



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

Tuesday, April 07, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

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**MINUTES**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Koudela.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2026.

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

2. A Resolution declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Willowick.

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

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

Mayor Vanni says we had another significant rain event last Tuesday. We only got a handful of calls and we had an issue with a tree falling on a garage. For the most part, thankfully it was not as bad as it could have been. Areas got a lot of water throughout the county. These rain events have been crazy, but he feels the sewer improvements have been working. Rt. 2 maintenance, they continue to have talks with the County- nothing new to report, but continuing to meet.

You might remember with House Bill 54 with cybersecurity that was passed by the state... part of that is that everyone has to take cybersecurity training. We started with Finance and City Administration. Building Department is up next. City Council will need to take it also, but will be

last. Probably a couple months before we get to Council. Less than 2 hours, not that bad. We will get that going.

School funding meeting, there was an email... the Mayors have been meeting with WE Superintendent for the last year. We are working with them. They're looking at severe issues with their funding. Next meeting is April 23, they wanted to extend the invitation to council to come. We will see how it plays out with the property taxes.

Youtube- we continue to work on getting our meetings up on Youtube. What we have been able to figure out is that we will buy the equipment which is the camera and the mics. Should come under \$2000. Service Department will do the wiring. The quote for the wiring alone was \$7000 but service department said they could do it.

He thanks Julie and the Rec Department for the great events. Breakfast with the Bunny was great. Last weekend was also the adult easter egg hunt and it was great. Even when the weather is bad, it's always still a fantastic turnout. They do such a good job.

We are starting to get our Celebration for the City together. The event will be July 4 at Dudley. 50 years ago they did a time capsule. We will be opening that on July 4, 2026. The event will be 11-2. Julie and her team and Molly are getting the word out. We will also start a new time capsule. We are looking forward to it. We are trying to figure out how to get it out.

Lakefront Lodge- they met with Metroparks last week. They submitted the plans to Tim for review. They are going to do more on the deck than we thought and there will be outlets on there as well. They are also going to be putting in new swings. They are going above and beyond with the building- new roof, new HVAC, bigger kitchen. It will be really nice. They're excited to get going. Tim will probably touch on the parking lot bids during his report. Also, Tour Lake County will be featuring us this summer. They do a great job promoting the County. They are going to build a sand sculpture that will sit here from June until September. They will also bring the big yellow chairs and help promote what is going on here next year. It will be a good thing for the City and the residents. That facility fills up really quickly. This will give the residents another chance to get another venue at the Lake.

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

### **GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials**

#### **Service Director – Todd Shannon**

He submitted his report electronically. With the nicer weather, rats are coming out. He is working with Sean and Apex Pest Control. Waiting on a quote. Going to Columbus for the deer workshop. Road program starting soon. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is shred truck 9-12 at Manry.

Ms. Bisbee asks if we have any plans to fix Manry sidewalk paths?

Todd says we do not, but we can take a look at them.

#### **Recreation Director – Julie Kless**

She says this Saturday is the flea market from 9-2 at Manry. Working on the Parade. Will be moving that to Willowick Middle with the road projects. May 31<sup>st</sup> for parade. The Law Director gave her the final policies and procedures so once she puts that all together she will have registration open. Also working on getting things ready for summer programs.

Mr. Mohorcic asks how we are on lifeguards this year? Did we have a lot of retention?

Julie says a lot came back, maybe 4 did not. We should be at the same number as last year.

Ms. Bisbee says the last two events were awesome turnout. At one time the gym was filled for the easter egg hunt. There were a lot of compliments on the event. To be a participant in the adult easter egg hunt was also a lot of fun.

**City Engineer** – Tim McLaughlin

He submitted his report electronically. There are 5 items for consideration tonight. One other item is about OPWC. We had a preliminary meeting today for next year's program. We haven't evaluated projects for that yet. From last year, one of the projects we submitted was Bayridge slab improvements. We were presented an opportunity to get 100% 0% interest loan. We haven't applied for that yet. It's effectively a payment plan for that project. We are going to plan to probably accept that and then work through the terms. At about \$569,000.

Mr. Mohorcic says thank you for working hard on that.

Tim says we could theoretically go out as soon as July 1. We won't do that because E 305 will be a mess. Should be next year's program though.

**Finance Director** – Goran Vrhovac

He has a few items on the agenda and is open for questions.

**Law Director** – Mandy Gwartz

No report, but open for questions.

