



**City of Willowick  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, May 02, 2023 at 7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

1. The Ninth Meeting of Council Called to Order at 7:31 pm.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT**

Council President Robert Patton  
Ward 1 Councilwoman Monica Koudela  
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic  
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh  
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee  
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta  
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

**Also Present:** Service Director Shannon; Doreen Nevulis for Recreation Director Kless; Engineer McLaughlin; Finance Director Benedict; Mayor Vanni; Law Director Landgraf; Police Chief Turner; Fire Chief Malovhr; Building Chief Brennan and Council Clerk Morgan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. A Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

**Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

**APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

3. A Proclamation Recognizing James Keough as Eagle Scout (with Presentation)

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

None

**REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR**

Mayor Vanni attended a NOPEC webinar to reiterate the transition with a cutoff date of 5/2/2023. However, residents can opt out at any time. NOPEC to be guaranteeing 6.45 cents per kWh beginning 6/1/2023. No figures for gas rates but last day to opt out is 5/10/2023. Residents are asked to either fax, mail or email as opposed to calling due to extended hold times. NOPEC also has small business loan programs called PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) for bigger loans and STEP (Savings Through Efficiency Program) for smaller loans which are based on a business' energy efficient ideas.

Reminder of Heart Walk scheduled for June 3, 2023.

Wednesday May 17, 2023 is the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Create-A-Space at 11:30am.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT**

President Patton reaffirmed the automatic re-enrollment of all residents in NOPEC and the only action taken is to opt out of the program.

**GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials****Service Director – Todd Shannon**

Monthly report submitted. Director Shannon to meet with LakeTran on Thursday (May 4) to finalize details for CDL pilot program for City to participate. Shoreland lights are going in but are still on back order. Awaiting the big unit to complete HVAC project at community center and a tentative completion of May 12. Also, continuing the improvements at the fire station.

**Recreation Director – Doreen Nevulis for Director Kless**

Concert contracts on the agenda for five performances this year. Regarding the motion for the intercom system for the Senior Center, is not a contract. This item has already been budgeted with the discretionary levy funds and a requisition. Motion to be amended for the authorization of \$8,610.00 to Great Lakes Telecom & Electric, LLC for intercom system. Reminder of Clean up the Park on Saturday May 6, 2023 at 8am. Also on agenda are the Summer Program contracts with Ohio Mobile Games.

**City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin**

Streets and sewer meeting held prior to council meeting.

**Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict**

No report

**Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf**

At the request of Councilwoman Antosh, Director Landgraf went over the submerged land lease resolutions on the agenda describing the private landowners required leases by the Dept. of Natural Resources who intends to build an erosion measures in the lake and that the City does not need these areas for any public purpose.

**Police Chief – Brian Turner**

Monthly report submitted.

**Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh**

Monthly report submitted.

Councilman Malta inquired about the fire secretary, Lisa Hudson's progress after surgery. Chief stated she was doing well.

**Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan**

Monthly report submitted.

**WARD MATTERS**

None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Mike Bowen 472 E. 319th St.** mentioned he collects unusual and historic items (he presented on the lectern a brick from the old Willowbeach Amusement Park, which he dug up on cliffside). Mr. Bowen asked if he could have the glass doorknobs from the house currently set for demolition. Also, for permission to look for other items, to add to his collection for future display.

Chief Brennan mentioned he try and put Mr. Bowen in touch with the contractor in charge of the demolition. President Patton explained to Mr. Bowen that he would not be able to go into the house as that would be a liability issue, but will look at legal ways to distract those pieces from the house.

**Phil Dettering (sp) 469 Bayridge Blvd.** had several questions, which included an update on crime statistics from Councilman Mohorcic and Chief Turner. The steps taken regarding the disrespectful children inside and outside the recreation center, which he considers a safety issue that should have received high priority. The position of assistant fire chief and what that person's job would entail. An update on a new firehouse, police station and city hall. Can there be further explanation as to what payments are for, not just who received payment, and whether it is budgeted money? Also, a request for councilmembers to have microphones.

