



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers/ Webex

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

(Total meetings to date – 3)

The fourth meeting of Council of 2021 was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Council President Patton. This is a virtual meeting with the same rules pursuant to guidelines of the Ohio Attorney General.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT:

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

Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Finance Director Benedict, Fire Chief Tennyson, Police Chief Turner, City Engineer Mclaughlin, Sewer Foreman Rob Gross, Law Director Landgraf, Economic Director Drake and Council Clerk Angie Trend. Recreation Director Kless and Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 2nd, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 2, 2021

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

COVID vaccines are still coming into Lake County and most of them are going to the area pharmacies for distribution. There is no parking on the city streets when there are two or more inches of snow on the ground. Chipolte submitted paperwork with the Building Department for a space at the new construction in Shoregate Shopping Center and Starbucks has made an inquiry.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials**Acting Service Director – Rich Regovich**

Enterprise has been in contact with the City for the next round of new trucks that would be ready by next winter. Councilman Vanni stated that a snow removal company was out plowing residential areas before 6 a.m. Councilman Malta reported a sign at the corner of Clarmont and E. 305 St. with offensive words and also the sidewalk is blocked by snow. The Mayor will handle the complaints.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Written report submitted. Absent.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Written report submitted electronically.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

No written report. The budget legislation is on the first reading tonight.

Council President Patton asked how much the Worker's Compensation premiums went up. Ms. Benedict stated \$50,000.00 annually.

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No written report. Budget legislation, Ordinance No. 2021-9 has an emergency clause; however should be placed on three readings.

Councilman Phares inquired about legislation limiting the number of gaming centers in Willowick. Ms. Landgraf stated she will draft up legislation. Council President Patton inquired about the Sunshine Law and public requests. Ms. Landgraf stated the Ohio Sunshine Law only requires the City to produce any records that it has and maintains in it's regular course of business not to create any specific format or reports sought.

Police Chief – Brian Turner

No written report. There were several crime related incidents over the last few days in the city and neighboring cities where our officer's were able to apprehend some suspects.

Mayor Regovich wanted to recognize that Sgt. Bob Prochazka retired today after twenty-seven years of service with the City.

Fire Chief – Joe Tennyson

Written report submitted electronically.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

No written report. Absent.

Economic Development Manager – Monica Drake

Ace Hardware has confirmed they will be expanding.

Councilman Vanni inquired about Northshore Mall and if it had been sold. The Mayor did not know if it had transferred yet but he as well as Ms. Drake will be reaching out to the new owner in the near future.

WARD MATTERS

Council President Patton wanted to address the fact that Worker's Compensation premiums have gone up to \$50,000 annually as the result of previous claims and could possibly be another \$100,000 over the next two years. This will affect the General Fund as was determined in the Budget Hearings.

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)

None.

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

No report.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

No report.

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

Written report for the Budget Hearing was submitted electronically.

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

Ms. Antosh reported that the Sprint store at Shoregate Mall is changing over to T-Mobile and will maintain the same management and employees. Ms. Antosh would also like to see a limit on the gaming centers in the City.

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Mr. Malta reported the seventeen volunteers for Hearts & Hammers shoveled snow for sixty walkways for our senior residents.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None.

CONTRACT APPROVALS

2. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with TruGreen Commercial Lawn Care for fertilization and weed control for all city properties in the amount of \$2,793.78.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with TruGreen Commercial Lawn Care for fertilization and weed control for all city properties in the amount of \$2,793.78.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Enterprise Software Agreement with City Force for software and technical support in the Building Department for a term of 5-years in the amount of \$5,400.00 annually. (*Amended from \$7,752.00*)

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Enterprise Software Agreement with City Force for software and technical support in the Building Department for a term of 5-years in the amount of \$5,400.00 annually. (*Amended from \$7,752.00*)

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

4. Ordinance No. 2021-9 (Finance Director)

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, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Council President Patton placed Ordinance No. 2021-9 on the 1st reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

5. Motion authorizing the release of retainage in the amount of \$18,409.44 to Lake County Landscape & Supply Inc. for the Manry Park Exercise Trail Improvements.

Motion made by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh authorizing the release of retainage in the amount of \$18,409.44 to Lake County Landscape & Supply Inc. for the Manry Park Exercise Trail Improvements.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

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ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employment and compensation of a public employee.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

RETURN TO TABLE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Vanni to return to the table from Executive Session.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to extend the Mayor's appointment as Temporary Service Director not to exceed one-hundred and eighty days, from March 1st, 2021.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

President of Council

Attest: _____

Clerk of Council