**Police Chief** – Rob Daubenmire

Keith Lawrence says they are requesting the approval of two special officers. To not change the part time budget. This would be having two officers return as special officers.

Mayor Vanni says one was approved at the budget. He and the Chief talked about another officer as well for bringing him back to train Keith on the jail. Roughly 6 hours per year.

Keith says yes that's correct. It's a very limited role.

Mayor Vanni says the money is there but that position technically wasn't there.

Keith says it is for jail inspections for the State. He handled that when he was full time and now is passing it onto him.

**Fire Chief** – Bill Malovrh

He submitted his report electronically and is open for questions.

**Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector** – Sean Brennan

Not here tonight.

**WARD MATTERS**

Mr. Malta says Todd, 29408 Fairway, he went by on the way here. He got a phone call and spoke with a neighbor. He spoke with Dave before the meeting. We did work on that. I don't know if there's an issue with pipe?

Todd says we are going to send someone. We think we are having some more issues.

Mr. Malta says it is like a river when it rains.

**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)*

Jack, 828 Deborah Drive, this is about the reoccurring problem on East 305 backyards (behind them). Our power and cable comes along the back of their property and his as well. Any time a tree goes down, there goes the power. Three weeks ago, Pat Couch had a tree come down through the power lines into her yard. His daughter on 316 had a tree that came down through the power lines as well. In her case, there have been 4-5 that have come down over the years. He feels this is a problem and a safety concern. He had one that came down a few years ago that cost about \$11,000 and he saw a deer get electrocuted. He called his insurance agent, John Bosu, and he was told after 2-3-4 claims, they can either bump your rates or drop you. He doesn't feel they should be penalized for the lack of maintenance of the people on 305. He feels the City should have an arborist come through there to see the state of the trees. Sean came out a couple days ago for some photos and was going to get a report from CEI. They haven't been there in roughly 6 years. One last comment, if he is at his 3<sup>rd</sup> claim and he thinks he is going to get dropped, does he decide then to pay this out of pocket? That's on him. Another issue on that.

His neighbor Tony, 840 Deborah Dr., says all the electrical posts in that area are gone except for one. They all had to be replaced. You can see all the dead trees laying. There is so much water back there and the trees cannot root themselves properly. He does fencing. It might be good for him maybe. He thinks someone should look at it. He is not sure how to do it. He thinks it will be too large of an expense for the people who own these lots. Maybe someone comes in and drops some of the trees that are dead anyway? That might be helpful. Obviously we have a lot of leaves in the fall. If it is at all possible, since the city does a great job picking up leaves, to maybe extend a week or two for that pickup. Not sure if you ever drive down Deborah Drive that time of year, but they have a full treelawn at least once a week. We have probably two more weeks of leaves and if we miss that, it's a lot to do by hand with bags. Maybe just a thought. That would be greatly appreciated.

Jean Bowen, 472 E 319<sup>th</sup>, has a couple questions. There is a vacant house on 305. Since this is dragging through court, how much is it costing the city? Also a house on 305 that caught fire last year and it is very ugly. Nothing has been done with it yet. She knows it all takes time.

Phil Dietering, 469 Bayridge, two questions. The shredding day that is open to residents, how broken down does it need to be? Just straight paper? 305 when they start tearing the street up, what's the plan? One lane open both ways? One way? No ways? All on Bayridge?

Ms. Koudela addresses the residents of Deborah, she says someone else brought this up to her as well so she knows Sean was over there and he also mentioned CEI. Hopefully they can get over there to trim those trees. She will mention the wet/drainage issue to Sean as well to see if there's anything we can do. As far as leaf pickup goes, they are wonderful. They're doing it as much as they can. A lot of it is the weather and having to go back and forth with outfitting for leaves and salt/snow. So it's a fine line.

The resident agrees they are excellent but they do get a lot of leaves with the wind.

Todd says he wishes they could go longer, but it's the need to convert them to salt trucks. He tries to guess when the leaves are going to fall. We have been caught with a City of leaves with snow. We do the best we can. He understands the frustration; they do have a lot there. We did extend yard waste by

another month. He knows it is not ideal because of the bags. We will try to take a look at it, but the weather is crazy lately so who knows when the leaves will fall.

Ms. Koudela says they do try to go out weather permitting after their normal schedule too. She will touch base with Sean and the Mayor and Law Director will be involved as well.

Jack says it is like standing water this time of year and it's rotting the trees. Maybe there could be a drain tied into a sewer.

Ms. Koudela says it's hard because it's private property but we will see what our options are.

