



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The first meeting of Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President Patton.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll call was taken by Mayor Regovich.

PRESENT

Council President Robert Patton
Ward 1 Councilman Michael Vanni
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Tennyson, Police Chief Turner, Service Director Shannon, Chief Housing & Zoning Inspector Brennan, City Engineer McLaughlin, Economic Manager Drake and Council Clerk Trend.

ABSENT

Finance Director Benedict and Recreation Director Kless.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

As a matter of procedure, Council President Patton took Ordinance 2022-1 out of order.

2. Ordinance No. 2022-1 (Law Director)

An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Angela Trend as Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings on Ordinance No. 2022-1.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Malta to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-1.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Oath of office was administered by Mayor Regovich to Angela Trend as Clerk of Council

Add-on to the agenda is the administration of the Oath of Office to Monica Koudela.

Law Director Landgraf stated Monica Koudela gave notice to the City that she sold her residence in Ward 1 effective December 29, 2021. Pursuant to the Charter, Council has thirty (30) days to make an appointment to the unexpired term that Monica resigned from. Monica has since relocated to a residence that is still in Ward 1.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Malta to nominate Monica Koudela to the unexpired term of Ward 1 Councilwoman expiring December 31, 2023.

With no other nominations, nominations were closed.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Oath of office was administered by Mayor Regovich to Monica Koudela as Ward 1 Councilwoman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 21, 2021.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Budgets for 2022 have been presented to the City by the Directors in preparation for the February 5 Budget Hearings.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Report submitted electronically. Mr. Malta inquired if the City was mandated to purchase a certain amount of road salt. Mr. Shannon stated the City is on an ODOT Bid Program through the state and they generally take 1800 tons of salt which is budgeted for.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

No report - absent.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

No written report. December 29, 2021 was the bid opening for the Community Center's HVAC improvements. Only one bid was received and it was over 35% of the estimated cost. Options are being assessed at this time. Advertisement will be going out on Friday for the 2022 Road Program.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No written report - absent.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No written report. Ms. Landgraf requested an Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Police Chief – Brian Turner

Report submitted electronically.

Fire Chief – Joe Tennyson

Report submitted electronically. The Fire Department had a record number of calls in 2021 totaling 2,487.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Report submitted electronically.

Economic Development Manager – Monica Drake

The opening for Pashas Turkish Kitchen is being held up due to contractor issues and Cleveland Pizza is experiencing some of the same issues. The former Calas location has been leased to Mama Primozz Pizza and they are hoping to open within the next thirty to sixty days. Mr. Vanni stated that the old Taco Bell building is up for sale and inquired if Ms. Drake could reach out to Taco Bell to see if they would have interest in coming back to the City.

WARD MATTERS

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)

Frank Kunstel, 131 Seaborn Dr., stated that in the summer of 2020 he was a part of a group of residents that wanted to examine the city's police policies and practices to determine if there were any items that would benefit from improvement. This was due to the numerous protests regarding police practices. Mr. Kunstel provided handouts to the Council Clerk with a list of suggestions to help toward developing and maintaining a modern and professional police force.

Shane Cook, 613 E. 300 St., inquired how the City would be handling the recent fireworks bill allowing people to legally shoot off fireworks on certain holidays. Also Mr. Cook inquired about the senior competition called Mind Challenge and he would like to volunteer his time if it could be organized.

In response to Mr. Kunstel, Chief Turner stated that since Mr. Kunstel's record requests the Police Department has recertified with Ohio Collaborative and some of the topics have already been addressed. Chief Turner and Mayor Regovich thanked Mr. Kunstel for his interest in the topic and for the time and effort put into the research.

Mr. Cook was advised that Doreen at the Senior Center would be the contact for organizing the Mind Challenge competition. Mayor Regovich stated he would discuss the issue of fireworks with the local mayors.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Vanni, Bisbee, Koudela

No report.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

Mr. Phares stated that the issue of fireworks would be a good topic for the Safety Committee.

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

The committee met tonight at the Richard J. Bonde Activity Center to discuss the old Nike Site Memorial.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Vanni, Malta, Antosh

No report.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Patton

No report.

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Patton

No report.

Budget – Vanni, Koudela, Patton

The Tax Budget Hearings will be on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Koudela

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Koudela/Alternate Vanni

No report.

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

No report.

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

No report.

Plan Review Board – Antosh

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Mr. Malta stated that they are still accepting baskets for the Chinese Auction to raffle off at the fundraiser on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Mr. Malta can be reached at 440-488-1757.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION3. Resolution No. 2022-1 (Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Laketran for transportation in the Senior Center, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to waive the three readings on Resolution No. 2022-1.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to approve Resolution No. 2022-1.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

4. Motion made Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 39 month lease with ComDoc for a Xerox C7025 multi-function device for the Senior Center in the monthly amount of \$159.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to authorize the Mayor to execute a bond financing application jointly with participating subdivisions for the Shoreline Improvement District.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

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None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO THE TABLE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to return to the table from Executive Session.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Council President Patton stated the motion will be presented in the affirmative.

Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve the settlement proposal from Concrete Inc. in the case captioned Concrete Inc. vs. Kurtz Bros. "et al" Case No. 20CB1503.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Ayes: Malta.

Nays: Bisbee, Koudela, Vanni, Phares, Patton and Antosh.

Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL