



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 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 from the Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2025. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

2. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-2 (Federer)

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO PLACE A GENERATOR 13' FROM THE SIDE PROPERTY LINE OR 96' FROM THE REAR PROPERTY LINE IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1167.01(c)(ii)(iii) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-3 (Clinger):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A PERGOLA TO

BE PLACED IN THE FRONT YARD IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mr. Clinger comes to speak. They are looking to put in a pad and pergola. They want to be able to enjoy the lake view.

Mr. McFarland thinks this will help beautify City more and recommends approval.

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

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-4 (Clinger):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION OF 49 SQ. FT. FOR A PERGOLA IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-5 (Zajdowicz):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A SHED ON A VACANT LOT IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(h) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The applicant is here tonight. BZA recommended to deny. She brings signatures from her neighbors to Council. She also has a picture of a giant barn that is located at the Church on the corner of Lakeshore and 320. There is not a habitable structure in that parking lot so she wishes to make note of that. She also brings a picture of the shed she hopes to put on that vacant lot.

Ms. Antosh says she knows the applicant already had a survey and has been speaking to Sean. She had stated that part of the driveway of the neighbor to the right is on this parcel so she is planning to sell 5' of it so they have a whole driveway. The applicant says she gave Sean the paperwork last Friday and he was going to speak to the law director. Ms. Antosh says there is a neighbor on both sides of this property and no one bought it, the person across the street bought it. The applicant says the house to the right is a rental and there have been many issues with them and the property. Down the road, if someone who owned that house approached her about selling the lot, she would consider. She doesn't want to end up with broken down cars and other things going on there. She purchased because she thinks she can take care of it.

Mr. Mohorcic says he thinks Vicky is doing a great job. It is nothing personal, but he feels there is a law for non-dwelling units for a reason.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, NO. Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, NO.

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni thanks the Service Director for going out on the freeway ramp to clean up. They have reached out to the County Engineer and he will be talking to them next week regarding the lights and getting ramps cleaned up. He feels this was more of a timing issue. It looks 1000 times better. It was a busy week last week. Last Monday, Ann Turk was given the Member of the Year Award. He was lucky to be able to present. State of the Cities was last Wednesday. He thanks the Directors and Councilwoman Antosh for coming. He put the presentation up on the website and Facebook. He also thanks the Directors who came to the United Way event, they raised a lot of money.

No discussion.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Service Director Todd Shannon emailed his report. Tomorrow at 9:50 is state-wide tornado siren test. They are working on cleaning up the parks and getting pools ready. Community Shred Day 9-12 on May 3rd at the Community Center.

Ms. Antosh says they got two calls when Lake County shuts off water, does City get notified?

Todd says generally not.

Ms. Antosh asks why not? Can they so they can notify the residents?

Todd says it is a public utility so they have the rights to do whatever they want to do with that. They can look into that but don't really have a way to put that out. When they shut off and fix water breaks they are at all hours of the night.

Ms. Bisbee says thanks for the email with the maintenance program information. She hasn't had a chance to fully review it yet, but appreciates it.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

City Engineer McLaughlin says 305 constructions is moving along. They should be wrapping up in the next 2-3 weeks weather dependent.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Finance Director Benedict passed out an email from RITA. There was quite a bit of revenue that they were able to receive for the City.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

Law Director Gwartz sent out an email earlier informing everyone that the new prosecutor has started today. She gave Council her contact information.

Ms. Antosh asks if the State Ordinances override State? For example, fire burning. Someone posted that the State has a no burn month/time Ordinance, but the City does not.

Law Director Gwartz would have to look into the specific State Ordinance. Can Ms. Antosh send her the one they are referencing?

Ms. Antosh says she understands residents being a little confused.

Law Director says typically the City can be more restrictive than the State.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

No report, but open for questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

No report, but open for questions.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

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)

Alfonso Hawthorne is trying to start a new business here in Willowick. Currently has a business in Euclid where they have been for 15 years.

Ms. Koudela asks if he is from Candy Shop Nails?

Mr. Hawthorne says yes.

Ms. Koudela says since he is up here, does anyone have any questions for him?

Mr. Malta says thank you for taking the time to come to the Council Meeting. How many days a week will they be open?

Mr. Hawthorne says 5. Tuesday-Saturday roughly 10-6 pm.

Jean Bowan, 472 E 319, says they appreciate the clean up. On her way home from Rt. 44. Last time she counted 113 lights out, this time there are 120. There are more that are no longer working. It needs to be fixed.

No additional comments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Malta, Bisbee

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

LIAISON REPORTS**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Mr. Phares reports on Planning Commission Meeting. Saint Mary Magdalene came to the meeting. There will be rides for those under 12. There will be wristbands and fencing around the area with designated security at entry points.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela**Volunteer Fire Fighters’ Dependents Fund Board** – Antosh, Phares**Recreation Board** – Bisbee/Alternate Phares**Plan Review Board** – Antosh**Hearts & Hammers** – Malta**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS****CONTRACT APPROVALS****INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

6. 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.

First Reading 3/4/25, Item is on Second Reading.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 17:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED “EMPLOYEES GENERALLY;” SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 155.03, TITLED “MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

*** RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9: (Please note this item was added to the agenda)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A FUNDING REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY CONTRACTS OR DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Vanni apologizes for getting this item on the agenda so late, but they have an upcoming deadline.

Law Director Gwirtz states that Council will have to vote to waive the three-day rule.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to waive the three-day rule. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

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. 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 passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

8. Motion to approve St. Mary Magdalene (SMM) Church- 33rd Annual Homecoming Festival- Located at 32114 Vine Street.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

9. Motion to approve Candy Shop Nails LLC- Located at 30825 Euclid Avenue Unit 2.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

10. Motion to declare a 2006 Crown Vic VIN #2FAHP71WX6X159487 as surplus, obsolete, unneeded and unfit for public use and authorizing its disposal.

Ms. Antosh asks when the auctions start or how they work for these Fire Department items?

Todd Shannon says they use govdeals website and it is open to anyone. They put it up there for either 7 or 14 days to get bids.

Ms. Antosh asks what happens if no bids?

Mr. Shannon says then they just get rid of it.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

11. Motion to declare an 84 inch MX7000 Code 3 Halogen Bar as surplus and authorizing its sale at auction.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

12. Motion to declare a 44 inch, oval shaped LED bar as surplus and authorizing its sale at auction.

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

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

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No one wished to speak.

Mr. Malta says right around 7:00 he was on 305 and there was a lot of action. What every driver never wants to happen is a guy coming up the ramp the wrong way. So what do you do? He beeped his horn as loud as he could. There were probably 10 cars behind him. It was scary, but he turned around. He also says Saint Mary Magdalene's Irish Fest is a good party. There were 250. Everyone should come next year. They do a scholarship in his wife's brother's name. It has been going since 1969. It's usually about 10 days before St. Patrick's Day. March 31st is the Broadmoore game. He would love everyone to come support. It is their night. They start school in September and they immediately look forward to this game. It usually goes from 7-8 and afterwards he has invited the Mayor to be part of the roundtable. If you cannot make it, you can tune in on 101.5 FM. Judge O'Donnell will also be part of the roundtable. It is at Mentor High.

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

Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President

Date