCann, Chief; Morris, Jacob; Zaleski, Don; Bowles, Scott; Radeff, Rocky; Mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Riley, Patrick; Resar, Kenneth; Joseph LaVeck; Pritchard, Joseph; michele_beko@cityoflorain.org; City Council Mail Group; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty
Subject: Fwd: a person inside the chamber during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

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During a city council meeting a reporter enters the restricted area of the council chambers; is this a violation of law?

Is she going to be charged with criminal trespass?

Why is Garon F. Petty so charged and he entered on 7/1/24 after the meeting concluded to ask questions of a government official?

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From: **Garon Petty** <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 10, 2025 at 7:54 PM

Subject: Carissa Witch inside the Sacred Sanctuary during a committee meeting of Lorain City Council.

To: Robert J Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>, Aaron Knapp <a4xbeaverman@yahoo.com>, Michael Scherach <mjscherach.law@centurytel.net>, Andrew Geronimo, JD <andrew.geronimo@case.edu>, Jackie Conrad <botanist62@hotmail.com>, <VEK6173@aol.com>, rebecca kempton <REK5767@aol.com>



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Beko, Michele

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 1:31 PM
To: Lindsay Carr; David Yost AG; ethics@ethics.ohio.gov; Patrick Riley; City Council Mail Group; Dull, Breanna; lcp@lcpProsecutor.org; Comer, David; Beko, Michele; Lorain Police; Partin, Maggie; Bradley, Jack; Soto, Rick; Kokoski, Lori; Arredondo, Joel
Cc: Robert J Gargas; Andrew Geronimo, JD; Aaron Knapp; Jackie Conrad; Michael Scherach; Brad Dicken; clandestinecanary; Noelle Williams; Carolyn White; Stephanie Jablonsky; Institute for Justice; Dennis Flores; Jon Morrow; Jonathan.Schuppe@nbcuni.com; sandemeilander@yahoo.com; Elsebeth Baumgartner; Kathryn Kennedy
Subject: Violations of Ohio Sunshine Law 121.22

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Hello,

The last twenty minutes of the March 3, 2025 Lorain City Council meeting and during the whole meeting has clear violations

of Ohio's Sunshine Laws 121.22 ORC. Whispering, Texting, passing notes.

The Council Clerk monitors the activities of members during the meetings on a computer. Yet violations of the Ohio Sunshines Laws are not reported many times in the Council approved meeting minutes.

Council rule 41 reads, Council members will attend and complete the Sunshine Law training provided by the Ohio Attorney General and provide a certificate of completion at the end of their term. I would like a copy of all council Sunshine Laws certificates for the year of 2022 of current and past members of council

which certificates are on record sent to all I have included in this Public Records Request 149.43 by Friday March 7, 2025.

Also I have observed by the Council provided Meeting on Demand videos, that many members of council violate rules 45 and 46 of Lorain City Council. Use of Electronic Devices. What punishments are provided in Lorain city council rules and the Ohio Revised Code to STOP those Observed Violations of Law?

How will Lorain City Council protect the Ohio Sunshine Laws and your Oaths to uphold the Laws of Ohio in the future?

Thank you,
Garon Petty

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Beko, Michele

From: Robert J. Gargasz <rjgargasz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:16 PM
To: Patrick Ward; Patrick Riley; Rey Carrion; Jack Bradley; Joel Arredondo; Don Zaleski; Joe K Auditor; Jacob Morris; Tony Cillo; Rocky Radeff; Aaron Knapp; Garon Petty; Sheriff Jack Hall; Mary_springowski@cityoflorain.org; jeanne Petty; Michael Scherach
Subject: Supreme Court Orders Retrial of Oklahoma Death Row Inmate | The Epoch Times

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“We are thankful that a clear majority of the court supports long-standing precedent that **prosecutors cannot hide critical evidence from defense lawyers and cannot stand by while their witnesses knowingly lie** to the jury,” Knight told The Epoch Times.

Look at the lies your presenting to a jury/court.

Look at the lies that have been presented to Judge Elwell? How do you correct it?

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/us/supreme-court-orders-retrial-of-oklahoma-death-row-inmate-5815238>

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Beko, Michele

From: Garon Petty <garonpetty@roadrunner.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:30 PM
To: Bradley, Jack; Patrick Riley; Joseph LaVeck; McCann, James - Chief; Jacob Morris; mallory_holmes@cityoflorain.org; Zaleski, Don; Beko, Michele; Rocky_Radef@cityoflorain.org; Soto, Rick; Soto, Terri; Joe K Auditor; Ted Kalo; City Council Mail Group; Harper, Anita; Carrion, Rey
Cc: Robert J Gargas; Aaron Knapp; Michael Scherach; Andrew Geronimo, JD; Bradley, Jack; lcp@lcprosecutor.org; Sheriff Jack Hall; mark campolo; Dennis Flores; Mike.Brosky@fflorain.bank; Mike Mason; Brad Dicken; Denise Wilms; Jackie Conrad; rebecca kempton; Tom Niewulis; Jon Morrow; Jim Dowdell; Jim Renacci; Darryl Tucker; Carissa Woytach; Lindsay Carr
Subject: Police are supposed to be at Monday meetings in Full Gear? Make it Happen?
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