



**City of Willowick**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 05, 2023 at 7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Twenty-First Meeting of Council was called to Order by Council Clerk Morgan at 7:31 pm

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

President Monica Koudela

Also Present: Mayor Vanni, Law Director Landgraf, Director Benedict, Director Shannon, Chief Brennan, Director Kless, Engineer McLaughlin, Chief Daubenmire, Chief Malovrh, Clerk Morgan

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the October 23, 2023, Special Council Meeting

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

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

Abstained; Ward 1 Councilman Loncala

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

2. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

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

Voting Yea: 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**

#### **APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

3. Nominations for the Position of President Pro Tempore for Tonight's Meeting

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

Voting Yea: 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; Gavel Passed**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

None

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

Mayor Vanni mentioned he attended a seminar put on by the mayors and managers in NE Ohio regarding State Issue 2. Currently, the state is still trying to figure it all out, but the city did place a moratorium on issuing licenses at last council meeting for further review. Mayor will wait to see what the state decides before putting it in front of the planning commission.

The Euclid City Council legislation on the sewer rate increase was at second reading and it passed which means a 14.6% increase in the sewer rates next year. He requested a combined meeting with the Finance Committee and Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers as soon as possible for the budget.

Email from NOPEC noted continuing the standard rate for electric service until May 2024 at 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour. The customer has the option for a 12-month fixed rate at 6.7 cents per kWh or 24-month fixed at 6.5 cents per kWh.

Mayor congratulated the Finance Department for another clean audit.

Mayor also congratulated all those councilmembers re-elected in November and to new council elect, Devon McFarland. The seat currently held by Councilman Phares is awaiting recount and certification for his close race. Appreciation given to Councilman Loncala for stepping in to fill the council seat. All members will take the Oath of Office in the morning of January 1, with next first meeting of the year on January 2, 2024.

Mayor reminded of the third annual winter wonderland Sunday, December 10.

Appreciation given to service department for the holiday decorations around the city.

Mayor requested the last meeting of the year begin at 6:00pm to allow for holiday get together.

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

None

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

Electronic report submitted. Director Shannon mentioned Worden Road is now open both ways. The project on E. 327 is nearing completion. He provided update on the leaf pick progress and the repairs at Manry.

Councilman Malta reported a street light out but will check again to make sure it was not flickering.

Councilwoman Antosh reported a resident was happy his street was fixed, and another resident pleased her leaves were picked up.

**Recreation Director – Julie Kless**

Director Kless reminded of Winter Wonderland December 10 from 1pm-5pm; Baseball will sponsor breakfast with the Grinch on December 17 from 9am-1pm with kitchen closing at noon; December 18 will be the house lighting contest with judging beginning at 6pm.

**City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin**

Engineer McLaughlin discussed the motions he added to the agenda.

Mayor Vanni commended Engineer, Director Shannon and Director Benedict for their combined work on the projects and should save the City a lot of money.

**Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict**

Director Benedict discussed the legislation she added to the agenda.

**Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf**

No Report

**Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire**

Electronic report submitted. No other report.

**Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh**

Electronic report submitted. No other report.

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

No report

**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)*

None

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### **Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Loncala**

Councilwoman Bisbee will coordinate with Director Benedict to schedule the finance meeting with streets, sidewalks and sewers as soon as possible.

### **Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee**

Councilman Phares mentioned the safety committee meeting prior to council meeting that discussed raising the eligibility age for police and fire to unlimited. The fire study was discussed and further matters to take place at a later meeting.

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

Councilman Malta discussed the Gold Star Monument meeting in November and the future plans. The project has been registered with the gold star committee and the national committee. Currently in the process of finding sponsors.

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

Councilman Malta announced the official name of E. 321<sup>st</sup> to Jim & Mary Lou Beers' Way and the notification letters will be hand delivered to those residents the next day.

### **Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Loncala**

None

### **Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela**

None

### **Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee**

None

## LIAISON REPORTS

### **Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh**

None

### **Board of Zoning Appeals – Loncala/Alternate Koudela**

None

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

None

### **Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares**

None

### **Plan Review Board – Antosh**

None

**Hearts & Hammers – Malta**

Tickets on sale for the January fundraiser. Contact Councilman Malta at (440) 488-1757

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**CONTRACT APPROVALS**

4. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Amended Agreement with Cargill for Calcium Chloride Road Brine for the 2023-2024 Winter Season

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

Voting Yea: 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**

5. Resolution No. 2023-47

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Domenick Electric Sewer Cleaning Co., Inc., in the Amount of \$5,400.00 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 Malta.**

Voting Yea: 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: 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**

6. Resolution No. 2023-48

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Lake County Communities Erosion Special Improvement District, Inc., in the Amount of \$37,550.61 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Councilman Mohorcic notified he will be abstaining.

