



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2025.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2025. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni mentions that Nicholas Janek is here tonight and he is the liaison for the Lake County General Health District. They had a meeting yesterday and voted on and approved the 2026 budget. The assessments will increase by 3%. The assessments remain the same for years 2023, 2024, 2025- no increase during those. Total Lake County \$87,763. Willowick \$6,080. Driving force was salary, wage increases for the union. Also fringe benefits.

Mayor Vanni reports that the email is finally back up and running. The email was down for basically a week. He thanks everyone for their patience. He mentions fireworks. They started under Mayor Regovich, interested in combining with Eastlake and Wickliffe again. Possibly July 3. It was \$6,000 last year but they were able to get donations for about \$3,250 and they paid the rest. He will start working on donations again. It has been well attended. Civil Service news... at the meeting on the 25th, they decided to change the minimum age for firefighters from 21 to 18 which is consistent with ORC. It opens up more candidates. They decided to go with Ohio Revised Code. Friday we are having Captain's test for full time captains. Economic news- he had a meeting with the senior leasing manager at

Shoregate. Crave Cookies will be going into that last unit and then it will be fully occupied. Thinking maybe in the next 3 months. Councilman Malta- he did talk to them about the atrium area. They're about 90% full there. There is an empty area on the East Section by 305. They do not currently have any plans for that. They haven't been up in the second floor in years and do not feel it is economically feasible. They think it's a minimum of \$3 million to renovate the second floor. They are going to speak once a quarter. Right now, probably not senior apartments. He met with Sean and the investors from California regarding the Rite Aid building. They wanted to meet to see what they are looking for in there. It is based on square footage. It's an 11,000 sq ft. building. He is optimistic that something good will go in there. He and Sean are also meeting with someone building on Euclid Ave. They will meet on Thursday. He is excited about that project. Next week he has State of the Cities on Wednesday morning. They finally got him to be a celebrity server at United Way St. Patrick's Day event. Lastly, the lease agreement for the Lakefront plans is on the agenda tonight. Paul is also here if you have any questions.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Malta says he is intrigued for the simple fact that the new Rite Aid building owners asked him what he wanted to have in there.

Mayor says a national restaurant chain would be nice, but building might be too large. Maybe something retail. They do a lot of Home Goods and TJ Maxx. He is excited and these people seem reputable.

Mr. Malta asks if it would be big enough for the Fire Station. What if we bought it back?

Mayor Vanni says he did look into it and tried to keep in touch with the leasing company. They were looking to sell for \$1.5 million but it dropped closer to \$1 million.

No other discussion.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Service Director Shannon says he emailed his report yesterday. They have been working in parks and police department ceiling. Potholes continue.... Temp repairs only right now until plants open in about a month and a half. They also ran the street sweeper. They also spoke to Lake County Engineers Office regarding litter on the side of the freeway.

No questions.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Recreation Director Kless has no report, but says Doreen has one. Doreen says she will be out on leave for a knee replacement. Gretchen and Julie will be stepping in to cover in the interim.

Mr. Malta commends Julie for always being hands on. She filled in for a pickleball game the other day.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

City Engineer McLaughlin says E 305 has a lot of work being done right now. They are done with the open cut repair and moving on to the lining. There will still be a truck in the middle of the street for a while. The project is moving forward well. There are a few items on the agenda this evening. One is for the Lakefront improvements and the other two are close outs.

Mr. Malta says he had a resident call about the construction and he explained it to her. Is there an end date?

McLaughlin says he called her and discussed the schedule. Expected April if weather holds up. The last bit is weather dependent.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Finance Director Benedict says she sent the February financials this afternoon. There are several items on the agenda for her that she is happy to address.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

Law Director Gwartz has no report, but open for questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Police Chief Daubenmire sent his report out today and is open for questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Fire Chief Malovrh did not yet send his report with the email issues, but he is open for questions.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan says there is an ordinance on the agenda tonight regarding the property maintenance code.

Ms. Antosh says there are two rodent complaints. Do you recall what area?

Brennan says he will get back to her on that.

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)

Jonas Laurinatis, 32733 Lakeshore Blvd, a resident who has been here for 36 years comes to say that he lives on Lakeshore Blvd. and the noise ordinance is getting really bad. There are people who leave their windows open. What can be done about the loud noise? It is getting worse and worse. It is almost like the police are being tested too with these motorcycles. You can hear them miles away. It would be nice to see something done about that. A lot of these individuals, they are seeking attention and in his opinion, it is too much especially at 12 or 1 am. He would like to see something done with that.

