



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 05, 2023 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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AMENDED MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. The Fifteenth Meeting of Council opened by President Koudela at 7:31pm

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Tom Loncala
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 Shannon, Director Nevulis, Engineer McLaughlin, Prosecutor Gwartz, Director Benedict, Chief Daubenmire, Chief Malovrh, Chief Brennan, Clerk Morgan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. **Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 15, 2023, Regular Council Meeting**
Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares
Voting Abstaining: Ward 1 Councilman Loncala
No Discussion; Motion Carried
3. **Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 24, 2023, Emergency Special Council Meeting**
Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

Voting Abstaining: Ward 1 Councilman Loncala

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

4. A Proclamation Recognizing Emerson Hren

Read and Presented by Councilman Malta

5. Motion to Appoint Nikolas Janek to the Lake County Board of Health for a Term Ending December 31, 2025

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Oath of Office Administered by Mayor Vanni

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni began the discussion of the incidents of August 23, 2023 between the collapse at Shoregate Towers and the torrential rainfall received with commending the fire, police, service and building departments for their incredible work and service. Officers Bruno, Kravos and Baker did extraordinary work rescuing the two individuals from their vehicles following the garage collapse. Mayor assured residents that the city has been on top of the situations, with citations from our building department, fire department, police department and Lake County Housing over the last few years. He briefly mentioned the bench trial to be further explained by prosecutor. The city will continue to cite the owners for any building, property and fire codes. Mayor has taken every complaint seriously and has spoken to a number of residents to assure the city is doing everything legally possible as his first priority as Mayor. The city continues to work with Metropolitan Housing, Lake County Health, Fair Housing, etc. The property was turned back over to the owners and cited for all that needs completed before people can retrieve their cars. Until the property owners notify with an engineer's report that the area is safe, the city cannot do anything about resident vehicles.

Regarding the floods, the department heads will go into more detail but residents are encouraged to call in if their basements flood. The city has put in \$9.7 million in sewer rehabilitation improvements since 2008 and the city will be receiving more to continue the necessary improvements. Crews are continuing and they are going as fast as they can with the work. There is continuous investigating to receive more money.

Mayor attended the grand opening of Goodwill at Shoregate Shopping Center.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None

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

Electronic report submitted. Director Shannon touched on the rainfall and wind received on August 23 & 24, leading to basement flooding throughout the city. Crews were actively collecting damaged items and tree limbs on neighborhood tree lawns. The department continues to investigate why certain areas flood and why others are not.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Director on Vacation

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin noted the items on the agenda (OPWC and additional funds for inspection of E. 327th street). The Fairway pre-bid took place earlier in the day and bidding will take place August 15 at noon. The report of the last 15 years Public Sewer improvements. Approximately \$10 million worth of work has taken place and a lot has been concentrated in one area of the city beginning with E. 326th to the Willowick border of Eastlake and E. 330th. This is primarily the worst area with the most violations from the Lake County Board of Health with waters in basements and cross contamination between the two sewers. There has been some success and the focus can now be on more large-scale projects.

Point of Sale (POS) inspections has shown a reduction in failures since 2000. Smoke testing shows where the problems are originating with most mapped as private property.

Councilman Phares asked for the best estimate of time to fix the sewer lines. Engineer McLaughlin explained that at the current rate, 1% of the sanitary sewer system per year and does not include the storm system.

Concerning the POS failure rate in the right of way, President Koudela asked for explanation. Engineer McLaughlin noted it was only related to the sewers and not anything with the rest of the POS inspections. Failures in the public right of way means there is an issue between clean out and the sewer has failed. Further, by Madam President, in everyone's yard, there is a test tee and from that point to the house is the responsibility of the home owner where the majority of the POS failures occur. The tee to the street is the responsibility of the city is a small percentage of the total failures.

Councilwoman Bisbee requested a map that shows the personal property and the city's portion from the smoke test. Engineer agreed to provide. She noted that questions arose regarding issues that happened after the smoke test. The smoke test did not affect the lines and the problems that appeared during that time were purely coincidental. Engineer confirmed as correct.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No Report

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz for Stephanie Landgraf

Prosecutor Gwartz discussed the legal hurdles regarding Shoregate Towers and the owners filing an appeal. Of the 32 counts filed, they were charged with 15 counts, fined \$1,000 per count for a total of \$15,000. To date, only a \$50 payment had been made. Building Department continues to cite multiple issues including trash and fallen balcony guards, which had not been corrected leading to another complaint filed in court against both owners and their entity. The yearly inspection is due and other issues are expected.