Mr. Malta says if there is a better adjective than excellent he is with Tony. He has been on Council for 18 years and he was a mailman. There were a lot of leaves in places on his route and the guys Todd has doing those leaves are amazing.

Tony says he is right, they're doing an excellent job. Also what comes into play, some of the people who have landscapers, they blow the leaves from the yard they're hired into the street or to the neighbors. He wishes he could stop them. They should be picking them up. It creates an issue with taking care of your lawn. It brings different animals also. He understands.

Law Director Gwartz says the update from Sean today is that he was able to speak to the government liaison at CEI. That area is scheduled for their normal tree trimming for next year but he is still talking to someone to see if something can be done sooner.

Ms. Koudela says the houses on 305...

Mayor Vanni says the vacant house they have been in Court for a few years. The judge gave her until June 1. It's very frustrating. It has cost time and resources. We are going through the process to do everything we can.

Law Director Gwartz says as far as the costs go, you pay the Prosecutor, her, and Sean for their times. There was also a jury trial that was several hours of time dedicated to it. She is required to pay the Court costs as part of her sentencing. The time she did in jail, because it's City code, we do have to pay for that. Actual costs might be about \$300. That is the actual cost we have had to pay plus employee resources dedicated. Her and Sean have been in discussions about what happens after June and they do have a plan in order if she does not comply.

Mayor Vanni says the burnt house takes a lot of time because of going through insurance. He has two in his neighborhood that are just getting dealt with after two years.

Chief Malovrh says the last he heard from Sean was that they applied to actually knock the house down at this point. They started working on it but the plan changed.

Todd says loose pieces of paper for shred day, no binders. His guys will take any boxes. They shred on site and you can stay and watch if you choose. As far as 305 goes, that is an ODOT project. Yes it runs through Willowick, but they are in charge of the project. We will inform the public as much as we can. They will do it in phases. We will post as many updates as we can. It will be a messy project. It likely starts within the next 2-3 weeks. Monday City Hall will have no water starting at 9 a.m.

Jean Bowen asks if they are done with Lakeshore or if that will run simultaneously?

Todd says simultaneously.

Todd says they will maintain at least 1 lane of traffic at all times. No final traffic plan has been submitted to the City yet.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance** – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

**Safety** – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

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

**Tax Compliance** – McFarland, Antosh, Phares

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

**Budget** – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning** – Phares/Alternate Antosh

**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**

3. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter a contact with RJK Roofing Solutions for the Willowick Roofing Project in the amount of \$119,765.00.

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

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

4. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter a contact with Geauga Highway Co. for the Base and Alternate for the 2026 Road Program in the amount of \$777,640.20.

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

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

**INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 12:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 549 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES;" SPECIFICALLY SECTION 549.10, TITLED "FIREWORKS," TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE IN THE CITY TO POSSESS, DISCHARGE, IGNITE AND EXPLODE FIREWORKS ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS.

**First Reading 3/3/26, Second Reading 3/17/26, Item is on Third Reading.**

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

**Ms. Antosh says in July 2022 all of Council voted against this. Most of our backyards do not even qualify for the state guidelines which say you need a diameter of 150'. Hardly any property fits the requirements. She reads the rest of the requirements from the State pertaining to the fall out area, common debris, etc. Common debris comes down at 20-50 mph (paper and cardboard, some tubes are plastic, caps and plugs are plastic or clay). There is chemical residue. There are toxins that enter the waterway that affect people and pets and wildlife. There is a concern with triggers for those with PTSD including our veterans. Fireworks negatively impact wildlife with stress as well. When she went back on the monthly police reports, in 2025 there were 45 complaints. In 2022 there were 52. In 2023 there were 63. 2024, 38. Once the original ordinance was put into place, people that were shooting off fireworks were declining. She shows Council a picture of what she collects in her backyard which shows debris from fireworks. She feels bad for the seniors around her that have to deal with this. She shows pictures of her neighbors setting up professional fireworks. She shows another photo of the aftermath of all the debris and still smoldering pile. Another photo of a neighbor on Vineyard who set off fireworks. Anyone with a fabric roof now has pinholes from the debris. She is voting no and she hopes that all the Council members that were here in 2022 will vote no against this as well.**