Ms. Koudela directs to Police Chief.

Chief Daubenmire says it is hard to enforce. They do try to crack down on some of the motorcycles and do what they can.

Ms. Koudela says if there is a pattern, time or day you can call the non-emergency line and maybe patrol can be increased at that time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

Mr. Mohorcic reports on the budget hearing from 2/22. The budget is on first reading today, Ordinance 2025-13.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Mr. Phares states there is a Planning Commission Meeting on Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

Plan Review Board – Antosh

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

CONTRACT APPROVALS

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 10:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK AND THE WILLOWICK FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 11:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 12:**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE E. 305th STREET SEWER REHABILITATION FUND (433) IMPROVEMENT FUND, UNDER FUND NUMBER 433, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

5. **ORDINANCE 2025-13:**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This item was placed on First Reading.

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 14:**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OHIO COUNCIL 8, AFL-CIO AND AFSCME LOCAL 688 (SECRETARIAL UNIT).

Council and the Law Director discuss that this item must be amended to include the words "and declaring an emergency" to the end of the title.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2025-14. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed, item is amended as Ordinance 2025-14 (AMENDED).

MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 15:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOWICK AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES OHIO COUNCIL 8, AFL-CIO AND AFSCME LOCAL 688 (SERVICE UNIT).

Council and the Law Director discuss that this item must be amended to include the words “and declaring an emergency” to the end of the title.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the amendment to Ordinance 2025-15. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed, item is amended as Ordinance 2025-15 (AMENDED).

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 8:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKE METROPARKS DISTRICT TO LEASE CITY OWNED LANDS KNOWN AS LAKEFRONT PARK TO USE, DEVELOP, AND IMPROVE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PICNIC SHELTER, FLUSH RESTROOM, RENOVATED DECK AT THE LODGE, PAVED WALKING PATH IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR PASSIVE RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, I.E., PICNICKING, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS AND NATURE EDUCATION, FOR AND THROUGH TO THE END OF 2045, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council Discussion of Resolution 2025-8:

Mayor Vanni says he is very excited for this. He thanks Tim, the City Engineer, for getting the drawings to everyone. The executive director for the Metroparks is here, Paul Palagyi. The current lease ran out on December 31 of last year and they have been talking for a while to see what they can do to improve the experience for residents. The big thing was that to add anything, they need more parking. What is in this contract are a bunch of walking trails that will be added by the Metroparks. The lodge will be taken care of by the Metroparks as well as the grounds. There will be deck upgrades too and a restroom and a big 30x44 shelter which will go kind of behind the current parking lot. There will be benches and signage. They bought next door about 8 years ago and got the house torn down last year at no cost to the City. There will be some landscaping and screening put up for the house there and the City has agreed to put in an additional parking lot there to open it up. This park is very popular. It is the smallest venue they have but it sells out the quickest because of the lake front. He is excited about this. If Council approves, they will bid out the lot later this year and hope to be done by next year. Then Metroparks will put in the improvements. They are also looking at putting an exit by the parking lot too to alleviate traffic, right turn only. That still gives them enough room to potentially add on to the fire department in the future. We do know we have enough room to add on for what they want to do. He thinks the residents will be excited about this.

Paul thanks Council. He says it has been a great partnership between the City and the Metroparks. This is a great park property but parking has always been a challenge. The acquisition of the neighboring property helps them for improvements. The shelter will be very pretty and will be able to be reserved. The registration staff has been begging for this for a while. He is confident that this will be extremely popular and it will have a great view of the lake. There will be other upgrades as the Mayor mentioned. They will make a trail from the sidewalk to the edge and will likely redo most of the trails as they are fairly narrow.

Ms. Antosh asks if this is set in stone? Why is the shelter on the lake? There are a lot of residents who like to sit along the lake. She was hoping for more benches and swings. She feels Council will get calls from residents about that shelter being rented. She would prefer it being on the park side.

Paul says they did talk about that. Mostly rentals are used on evenings on weekends. Shelters are open when not in use and might be a good place for lunch. He doesn't feel this shelter will be booked full every week day night. That to them seemed to be taking advantage of the view. They are also looking at putting in swings. They just did one at Painesville Township Park that has been very popular. We might be able to get a couple more of those.

Ms. Antosh says that her personal opinion is that you just see a shelter right on the lake and it could be far to the left where the house was or by the building.

Paul says the challenge with doing it where the house used to be, with the trees, you cannot see the lake well at ground level. They don't want to take the trees holding the hillside up down.

Ms. Antosh says she understands the extra parking, but are you considering extra over by where the lodge is? People constantly park on the grass.

Paul says they have looked at expanding that before. They thought about taking out the island and making it one.

Ms. Antosh feels there is a lot of wasted space.

Mr. Malta thanks Paul for coming. Can you show the Gold Star monument that may be built? The area for it.

Mayor Vanni says they did look at those locations for the shelter first but it was not feasible. The Gold Star Monument might go where that house was. They feel it will fit there and they were excited about it. He is going to meet with the group later this month or next month.

Mr. Malta says that could get it out of Manry and more people might visit it.

Mayor Vanni says there is a definitely a chance and he has reached out.

Mr. Phares asks if this is Phase 1? Plans for the embankment?

Mayor Vanni says they did talk about going down. At this point, that's very time consuming and expensive. There is an opportunity to explore that down the road. The timing on this was right and the lease was up. They were looking to expand the amenities and this can be done relatively quick. He is not ruling that out yet so you could say this is Phase 1 but there is no immediate plan.

Paul says one thing to keep in mind in this location is that it is a relatively small beach. If it is a Metroparks Beach, we will need a massive parking lot. He has been asked this before. They run beaches and know how that works. If you open up a public beach at this end of the county, you don't have enough sand down there. People will be shoulder to shoulder.

Mr. Phares says that is a question that residents will ask.

Paul says that is a fair question. There are community beaches.

Ms. Antosh asks if there is any way that we can do another rendering with the building near the park and allow the residents a vote to see?

Mayor Vanni believes this is where it has to end up after speaking to everyone. The residents want to keep it a park and have more amenities. He feels this is the best place for the shelter.

Ms. Antosh says no disrespect but that is his opinion.

Mayor Vanni says there have been many meetings over the past 6 years.

Ms. Antosh says that was when they talked about building condos. The residents should be able to give their opinion after seeing this layout. They will be getting calls. She appreciates the park system doing all the work and paying for this but feels the residents should be able to vote. Not like election day voting, but maybe something at the Senior Center where they can give their two cents. Maybe on the Facebook page.

Mayor Vanni says if it is approved it will go on social media. They talked this out, he spoke to a handful of residents that were on a blue ribbon committee back in the day and has gotten positive feedback.

A resident asks if this layout is being approved tonight?

Mayor Vanni says they are approving the lease agreement, they believe the layout is final.

Ms. Koudela asks if anyone else in the audience would like to ask a question.

No one.

Ms. Koudela says when she met with the Mayor and Paul they mentioned they do a lot of parks and shelters and have learned what works and what doesn't. They have a level of expertise in the

design of the project. To answer Natalie, there is a lease agreement for the 20 years and in the agreement it specifies building a shelter, a path, a bathroom. Is it 100% set to this plan?

Mayor Vanni says it is not set in stone. The lease agreement, the way they understand it, lays out the obligations of both parties.

Ms. Koudela says that Exhibit B is referenced, she assumes there will be minor changes but this is the general plan referenced to be executed.

The Law Director says she does not believe this is mentioned in the contract (the drawing). The lease mentions Exhibit B but it references something else. There is no specific design, but exhibit B talks about the parking area which is the City's responsibility. There is nothing in this lease that would allow the City to say where they can put the restroom, the walking path, or the shelter. Obviously Council has the final say about approving the lease agreement.

Mr. Mohorcic says Metroparks is putting in a lot in this contract and they appreciate that. He feels the lease agreement is good and he has trusted Paul on his expertise in other communities. He feels we could go round and round on placement, but he trusts Paul's expertise and he thanks him for the investment in the City. He feels the residents will enjoy this for years to come.

Ms. Koudela says not just our residents, but it will also bring neighboring communities into the City to patronize businesses.

Mr. Malta says thank you to Ms. Antosh for letting them think about things more. They were elected to make decisions like this. In the 18 years he has been a councilman, he says townhall voting has maybe gotten only 20-30 of the 15,000 people. He feels this is a good plan and Council should vote on it.

Mr. Phares says if we put this on Facebook some people will see it but if we don't give it to people to view and ask questions, we should not just do that. People will see it on facebook and say they didn't know about this. No voting, just an open forum to ask questions and see the map. He feels this is fair to the residents.

Ms. Antosh says the other comment with Mr. Phares is that the residents will have to put up with other people coming into the City to rent the shelter. She thinks the residents need to see this and give them one day at an easy access place. They need to have a voice.

Mr. Phares thinks that we should pass the Resolution.