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

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

Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic Abstained

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

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

Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic Abstained

**No Further Discussion; Motions Carried**

**7. Resolution No. 2023-49**

A Resolution Authorizing the Application and Acceptance of a Safety Intervention Grant (SIG) from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the Amount of \$24,276.75 and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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 Loncala.**

Voting Yea: 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. 2023-50**

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Chase Card Services in the Amount of \$155,502.00 for the City of Willowick, and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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 Loncala**

Voting Yea: 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. Ordinance No. 2023-45**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 194 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Earned Income Tax Regulations Effective Beginning January 1, 2016" with an Effective Date of January 1, 2024

**1st Reading 10/17/2023; 2nd Reading 11/21/2023; 3rd Reading 12/5/2023**

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

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

**Final Reading; No Discussion; Motion Carried**

10. Ordinance No. 2023-52

An Ordinance Repealing Certain Section of Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, to Eliminate Certain Funds, and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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 Loncala**

Voting Yea: 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. 2023-53

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1147 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Industrial District;" Specifically, Section 1147.05, titled "Prohibited Uses," and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.**

Voting Yea: 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. 2023-54

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1145 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Retail District;" Specifically, Section 1145.03, titled "Uses," and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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 suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala**

Voting Yea: 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**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

13. Motion Authorizing Change Order #1-Final to Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc., in the Deduct Total Amount for the Base Bid and Alternate B of \$47,473.91 for the 2023 Pavement Repair Program

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala**

Voting Yea: 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**

14. Motion Authorizing the Release of Retainage in the Amount of \$40,313.89 to Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc., for the 2023 Pavement Repair Project

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

Voting Yea: 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**

15. Motion Authorizing CT Consultants to Prepare Specifications, Details, Plans, and Bid Documents, Advertise and Obtain Bids for the LAK.-E. 305th Street Sewer Resurfacing Project for a Fee of \$257,500.00 in Accordance with the Agreement for Engineering Services

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



Voting Yea: 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**

16. Motion Authorizing CT Consultants to Prepare Specifications, Details, Plans and Bid Documents, Advertise and Obtain Bids for the 2024 Road Improvement for a Fee of \$55,000 in Accordance with the Agreement for Engineering Services

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

Voting Yea: 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**

17. Motion Authorizing Expenditures in the Amount of \$37,550.61 to Lake County Communities Erosion Special Improvement District, Inc., for Reimbursement of Payments Received from the First and Second Half Tax Assessment Collections for 2023

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala**

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

Voting Abstaining: Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic

**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

18. Motion Authorizing an Expenditure to Chase Card Services for 2024 Workers' Compensation Premium

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

Voting Yea: 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**

19. Motion Authorizing an Expenditure in the Amount of \$210,720.39 to the Willoughby Eastlake School District for Their Share of Payments in Lieu of Taxes Received for TY22/CY23 per the Compensation Agreement Approved on December 28, 2005, and Relative to the Shoreland Crossings TIF

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

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

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**No Discussion; Motion Carried**

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jean Bowen 472 E. 319<sup>th</sup> Street asked for further explanation of the agenda motions pertaining to the roadwork. Engineer McLaughlin broke it down for the resident.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS #2-ADD ON**

Motion to Adjust the Starting Time for the December 19, 2024, Regular Council Meeting from 7:30pm to 6:00pm

**Motion to adopt made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala**

Voting Yea: 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**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20.#Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Pending or Imminent Litigation

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

Voting Yea: 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 Passed; Meeting Adjourned at 8:12pm**

#### **CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

21. Motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting

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

Voting Yea: 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 8:28pm**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS #3-ADD ON**

22. Motion to Authorize the Mayor and/or Law Director to Enter into a Contingency Fee Agreement with Douglass & Associates, for Collection Measures against Shoregate Towers.

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

Voting Yea: 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 Passed**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

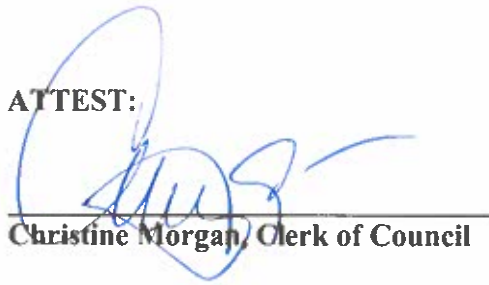
Voting Yea: Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm**



**Monica Koudela, Council President**

**ATTEST:**

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**Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council**