**Mr. McFarland says as was stated by Council Woman Antosh, this was originally enacted in 2022 when the state changed their ordinances to allow them. We have had 4 years to see what affects across the state have been and there are minimal issues recorded. He wants to hear from the fire chief if there will be risk to the City or increase in calls. There are minimal areas in the City that this would allow. The timing per the state of when these fireworks would be allowed, would give those with pets or PTSD extra awareness of when they would be going off to allow for more preparedness. The residents of Willowick have come to different members of council and have expressed a variety of opinions. The overwhelming majority that have spoken to him want to see this pass.**

**Chief Malovrh says we follow the State or City's codes and rules. His 37+ year career has only been one incident due to a firework and it was a branch up high.**

**Lt. Lawrence has no comment.**

**Ms. Antosh says the state has 13 days. Also they have the first Friday, Saturday, Sunday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and also after. Would actually be 16 days.**

**Mr. McFarland says 16 out of 365.**

**Ms. Bisbee says her concern is not only damage to neighbors, yards, and property. Her concern is from a veteran perspective. She knows many with PTSD. Even with preparedness, it will still set you off. Animals the same way. She really wants to help protect the veterans in the City and she will vote no on this.**

**Law Director Gwartz says to be clear, the dates from the State also imply that Memorial Day and Labor Day have extended weekends as well.**

**Mayor Vanni says being on the other part of this and seeing what it does to police and fire when we are already spread thin, he makes a suggestion to pass it for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and holiday. Whether it's right or wrong, people blow them off at that time anyway. He has**

seen it on the other side, he understands what Councilwoman Antosh and Bisbee are saying. If it is going to get passed, he suggests limiting it to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He doesn't see it being too much of a problem the rest of the year.

**Lt. Lawrence** says he agrees with his statement, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the surrounding days are 99% of the days when fireworks are going off. Usually 4<sup>th</sup> of July evening, we are at minimal man power and to be honest, no one wants to work that evening. You are going to go complaint to complaint. We cite when it's appropriate and we have the discretion not to cite and it has been largely ineffective.

**Ms. Antosh** says she spoke to Law Director Gwartz today. Someone could video tape the house with fireworks going off and then turn that over to police to be cited?

**Law Director Gwartz** says she is not encouraging this, but part of the police problem is that they are often unable to identify which house the fireworks come from and they have taken a warning approach first, but they do need evidence.

**Ms. Koudela** asks if anyone wants to amend this ordinance per the Mayor's proposal?

**Mr. Mohorcic** is open to it. If you want to just do July 3, 4, 5?

**Law Director Gwartz** says if you're looking at that with the July 4<sup>th</sup> holidays, it would be roman numeral 6 and 7 which would cover the highest incident area if that is what Council is looking to allow.

**Ms. Koudela** says the State allows fireworks on these certain days so this proposal is just to mirror the State's guidelines, but we do have the option to prohibit it or we could allow at certain times.

**Mr. McFarland** says while he is always open to compromising, he does not feel making this amendment will sway anyone on their vote, but it will affect the rights and freedoms of our residents.

**Mr. Malta** says he likes Mike's idea of two days before and after as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He doesn't feel it's that heavy of a firework date aside from that. Especially this year with us celebrating 250 years.

**Mr. Phares** says no amendment, keep it the way it is.

**Ms. Antosh** asks what we are voting on?

**Ms. Koudela** says as is to remove the restriction and follow the state's guidelines.

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

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 14:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026- 6 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM The General Fund (101); Street Lighting Fund (204); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Police & Fire Cap. Levey Fund (207); OneOhio Opiod Fund (229); Violent Crime Reduction Grant (233)The Municipal Tax Incentive Fund (302); FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION: Ms. Bisbee motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Malta second.**

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

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

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

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 15:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ADULT SCHOOL GUARDS, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Bisbee second.**

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

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

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

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 13:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Bisbee second.**

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

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

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

9. RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 14:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO FLOCK GROUP INC. DBA FLOCK SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Ms. Antosh second.**

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

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

**Mr. McFarland says these are for the Flock cameras set up around the City correct?**

**Finance Director says this is for the money to come out to pay for the annual Flock cameras.**

**Mr. McFarland asks how the new cameras are going?**

**Lt. Lawrence says very well. This is for the annual payment for the pre-existing cameras.**

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

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 15:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (2026) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Malta second.**

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

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

11. Motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$115,905.00 to Valley Freightliner for the purchased of a new 5-ton cab and chassis.

**MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.**

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

12. Motion to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$96,350.00 to Cenweld Corp. for the purchase of a dump body package, central hydraulics, and a new 10' plow.

