



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 06, 2022 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(Total meetings to date - 14)

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

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Ward 1 Councilwoman Monica Koudela
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh

ALSO PRESENT

Mayor Regovich, Finance Director Benedict, Law Director Landgraf, Fire Chief Tennyson, Police Chief Turner, Service Director Brennan, Recreation Director Kless, City Engineer McLaughlin, Economic Manager Drake and Council Clerk Trend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 2, 2022.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. Oath of Office for Michael Pollack as Lieutenant of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich.

3. Oath of Office for Christopher Fuentes as Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich. *Not present.*
4. Oath of Office for Joshua D. Sundbom as Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich.
5. Oath of Office for Joseph DiFranco as Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich.
6. Oath of Office for Darvin Douglas Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich. *Not present.*
7. Oath of Office for Ben Bindokas as Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich. *Not present.*
8. Oath of Office for Josh Durst as Firefighter of the Willowick Fire Department administered by Mayor Regovich. *Not present.*

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

9. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-13 Wakefield (Recommended by BZA)

An Order granting a variance and exception of 3' to install a shed that is 13' high in the application of Section 1171.02(C) of the Codified Ordinances In Board of Zoning Appeals.

The applicant Theresa Wakefield was not present.

Motion made by Mr Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-13.

Discussion: Mr. Phares inquired if the shed was already installed. Mr. Brennan stated that it was not.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-21 Steimle (Recommended by BZA)

An Order granting a variance and exception of 128.5 linear feet to install 4' 10" solid fencing with 1' 2" of lattice on top in the application of Section 1165.04(C) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals.

The applicant Thomas Steimle was present and stated the need for the fence is for his dogs.

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-21.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

11. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-22 Drenski #1 (Recommended by BZA)

An Order granting a variance and exception of 40 square feet for a shed already installed in the application of Section 1172.02(C) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals.

The applicant Tyler Drenski was present and did not wish to comment.

Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-22.

Discussion: Mr. Phares inquired if the address was E. 322 St. or E. 327 St. Mr. Drenski stated the address was 436 E. 322 St.

Vote: Aye: Vanni, Malta and Patton.

Nay: Phares and Bisbee. Motion granted as amended with the correct address.

12. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-23 Drenski #2 (Not recommended by BZA)

An Order granting a variance and exception of a 4" gravel base instead of the required 4" thick concrete base and a 4" curb with embedded anchor bolts in the application of Section 1172.02(D)(2) of The Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Vanni to grant Administrative Appeal Order No. 2022-23.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All nays. Motion denied.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

St. Mary Magdalene is interested in moving forward with a smaller festival next year. NOPEC will be opting 550,000 thousand customers out of their program and back to First Energy where the rates are lower. Several area Mayors met with Lake County Engineers Office to discuss the lights on S.R. 2 and several other issues. Flexology on Vine St. has been closed due to an ongoing investigation into the business. Bar Forno is officially open for business. October 17 will be the third TLCI public meeting for the Vine St. corridor and will be held at Bar Forno.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Phares inquired if there was more information on Flexology. Mayor Regovich stated it is an ongoing investigation.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Report submitted electronically. Crews are tarring cracks in the roads. Concrete work continues on E. 288 St. A meeting is scheduled for the HVAC Project at the Senior Center.

Mr. Phares inquired about the lights in Shoreland Crossing. Mr. Shannon stated that the City is waiting on CEI to redo their original plan.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

No written report. The Fall/Winter Program Guide is available on the website. Outdoor Pickle Ball courts are being put in at Manry and a Disc Golf Course at Dudley. The bath houses will be updated at Manry Pool. Recreation Department Secretary, Maureen Brennan, retired after 26 years.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

No written report. Smoke testing is being done in the areas of Fern Dr. working through to Royalview Dr., E. 327 and E. 328 Streets. Line work and lateral repairs will be starting soon on E. 328 St. The Fairway Project will get funding through OPWC.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No written report. The City received a clean audit from the state.

Mr. Phares inquired if any decision has been made on how the money will be spent from the opioid settlement the City is receiving. Ms. Benedict stated no decision has been made yet.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No written report. Item #15 on the agenda will need to be tabled for further discussion between the City and the dispatchers union.

Police Chief – Brian Turner

Written report submitted electronically. The Civil Service Entrance Exam resulted in low numbers however there are qualified candidates being looked at.

Fire Chief – Joe Tennyson

Written report submitted electronically. The fence behind the Fire Department was replaced by the Service Department.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Written report submitted.

Economic Development Manager – Monica Drake

There are two businesses potentially interested in going into the former Pat Catan's space. Alesci's transferred August 1st to the new owners. Cleveland Pizza has submitted plans for the new sit down restaurant which will be called Sixth City Tavern.

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)

Bill Savocca, 30412 Oakdale Rd., has concerns about a vacant house near him that has rats. Mr. Brennan will speak with Mr. Savocca about the issue.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**Finance** – Vanni, Bisbee, Koudela

Discussion was on having a Finance Committee meeting for October 4th and a joint Budget-Finance Committee meeting for October 18th.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

Discussion at the Safety Committee meeting tonight was on golf carts, deer culling, the no left turn out of Shoregate and Fire Department staffing.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Fall clean up will be starting. Please call Charlie Malta at 440-488-1757 to volunteer.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

13. Ordinance No. 2022-39 (Finance Director)

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2022- 8 to provide for additional appropriations from the General Fund (101); Street Construction Maintenance & Repair Fund (202); Street Lighting Fund (204); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Recreation Improvement Fund (214); Permissive License Fee Fund (215); Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Fund (228); and Earned Benefits Fund (240) for current expenses other expenditures of the City Of Willowick, State Of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to waive the three readings on Ordinance No. 2022-39.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Phares to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-39.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

14. Resolution No. 2022 - 20 (Fianance Director)

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Willoughby Municipal Court in the amount of \$33,782, for the City Of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to waive the three readings Resolution No. 2022-20.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve Resolution No. 2022-20.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Resolution No. 2022-21 (Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fraternal Order of Police Willowick Lodge No. 116 (Dispatchers), and declaring an emergency.

Tabled 9-6-22

16. Resolution No. 2022-22 (Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Willowick to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the AFSCME Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO and Local 688, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Vanni to waive the three readings on Resolution No. 2022-22.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve Resolution No. 2022-22.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

17. Motion made by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee authorizing a liquor permit to Giovanni's Pizza & Pub LLC DBA Giovanni's Pizza & Pub, 30829 Euclid Ave. & patio, Willowick, OH 44095.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

18. Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve the expenditure of \$16,137.50 to Atwell's Police and Fire Equipment for new duty pistols, holsters and optics for the Willowick Police Department.

Discussion: Mr. Malta inquired if the Willoughby Eagles have made donations to the Police Department in the past. Chief Turner stated that they have this being the largest.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

19. Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Mr. Malta authorizing the Mayor to extend the weekend incentive pay schedule for the Willowick Fire Department through the end of September 2022 and to additionally include the weekends of October 28, November 25, December 23, and December 30 commencing Friday's at 1800 hours and ending on Monday's at 0600 hours.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

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None.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

20. Council President Patton stated the Executive Session to discuss employee compensation is no longer needed.

RETURN TO THE TABLE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Phares to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____

CLERK OF COUNCIL