Ms. Koudela says once the lease is approved, there is the building of the parking lot and then Paul's job. Would you allow us to present this to our residents?

Paul says they certainly want to work with the City. A shelter here would be extremely popular. If Council wants them to look at alternatives, they are happy to do that. He feels if they put it at the other location, people will complain that they can't see the lake and vice versa. His experience is that someone will always complain about the location of the amenity and it will be valid, but there are pros and cons to both. He can have his architect work with the team here and they can list the pros and cons to a different location, but he thinks you will complaints there is a \$70,000 shelter with no view of the lake.

Ms. Antosh says if you put it right in front of the parking here (referencing the map), you will still have a view.

Paul says they are trying to stay away from the concert footprint.

Mr. Mohorcic says at the Bluffs, how far is the shelter from the lake? How many complaints?

Paul says maybe 30 feet. They get complaints that they did not cut down the trees.

Ms. Antosh asks who owns the Bluffs?

Metroparks.

Ms. Antosh says that they do not own this park, they are renting this land. Since residents pay taxes for this land, let them view this and give their opinion. Whether it is just 30 people, they had an opportunity.

Mr. Mohorcic says what if the residents scrap this plan? That is not a value to the residents.

Paul says the whole plan for the park is around \$315,000 in improvements for what they have laid out but that's before they have gone out to bid. Could be more or less.

Mr. Mohorcic says this investment is something we have not gotten since the 80s. We should vote on it and approve the lease. He made a promise to the residents to keep this property recreational. We can put it on Facebook and have people talk about it. There will be complaints no matter what with the location.

Ms. Koudela says she asked, and she thinks we all want to continue the agreement. So assuming we approve the contract, would the Metroparks put these renderings out to advertise that this is what is going to happen? Can we have 30 days to collect comments from residents and forward them to the Metroparks?

Paul says he would ask that we get direction from the City. Don't put them in the position of receiving everyone's opinions. We can mock up A and B and there will be pros and cons to both. They ask for a formal this is where we want it.

Ms. Koudela says Dave and Natalie are active on Facebook. Maybe we can gather that info and forward it to the Mayor and then the Metroparks.

Mr. Phares says he likes where the shelter is at. Letting the public see this at a public meeting voids lack of transparency.

Paul says his marketing people can work with the City to provide shelters of what the shelter looks like.

Mayor Vanni says a lot of planning and work went into this. He feels they did their due diligence on this.

Ms. Koudela says get comments before April 15 and then they can get things to the Metroparks.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 16:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1367 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED "INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Mohorcic mentions that due to conflicts, he will be abstaining from some of the items on this portion of the agenda.

10. Motion authorizing CT Consultants to prepare specifications, details, plans and bid documents, advertise and obtain bids, for the Municipal Parking Lot Improvements for a fee of \$50,000 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, ABSTAIN. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

11. Motion granting authorization for Dawn Snyder to approve purchase orders during the Finance Director's absence from the City March 5, 2025 through March 16, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

12. Motion authorizing an expenditure to the Ohio Auditor of State in the amount of \$21,320 for auditing services related to the 2024 financial statements and related disclosures.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

13. Motion authorizing an expenditure to Ciuni and Panichi in the amount of \$31,000 for conversion of the City's cash basis statements to confirm to GAAP and to comply with GASB 34.

MOTION: Mr. Phares motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, ABSTAIN. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

14. Motion authorizing Change Order #1-FINAL to Beck Electric, Generators & Plumbing for the extension of contract completion date for the Community Center Generator Project.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

15. Motion authorizing the release of retainage in the amount of \$6,098 to Beck Electric, Generators & Plumbing for the Community Center Generator Project

MOTION: Mr. Phares motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

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)

Michael Bowen, 472 E 319th Street, says Frank and himself put together and presented the Griffith presentation. What you may not know is that we were the site of an old amusement park at the turn of the century. They used to party on the beach in the 70s. We had the only rollercoaster you drove your car on. If during this construction, if there is any chance an artifact might turn up, please let him have first dibs on it and he will build the City another display of what it belonged to. You never know what might turn up.

Nick Janek, 31927 Lakeshore, comments on the layout from a logistics perspective. You talked about changing the oval section to additional parking, that would be beneficial. The current layout, logistically, isolates that building so that other foot traffic does not come in on it. He feels it is a great layout.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Malta says there are still tickets left for the event at Saint Mary Magdalene Saturday. It's a great event for a great cause.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Koudela calls for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to Adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea.

Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.



Monica Koudela, President of Council

March 18, 2025
Date



Alyssa Moran, Council Clerk