Councilman Phares inquired about the time in the appeal process. She noted that appeals, which take a year, are typically moving quickly but there are extensions that may be granted by the court.

Councilman Malta asked about the timeframe for Shoregate residents to be allowed to retrieve their cars. She noted that there is a timeframe for the engineers report to be provided addressing the fire department citation.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Electronic report submitted; No additional report.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Malovrh praised his department for the exceptional work during the August 23 garage collapse stating this is a once in a career type event. Thanks was given for the Fire Prevention office under Captain McConnell and all the mutual aid from cities near and far.

Councilman Malta praised Chief for still providing the council with requested reports during all work with Shoregate. He inquired an update about the engineers report for the residents to be able to retrieve their vehicles. Chief referred to Captain McConnell regarding the criteria the owners need to meet; 48 hours for fencing and no trespassing signs and 14 days for an engineer's report regarding the structure. Until the report is received, no resident will be allowed in the area for safety reasons.

President Koudela asked when the time was up and Captain stated it was 14 days from August 31.

Councilman Loncala asked about the engineer's report being specifically for the parking garage. Chief stated that was correct. Councilman further asked about an engineering report for the towers since all was built at the same time. Chief stated that from listening to the engineers, the buildings and the garage are not tied together. He provided a scenario that if the garage fell into Lake Erie; the buildings could not go with it. There is a request in the court process for that engineer's report per the Prosecutor, which has yet to be complied with to date.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Chief Brennan further discussed the counts filed in December 2021, against the owners of Shoregate. Count 2 was in regard to the garage where the owners were asked to have an engineer check the beams and columns. A permit was submitted in May to replace approximately 24 beams, 9 columns and those repairs were being done prior to the garage collapse.

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)

Marcy Belak 30901 Lakeshore Blvd Apt. 214, West Building brought her concerns regarding the Shoregate Towers.

Chief Brennan mentioned that there was handicap parking posted and he was informed that the center isle was to be handicap parking. Mayor Vanni that this was checked earlier this date and return the next day since a member of the complex was not there. The parking is not being monitored and their security should be handling this.

Mike Bowen 472 E. 319th St. gave accolades to the council and directors for doing a great job. He noted that many of the reports he could not find on the website.

President Koudela explained how to find the minutes on the website. (At the end of the meeting, Clerk showed exactly where documents could be located for future use).

Christine Weston 358 E. 308th St. provided accolades to the police and fire for their service. She noted that the 1 minute time limit for residents to speak to council as “a joke”. It should be longer to allow everyone to air grievances and recommended a town hall.

President Koudela agreed that one minute is not a lot of time and was interrupted by Ms. Weston. President Koudela continued to speak over to let her know that all of council can be contacted via phone or email at any time for further discussion. Ms. Weston inquired about a town hall and it was noted that contact to her ward representative could lead to a town hall for each ward. Councilman Phares mentioned that most of his work is done between meetings with emails, phone calls, home visits and every member is within reach. He also noted that the majority of the meetings contain six people so the group he was glad to see people showing up. It is important to come to meetings and to read the minutes because things are getting done. At the request of the resident, both President Koudela and Prosecutor Gwartz provided the definition for the emergency clause in ordinances.

Kathie Gipson 736 Pendley with two neighbors to bring attention to a dead, hollow tree at 691 Dickerson causing damage to their property in the August storm.

Chief Brennan asked to meet with Ms. Gipson to get the address, have someone go look at the tree and if needed prepare a notice to the resident.

Dan Bennett 31617 North Rd readdressing the issue of cameras for council meetings to be recorded and aired.

President Koudela noted she has not personally investigate a quote for cameras but the audio recordings are now available. She also noted that there isn't much difference between an audio and video version as residents would still hear the same thing.

Councilman Phares mentioned his contact with IT regarding the possibilities. Mr. Bennett state it made the council look “shady”.

Councilman Malta noted that Mayor Sakas of Wickliffe has declared televising meetings was the worst mistake he made as mayor as nobody watches. He will ask how much was spent, and the number of individuals that actually use the service in the last 6 months.

Councilwoman Bisbee mentioned there have been discussions about possibilities.

Andrea Ginter 367 E. 308th St. explained her disappointment of the city, the businesses and the way the meetings are handled. She offered to help make the city great again.

President Koudela explained there are zoning standards and the building department employees are busy all of the time. She is asked to call the department or council representative as she comes across any issues of concern. Chief Brennan explained the steps that take place with each call.

Jay Zimmerman 30808 Clarmont Rd. discussed the 2nd flooding of a friend's home and if it had been him, it would have been time to leave Willowick. He mentioned that something needs done regarding the flooding and potential sewer problems of his neighbors.

President Koudela agreed with his statement and asked he contact that resident to see if their issues were reported so it could be tracked. Engineer McLaughlin mentioned that the storms in August per NOAA were a 12 year, 2 hour storm that produced 2.75 inches with the intensity of .6 inches per hour with ¾ inches falling in 15 minutes.

Tammy Anthony 446 Acaia Dr. inquired about the steps taking place to control the rat problem in the city and empty property on Forest.

President Koudela asked that she provide the address of the home on Forest to Chief Brennan to investigate. He did mention he is aware and been in contact with the homeowner. The service department has been baiting the manholes for the rats, but a lot of the problem stems from dog feces not being picked up, bird feeders, gardens, etc. Rats will stick around as long as they are provided food, water and a place to live.

John Fauceglia 297 E. 310th St. regarding traffic issues on 305th.

President Koudela agreed that 305th St is a disaster but as previously mentioned, it is from the County, State, Wickliffe. Mayor mentioned they continue to look at it. There is a little more signage on Roy Rd but when a right turn cannot be made and wants to wait to see if the completion of Worden Rd alleviates this problem. Director Shannon noted the traffic study once Worden is done.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Loncala

No report but regarding the questions with sewer rates, Councilwoman Bisbee asked for Mayor to updated what has been done to work with Euclid and why the rates are where they are today. As explained by Mayor Vanni, the city filed a motion of objection to the sewer rate because we wanted it justified. He, along with Engineer McLaughlin, Service Director Shannon; Mayor of Wickliffe, their Service Director and City Engineer; Mayor of Willoughby Hills, their Service Director and City Engineer saw the same increase which was anywhere from 24.3%-25% with Willowick and Wickliffe at the top. Each city wanted justification and a motion of objection was filed. Euclid did not inform cities of the changes until January. They explained the whole EPA consent decree that urged them build the plant and the cost involved to run it. The way the lines run Willowick has

to go through Euclid. Mayor placed an article the March courier spelling everything out, information was placed on the website, and the legislation was placed on 3 readings before council approved the increase. People were encouraged to come out or reach out but there were not many calls. Mayor stated he spoke with the City Engineer regarding building a water treatment plant. There is no place to build one, it will cost approximately \$120 million dollars and take 10 years to build. The EPA mandated all these changes. Euclid is passing that cost to the city, and it is being passed to the residents. We need the sewer revenue fund to be solid, we do all the repairs out of it. The city went 10 years without raising the sewer rates. Maybe we should have been raising rates every year, but council has been very conscious about raising anything. Euclid is looking to do it again next year with costs. Mayor asked Engineer McLaughlin the options of putting a water treatment plant in Willowick. He noted the way the topography works and where the way the sewers are constructed, the only feasible place is where we are right now which is not large enough to build the size needed to treat the city's wastewater. The only other option would require the elimination of 20-30 properties on the west end of the city. In addition, permission would need to be granted from the State and the Ohio EPA to build it. Home septic systems are not an option partly because of lot size alone. Mayor further explained the mandating by the EPA after the 2006/2008 flood when one of the silos overflowed. It is nearly completed but the EPA wants more. As explained by Director Shannon, the plant that is currently in place is top of the line, but everything is underground which increases the costs for it to spark proof, fireproof for the individuals inside the plant.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

No Report

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

The 3rd meeting regarding the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument. Eastlake VFW has already promised the down payment needed for this project. Currently the pavers will be Willoughby Concrete and the engraving to be done by North Coast Memorial. Next meeting will be September 19 at 6:30pm.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

Emphasized the importance of calling and notifying when a basement floods. It was reported over 200 homes flooded but only 100 calls came in, so there are 100 homes unknown to the building and service departments.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Loncala

No Report

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Five Claims were presented to the Committee earlier (*See Moral Claim Committee Minutes for further explanations*);

***Claim for Beil**

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Failed

***Claim for Iscrupe**

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

***Claim for Jakube**

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Motion Failed

***Claim for Wallace**

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motion Failed

***Claim for Petransky**

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motion Failed

Budget – Koudela, Bisbee, Mohorcic

No Report

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Planning Commission meeting Monday in Council Chambers at 7:30pm regarding car repair shops on Vine Street

Board of Zoning Appeals – Loncala/Alternate Koudela

No Report

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

No Report

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

Thanks to all who attended the Car Show.