Regarding the first question, Councilman Mohorcic explained he emailed the crime stats to Mr. Dettering on March 8, but he could resend. With respect to the disrespectful children, a meeting Mayor Vanni held a meeting with Chief Turner and Director Kless with a plan of action that involves upping police presence during the summer. Chief Malovhr addressed the resident about an assistant fire chief who would stand in for Chief if he were unavailable. Mayor Vanni discussed the completed lakefront development study and he is working on a new location, the funds and pursuing grants to develop the lakefront area with small retail and residential. That starts with moving the municipal buildings. President Patton mentioned that the full legislation and council packet is on the website every Friday, which explains in detail how budget funds are spent. Mr. Dettering asked for a small snippet more between the agenda and the legislation. President Patton stated this could be discussed. Finally, regarding the microphones for council members, President Patton explained the sound system is not operational. Commissioner Regovich mentioned the wiring would need redone through concrete floor and they tabled the idea due to costs. Mayor Vanni noted that the city does not want to put any unnecessary money into a building that may move in the next couple of years.

**Rich Regovich, Lake County Commissioner**, shared he put through a Workforce Development Initiative hub at Lakeland Community College to help all school districts in Lake County provide hands on training in schools for trades (welding, nursing, police, fire, etc.) needed to improve economic development within the county. This is to include a loan program for businesses coming in rather than going through a bank. With the inquiry of the Mayor and Finance Director regarding ARPA funds through the county, Commissioner Regovich announced the 327th Street project was signed off and approved and will be voted on Thursday (May 4) with an expected unanimous vote of \$410,000 (city's portion of this project). The Fairway project is in legal now.

Councilman Malta complimented Commissioner Regovich on remembering the city and coming through for them when others did not. Mayor Vanni echoed the sentiment.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance – Bisbee, Koudela, Mohorcic**

No Report

**Safety** – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

No Report

**Service, Utilities & Public Lands** – Malta, Phares, Bisbee

No Report

**Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers** – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

Street-Meeting held on May 2 before council meeting to discuss codified ordinances 921-11 & 12, the up and coming street programs and the future of 305th Street and Vine Street.

**Tax Compliance** – Koudela, Antosh, Patton

No Report

**Moral Claims** – Antosh, Phares, Patton

No Report

**Budget** – Koudela, Bisbee, Mohorcic

No Report

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Koudela

No Report

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – Koudela/Alternate Mohorcic

No Report

**Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board** – Antosh, Phares

No Report

**Recreation Board** – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

No Report

**Plan Review Board** – Antosh

Councilwoman Antosh mentioned the preliminary changes to include the Tesla charging station at Shoregate on Lakeshore by GetGo; Aaron's closing their stores in Euclid and Eastlake to move to Shoregate; Dollar Tree coming to Northshore Mall; the former Taco Bell will become a gaming station called One Oak Tree, LLC, dba Winner's Paradise.

**Hearts & Hammers** – Malta

Reminder of park clean ups (May 6) and the yards that are taken care of in the spring. High school seniors along with up and coming seniors can get service hours required for graduation.

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**CONTRACT APPROVALS**

None

**INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION****4. Amended Ordinance No. 2023-13**

An Amended Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2005-64 Establishing the Compensation for the Position of Mayor of the City of Willowick, Repealing Certain Ordinances

**1st Reading 4/18/2023; 2nd Reading 5/2/2023**

**5. Amended Ordinance No. 2023-14**

An Amended Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2023-3 Providing for the Compensation of the Appointed Officials and Certain Other Employees of the City, Repealing Certain Ordinance

**1st Reading 4/18/2023; 2nd Reading 5/2/2023**

**6. Ordinance No. 2023-15**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 549 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Weapons and Explosives;" Specifically, Section 549.10 titled "Fireworks," and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

**7. Resolution No. 2023-21**

A Resolution Setting Forth No Objection to the Submerged Land Lease and Proposed Shore Structure Application for Real Property Located at 31925 Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio, owned by Robert and Eileen Elias, and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

8. Resolution No. 2023-22

A Resolution Setting Forth No Objection to the Submerged Land Lease and Proposed Shore Structure Application for Real Property Located at 31927 Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio, owned by Nikolas and Laura Janek, and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

9. Resolution No. 2023-23

A Resolution Setting Forth No Objection to the Submerged Land Lease and Proposed Shore Structure Application for Real Property Located at 32001 Lakeshore Boulevard, Willowick, Ohio, owned by B. Michael Baruschke Trust, and Declaring an Emergency

**Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motions Carried**

#### MISCELLANEOUS

10. Motion Authorizing CT Consultants to Prepare Specifications, Details, and Bid Documents, Advertise and Obtain Bids, and Provide Construction Administration Services for the Fairway Storm Sewer Repair Project for a Fee of \$75,000 in Accordance with the Agreement for Engineering Service

**TABLED Since 3/31/2023**

11. A Motion Allowing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for the Use of Inflatables for Summer Camp in the City of Willowick on July 6, 2023

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares



**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

12. A Motion Allowing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for the Use of Inflatables for Summer Camp in the City of Willowick on July 19, 2023

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

13. A Motion Allowing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ohio Mobile Gaming for the Use of Inflatables for Summer Camp in the City of Willowick on July 22, 2023

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

14. Motion to Approve the Operation of a Tesla Supercharger Station at 30280 Lakeshore Boulevard between the Hours of 1:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M. Pursuant to Codified Ordinance 755.09

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

15. Motion Requesting Council to Approve the Recommendation of the Planning Commission for the Luxury Brand Party Company/Top Designer Landscaping to be Located at 30509 Euclid Avenue, Willowick, Ohio

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

16. Motion Requesting Council to Approve the Recommendation of the Planning Commission for Modern Suds Laundromat to be Located at 30437 Euclid Avenue, Willowick, Ohio

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

17. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with The Rebeats Band/RSM Productions, LLC, in the amount of \$900.00 and to Perform on June 25, 2023, in the 2023 Summer Concert Series, at Lakefront Lodge Park

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

18. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with The Swamp Rattlers, in the amount of \$550.00 and to Perform July 9, 2023, in the 2023 Summer Concert Series, at Lakefront Lodge Park

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

19. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Funkology, in the amount of \$850.00 and to Perform on July 16, 2023, in the 2023 Summer Concert Series, at Lakefront Lodge Park

**Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

20. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Ron Sluga & Friends, in the amount of \$500.00 and to Perform on July 23, 2023, in the 2023 Summer Concert Series at Lakefront Lodge Park

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

21. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Stratford Hill Band, in the amount of \$600.00 and to Perform on July 30, 2023, in the 2023 Summer Concert Series at Lakefront Lodge Park

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

22. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Great Lakes Telecom & Electric, LLC, in the amount of \$8,610.00 for the Necessary Labor and Materials to Install the Intercom System for the Senior Center

***Amended to read: Motion Authorizing the Expenditure in the Amount of \$8,610.00 to Great Lakes Telecom & Electric, LLC, for the Necessary Labor and Materials to Install the Intercom System for the Senior Center.***

**Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares



**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

23. Motion for Council to Approve Vacating the Regular Council Meeting on Scheduled for July 4, 2023

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

24. Motion for Council to Approve Vacating the Regular Council Meeting Scheduled for August 1, 2023

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried****PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Jean Bowen 472 E. 319th Street** inquired about the newly adopted Ordinance 2023-15, regarding fireworks, and if this was to deter people from having backyard fireworks. She also asked about the Tesla charging stations at Shoregate.

Councilwoman Antosh mentioned that the State of Ohio agreed to allow fireworks however, the City ordinance overrides the State and individuals become confused. Fireworks are not allowed within the city limits. Safety Committee went over the ordinance to allow the discharging of fireworks to be a minor misdemeanor citing the homeowner and not the person who detonates the device. Fines and penalties will increase with each offense. In regards to the charging stations, the plan is to utilize twelve spots for Tesla vehicles but may have an adapter for other vehicles. The ordinance is for a waiver to allow for quick charging between 1am and 5am.

**Commissioner Rich Regovich** noted for the recorded regarding the fire station that there are less than three studies going back 15 years or more indicating the fire station is inadequate and was built incorrectly from the beginning. Regardless of what happens with any of the other properties, the fire station will need addressed in the next few years.

**ADJOURNMENT****Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.**

Voting Yea: Council President Patton, Ward 1 Councilwoman Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned @ 8:36pm**

ATTEST:

  
Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

  
Robert Patton, President of Council