**MOTION: Mr. McFarland motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.**

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

13. Motion Authorizing an expenditure to the Willoughby Eastlake school district in the amount of \$123,977.57 for the first half TY/25CY26 Pilot reimbursement and \$47,000.00 for the Pupil Payment per the compensation Agreement for the Shoreland Crossings TIF.

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

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

14. Motion authorizing Change Order #2-FINAL to Municipal and Contractors Sealing Products, Inc in the in the deduct amount of \$2,305.50 for the Lakeshore Boulevard Trunk Sewer West Rehabilitation.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.**

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

15. Motion authorizing the Release of Retainage in the amount of \$37,982.40 to Municipal and Contractors Sealing Products, Inc for the Lakeshore Boulevard Trunk Sewer West Rehabilitation.

**MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.**

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

16. Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$39,969.44 to Communication Services for the start up cost for equipment and installation (\$11,161.64) and first year's payment (\$28,807.80). This is for the purchase of 7 new dash mounted cameras and 18 new body worn cameras.

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

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

17. Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$25,717.70 to Communication Services for the software and components (\$21,118.50) and the cost of installation plus one year support (\$4,599.20). This is for the purchase of phone/radio software recording system.

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

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

18. A Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sedgwick to re-enroll for the 2027 Ohio Association of Public Treasurers Retro Group at the cost of \$3,360.

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

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

19. Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$1,160.00 to Magnet Forensics for the cost for equipment and user licenses. This purchase will aid the police department to preserve cell phone evidence.

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

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

20. A Motion authorizing the expenditure of \$2,884.67 to Worldpoint for the cost of CPR dummies and CPR training equipment.

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

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

## **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)*

Mike Bowen, 472 E 319, asks for permission to speak past the minute mile marker. He thanks Ms. Bisbee for mentioning the veterans. Until you have been there, you have no idea. His son is a disabled Iraq war veteran with severe PTSD. His unit was attacked and blown up. His is not so bad. Anyways, he disagrees with the fireworks due to this reason.

He reads a story about his stepdad, Frank Rossi. His grandparents were from Italy so the whole family spoke Italian. After enlisting in the army, he then worked for Willowick Police. He was called upon by Cleveland Police and FBI as an interpreter. He is currently working with one of the instructors of the FBI Citizen's academy for more information about this time for records. One night in 1963, a group were on Liberty and went into Downtown Cleveland and got into a big brawl. The bad guys got the worst of it. Everyone was arrested. Whatever district that was, the police chief knew his dad well and called him to get the soldiers back to base and out of jail so he didn't have to press charges. The commanding officer was very grateful and he offered the flag they had just changed. It was too large for the City to fly at that time so dad kept it. His mom gave it to him. It is now 63 years old and it should come back to the City. Maybe we should fly it for a day or maybe we should put it in the time capsule.

He presents Julie with the flag.

Mayor Vanni says we could maybe put it in the new time capsule.

Ms. Koudela asks for a copy of the story to put in there as well.

Jean Bowen, 472 E 319, says call her paranoid Patty, but the fact that the fireworks cause a lot of anxiety to people and we have this new generation that likes to walk around shooting guns for no apparent reason... she thinks the police already work hard enough. That is just her opinion. They use that to mask what they are doing.

Mr. Malta says Julie when you get together with the parade committee, what about Mike being grand marshal walking with that flag? That would be wonderful. He asks Mike if he would be open to doing that? Maybe with a couple Gold Star Committee members. He also says, in conjunction with Hearts and Hammers, they are involved in a committee for the first annual Rich Regovich Scholarships. If you want more info, contact himself or Natalie Antosh. The idea is to keep his name alive and fund a scholarship. We will be doing that in the next 6-7 months. Also, on his radio show on Monday May 11 we are doing a tribute to Rich and his family will be there. It will be at the Happy Moose in Mentor to support them. This will be a big night. We have done big shows like this in the past and this man deserves it. You'll get to hear stories you don't know. He would like everyone to be there and will remind you as we go through April and May.

Ms. Antosh says we are working on the Rich Regovich Scholarship... it's not official yet, still in the works.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

21. Discussion of Collective Bargaining with the Law Director and Finance Director.

22. Discussion of compensation, sick and vacation benefits of a Public Employee with Law Director and Finance Director.

23. Discussion of pending litigation with Law Director.

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to adjourn into executive session at approximately 7:49 p.m. Mr. Malta second.**

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

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to return from executive session. Mr. Malta second.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

**Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

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Clerk of Council

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Council President

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Date