



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Tenth Meeting of Council was Called to Order by President Koudela at 7:30pm

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Devon McFarland
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also Present: Mayor Vanni; Director Benedict; Director Landgraf; Chief Malovrh; Chief Daubenmire; Director Shannon; Engineer McLaughlin and Clerk Morgan

Absent: Director Kless; Chief Brennan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. Oath of Office for Darius Petraitis Administered by Mayor Vanni
3. Oath of Office for Daniel Eckenrode Administered by Mayor Vanni

4. Recognition of Charlotte Kreeger from Lake County Commissioners Read by Councilman Malta.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

5. Administrative Appeals No 2024-4 (Heister)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 2' Height to Install a Tool Shed that is 12' in Height from Grad in the Application of Section 1171.02(c) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussions; Motions Carried

6. Administrative Appeals No. 2024-5 (Colegado)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception to Install an Air Conditioning Unit in the Side Yard 20' from the Side Property Line in the Application of Section 1167.01 (c)(i)(ii)(iii) of the Codified Ordinance in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

7. Administrative Appeals No. 2024-6 (Colegado)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception to Install a Generator in the Side Yard 20' from the Side Property Line in the Application of Section 1133.16(c) of the Codified Ordinance in Board of Zoning Appeals

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

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor reported the Budget Committee met last Thursday at Auburn Career Center and provided council a copy of the formula. He asked if there are any question regarding the documents please ask. This formula is ready to go. There is to be one more meeting to iron out the last issue regarding plans for the MetroParks. The formula is set up where the City will receive no less than 90% every year of the 2024 base allocation or an amount based on population. Willowick has stability now with a 10-year plan, which will be easier to budget. This committee was put together to do the work after the auditor explained this situation rose from a legal issue arguing the 1982 formula was invalid. It appears before every council in the county. With preliminary talks regarding moving forward with the Metroparks, it will come off the top costing each city \$4,000-\$5,000.

Health insurance increased 11.4% and dental increased 5%, which was better than the budgeted 20% increase, so no changes to be made in coverage. Motions on the agenda.

Mayor reported another hit and run in the area of Dudley. Director Kless, Director Shannon and Mayor met to discuss a crosswalk in that area similar to the one at St. Mary Magdalene.

The first CDL program with LakeTran was a success with one employee passing and a second to test Thursday.

Special commendation to Johnny DiFranco for the work on the Veterans' Monuments at Route 2 and E. 305th Street and will soon complete the one displayed at the fire station.

Mayor attended the Senior of the Year Event at the Great Lakes Mall for the Lake County Council on Aging. The Honoree for Willowick is Sheila Dureiko.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Regarding the local government fund, Councilman Phares asked if the funds listed are the city's portion. Mayor stated that will be what the city receives in 2024 and is an estimated total that could change.

Councilwoman Bisbee added the formulas are not to be modified and it needs to be in place by August. She also thanked the Mayor for coming to opening day.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Director Shannon reported the road program is moving along and should be done in a month. Regarding the stop sign reported at last meeting; he is working with the

manufacturer, as there appears to be a malfunction and is still under warranty. He also commended Johnny as well for the work done on the veterans' memorials.

Councilwoman Bisbee inquired about the siding at Dudley pool house that has been missing for a while and asked when it will be replaced as sports and camp will beginning. Director Shannon noted he will look into it but does not have a timeframe.

Councilman Malta mentioned that a resident on Gilchrest has utilized her recycle bin for yard waste for the last 12 years and Kimble has stopped picking it up. He asked Director Shannon to look into it. In addition, the light is out at 173 E. 286th Street.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Absent

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin reported of upcoming bids. One bid for the generator project at the Senior Center, which will be going out next week. Second is the E. 305th Sewer Project will be going out in late June. The SS4A (Safe Streets 4 All) has been submitted for comprehensive safety study for future infrastructure projects and will allow the city to apply for federal grants. In addition, he will be submitting pre-applications for OPWC for Forest Road and Lakeshore Boulevard.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

None

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

None

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

None

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

None

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Absent

WARD MATTERS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

b) Council response to the public

c) Public clarification (30 seconds to 1 minute for the purpose of restating or rearticulating an original question, concern, suggestion or idea)

Jean Bowen 472 E. 319th Street commended Councilman Malta on his work for the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument in addition to commending the work done on the memorial at Route 2 and E. 305th Street.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**Finance** – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

None

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Councilman Phares mentioned the Safety Committee meeting prior to council meeting to discuss fire department staffing. Finance department will review funds prior to the scheduling of the next committee meeting to discuss recommendations for council.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares, McFarland

None

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Malta

None

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Councilwoman Antosh notified of one claim to be heard at the meeting scheduled for June 4 at 6:45pm.