Plan Review Board – Antosh

Vape shop “Cloud Infinity Smoke Shop” requesting to locate at 1071 E. 305th St.

Sound Stage Tavern requesting to locate at 30525 Euclid Ave.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Tuesday night is project night. Contact Councilman Malta

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

6. Motion for the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Avon Bay Construction in the Amount of \$5,600.00 for Patio Repairs at the Willowick Senior Center

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

7. Resolution No. 2023-36

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Transportation Improvement Programs, to Execute Contracts as Required and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

Motion to approve made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried**8. Resolution No. 2023-37**

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to Enter into an Agreement with LakeTran for the Commercial Driver's License Training of Service Department Employees and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried**9. Resolution No. 2023-38**

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Stryker in the Amount of \$16,446.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to 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 Loncala, 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: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Councilman Phares asked what the purchase was with Stryker. Chief Malovrh noted it was the new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) placed throughout the city with one just outside council chambers.

President Koudela asked for an explanation of "Then and Now Certificates". Director Benedict explained Ohio Revised Code requires a then and now certificate if the city receives an invoice over \$3,000.00 before a purchase order is set aside. It is notifying that the funds were available 'then' and are still available 'now' at the time of the purchase.

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried**10. Resolution No. 2023-39**

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Lake County Treasurer in the Amount of \$4,395.43 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to 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 Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

11. Ordinance No. 2023-40

An Ordinance Fixing the Compensation of Adult School Guards and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

12. Ordinance No. 2023-41

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 023-5 to Provide for Additional Appropriations from the General Fund (101); Fairway Storm Sewer Improvement Fund (432); for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, During the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, 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 Malta.

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

Councilman Mohorcic requested verification that this was for the additional money received from the county for the Fairway project. Director Benedict verified this information adding it was appropriated based on the engineer's estimate because the amount was not known.

Mayor noted after bidding, he will meet with Wickliffe for their further financial assistance as previously agreed. Director Benedict added that Willowick received OPWC funds, County ARPA funding and use some of the \$400,000 received from Lake County Storm Water. Any remainder will be used for other projects.

No Further Discussion; Motions Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

13. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Polito Properties, LLC Relating to the Disposition of Insurance Proceeds

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

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

Councilman Phares noted this was regarding the insurance proceed due to the fire at Willowick Café.

No Further Discussion; Motion Carried

14. Motion Authorizing CT Consultants an Additional Fee of \$11,000 for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the E. 327th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II Project

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jay Zimmerman 30808 Clarmont Rd inquired about the Wallace moral claims situation.

President Koudela explained the Moral Claims committee and in this instance, Mr. Wallace did not submit anything showing what costs were incurred; only estimates were provided.

Christine Weston 358 E. 308th St. asked about the CDL contract with LakeTran and regarding the contract with the OPWC.

President Koudela explained the benefit of LakeTran and their training of their employees. Since classes are now required by the state for CDL, the City will join with LakeTran to also train city employees to meet that requirement saving money. Mayor explained the benefit of Resolution 2023-36 allowing the city to apply and accept funds.

Phil Dettering 469 Bayridge spoke of the E. 305th/Marginal Road intersection being better as traffic seems to keep moving onto the freeway but the problem tends to be the zebra stripes that prevent part of the road being used. He also commented on the car repair shops and glad it will be addressed.

President Koudela agreed that those sections of E. 305th would extend to have two full lanes. Discussions continued regarding the construction and other factors by Engineer McLaughlin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of a Public Employee

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala; Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned 9:47pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Reconvened at 10:04pm

Director Benedict answered questions and explained the contract with the temp agency to fill the position in the finance department.

MISCELLANEOUS #2

16. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Hartman Personnel Services for a Temporary Employee with the Option to Become a Full Time Hired Employee

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 10:12pm



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council