



**City of Willowick**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 7:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Council Clerk Called the Fifteenth Meeting of Council to Order at 7:30pm

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

President Monica Koudela

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Vanni, Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Malovrh, Police Chief Daubenmire, Director Shannon, Engineer McLaughlin, Council Clerk Morgan

**ALSO ABSENT:** Director Benedict, Building Chief Brennan and Director Kless

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the August 20, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

**Motion to approve made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.**

Voting Yea: 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. Nominations for Council At Large/President Pro Tempore for Tonight's Meeting

Councilman Malta nominated Councilman Mohorcic as Council President Pro Tempore. No other nominations.

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

Voting Yea: 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 Further Discussion; Motion Carried; Gavel Passed**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

None

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

Mayor reports he will attend a Vine Street Corridor meeting on Thursday with Cities of Eastlake and Willoughby along with LakeTran. He will also meet with Engineer McLaughlin to discuss if some of grant money can get the lights repaired from Lakeshore to Eastlake border. After Thursday's meeting, Mayor will return to NOACA and ODOT for work to begin in 2026.

Next Thursday, the Mayor will meet with LakeMetro Parks to discuss plans and sign another lease. The house was torn down and crews did return to do some grading. The recreation department, resident Michael Bowen and Gale Luppicci with Willowick Library were commended for their participation and work during the Car Show/100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Senator Troy presented a proclamation recognizing the event.

Fill the Cruiser will take place Saturday, September 14, 2024, (8am-4pm) with the Willowick PD with Petie's Restaurant.

Sunday, September 15, 2024, at 9am is the Senior Pancake Breakfast and the Butterfly Garden Memorial at 2pm.

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

Councilman Malta asked if Mr. Palagyi (LakeMetro), will be using their own designer. Mayor answered it was too early to tell and that he advised the city was to wait on choosing a planner (previously approved and appropriated by council). Mr. Palagyi would like their architect to review the area for any erosion issues.

Councilwoman Antosh asked to repeat the day of the pancake breakfast and Mayor supplied the previous information.

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

No electronic report submitted. The annual crack-sealing program started, and the workers were already out sealing cracks in the asphalt with liquid tar. Manry pool is currently being painted and should be completed Wednesday. Meetings taking place for a new waterline project to take place through the winter in Willowick on Lakeshore Blvd, previously done 5 years ago.

**Recreation Director** – Julie Kless

Absent

**City Engineer** – Tim McLaughlin

No Report

**Finance Director** – Cheryl Benedict

Absent

**Law Director** – Stephanie Landgraf

No Report

**Police Chief** – Rob Daubenmire

No Report

**Fire Chief** – Bill Malovrh

No Report

Councilman Malta provided information regarding a firefighter and four passes to play golf at Pine Ridge which were not claimed after one week. Passes were given to Chief to return to the Firefighter Panichi.

**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)*

**Anthony Newman, 6985 Mayfield Road, Gates Mills**, spoke of his friend, Scotty McDonald, and asked the basketball court at Dudley to be named in his honor. Email of his speech is attached.

President Pro Tempore Mohorcic mentioned his request will be put in front of the Service, Utilities and Public Lands committee to discuss.

**Jean Bowen, 472 E. 319th Street** praised a resident on Densmore, Terry Lee Kavelli (sp), for stopping to help when she fell.

President Pro Tempore Mohorcic thanked Mrs. Bowen for her kind words.

**Carol Miller 462 E. 314th Street** discussed her concerns with a neighbor feeding cats, which has led to an increase in rats, skunks, raccoons, etc., in the neighborhood.

President Pro Tempore also addressed Ms. Miller and advised he will speak with Chief Brennan.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance** – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

No Report

**Safety** – Phares, Malta, McFarland

No Report

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

Councilman Malta thanked council for allowing Mr. Newman and Mrs. Miller more time to speak. He requested a meeting be scheduled for October 1 at 6:45.

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

No Report

**Tax Compliance** – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

No Report

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

No Report

**Budget** – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

No Report

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Councilman Phares announced the Planning Commission meeting on October 9, to discuss the moratorium on recreational marijuana along with air conditioning and fencing ordinances.

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

No Report

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

No Report

**Recreation Board** – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

No Report

**Plan Review Board** – Antosh

No Report

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

**CONTRACT APPROVALS**

None

**INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION****3. Resolution No. 2024-45**

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Comfort Control Systems in the Amount of \$5,580.88 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

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

Voting Yea: 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: 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****4. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Stericycle, Inc., for Shredding Services for the City of Willowick**

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

Voting Yea: 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**

**5. Motion Authorizing the Expenditure to the Ohio Auditor of State of Auditing Services Related to the 2023 Financial Statements and Related Disclosures in an Amount not to Exceed \$22,181.00**

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

Voting Yea: 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 announced in addition to the Dudley court dedication, the foundation will be awarding one male and one female basketball player from Eastlake North High a scholarship for \$1,000.00(+) each.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Voting Yea: 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 8:04pm**



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Monica Koudela, President of Council

ATTEST:



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Clerk of Council

**By Director of Finance (per Section 3.10 Willowick Charter**