Councilman Phares asked if the moral claims committee can be abolished. Director Landgraff noted they could do so. While some cities have this committee, some do not. The matter can be discussed amongst council and established in the ordinances to do away with the panel. Councilwoman Antosh noted this can be discussed.

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

None

LIAISON REPORTS**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

None

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

None

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

None

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

None

Plan Review Board – Antosh

Councilwoman Antosh reported no new businesses for the city in the last two months.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

8. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Spectrum Enterprise in the Monthly Amount of \$39.99 for 13 Static IP Addresses

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

9. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a One Year Contract Commencing July 1, 2024, with Cigna Healthcare for Health Insurance Coverage for All Eligible City Employees for an Estimated Month Premium of \$140,673.00

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

10. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Two-Year Contract Commencing July 1, 2024, with Cigna Healthcare for Dental Insurance Coverage for All Eligible City Employees for an Estimated Month Premium of \$37,346.00

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

11. Resolution No. 2024-28

A Resolution Appointing Willoughby City Council President Robert E. Carr to the Lake County 911 Program Review Committee Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06(A)(5), and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to table made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

Tabled by request of Mayor Vanni. He reported that some information came to him from Mayor Fiala and the County, which is currently in the hands of the county prosecutor.

No Further Discussion; Motion Carried

12. Resolution No. 2024-29

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Health & Fitness, Inc., in the Amount of \$4,825.60 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, 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 McFarland.

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

Councilman Phares inquired what this bill was and he was informed the fire departments treadmill. (Invoice was provided prior to meeting).

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried

13. Resolution No. 2024-30

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Treasurer, State of Ohio in the Amount of \$36,223.48 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, 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 McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

14. Resolution No. 2024-31

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Ciuni & Panichi in the Amount of \$16,500.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

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

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman

McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

15. Resolution No. 2024-32

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to City of Euclid in the Amount of \$345,322.56 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, 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 3 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

16. Ordinance No. 2024-26

An Ordinance Authorizing the Return of Advanced Funds from the E. 327th St. Phase 2 Sewer Improvement Fund (431) to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$420,000.00 and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

Motion to adopt made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of Funds to All State Glass in the Amount of \$11,880.00 for the Purchase and Installation of Windows in the Willowick Fire Department

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, 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 Enroll in the Group-Retrospective-Rating Program for Workers' Compensation Premium for Policy Year 2025 at a Projected Premium Cost of \$145,078.00

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

19. Motion Authorizing an Expenditure to Felicia & Robert Adams in the Amount of \$11,268.86 for the Refund of Escrowed Insurance Proceeds for the Fire at 540 Dickerson Road

Motion to approve made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman Malta inquired if the restaurant Hundred Flowers is closed. Mayor Vanni confirmed they did close possibly in the fall. There was an individual working attempting to set up another restaurant. Mayor asked Chief Brennan to investigate, paperwork provided but no one has returned.

Councilman Malta reminded of the Festival at St. Mary Magdalene beginning May 30-June 2 and the parade also happening on June 2.

He also noted the GSFMM meeting tomorrow at the American Legion beginning at 6:00pm.

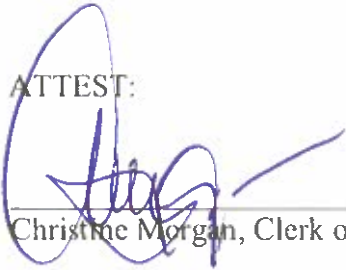
ADJOURNMENT

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm

ATTEST:


Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council


Monica Koudela, Council President