



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

Tuesday, February 03, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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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**

All members of Council in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of January 20, 2026.

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

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

**APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

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

Mayor Vanni says everything has been budget related recently. He thanks Service Department for all the work they did with the big storm we had a week and a half ago. Other cities even mentioned how good the roads were. They did a great job. We just got notified about the NOPEC Energy Grant that we get every year. We are hoping to put that towards HVAC dampers and controls. Last year we got windows and doors. We got another \$32,000 from NOPEC. Cybersecurity legislation is back on. We passed that not that long ago. The state of Ohio has changed. MOU has changed from December which is why it's on again. They also added their consent forms for acknowledgement of the homeland security grants they got in 2022 and 2024. That's why you might notice it's back on the agenda.

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

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

**Service Director – Todd Shannon**

He emailed his report. Like the Mayor said, we have mostly been salting and plowing. Unfortunately, these storms that are coming through are salt burning storms and we are still short. Morton is our supplier so we have been keeping up with supply and demand and salting responsibly.

**Recreation Director** – Julie Kless

There are two items on the agenda for her. Recreational fees as well as the Senior Center Laketran agreement. She is happy to answer any questions.

**City Engineer** – Tim McLaughlin

**Finance Director** – Goran Vrhovac

He has a few items on the agenda. The related parties questionnaire is in your mailbox please fill out at your earliest convenience.

**Law Director** – Mandy Gwartz

No formal report, but open for questions.

**Police Chief** – Rob Daubenmire

Emailed his report. Open for questions.

**Fire Chief** – Bill Malovrh

Emailed his report. Open for questions.

Mr. Malta thanks Bill for the information he got together for Council as requested.

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

There is a Resolution 2026-5 that pertains to the continuation of the CRA reinvestment area by Shoregate. This is in front of Council for approval to proceed.

**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)*

None

**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

Ms. Bisbee says that the basketball season that has started is running incredibly well. She thanks Julie for her work.

**Plan Review Board** – Antosh

No report, but just a reminder that the soft open of Steaks and Hoagies is tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.

**FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS****CONTRACT APPROVALS**

2. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract with Laketran for bussing services for the Willowick Senior Center for a three-year period.

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

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

**INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**

3. ORDINANCE 2026- 3:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

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

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE WILLOWICK RECREATION DEPARTMENT, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

5. ORDINANCE 2026- 5:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026- TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM The General Fund (101); The SCM&R Fund (202); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); 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. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. Mr. Mohorcic second.**

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

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

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 5:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONTINUE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH THE PHILLIPS EDISON GROUP, LLC SHOREGATE STATION, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

7. Motion to declare 2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor VIN: 1FM5K8AR9JGC95115 as surplus, obsolete, unneeded, unfit for public use and authorizing its disposal.

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

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

8. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a consent agreement with Ohio Emergency Management agency for FY 2024 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

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

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

- 9. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a consent agreement with Ohio Emergency Management agency for FY 2022 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

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

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

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Mr. Malta asks Ms. Antosh if the 4:00 p.m. soft opening is a ribbon cutting?

Mayor Vanni says yes it is, he found it out last night. The flyer said 5-8, but last night he got an email from the Chamber saying 4:00 is the actual ribbon cutting.

Mr. Malta says the Hearts and Hammers dinner tickets are sold out. There are \$10 tickets left for the sideboard. They must be purchased prior to Saturday. Gold Star’s fundraiser is the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Willowick Lounge. It is a basket fundraiser. If you were at the one at Bar Forno, it was incredible. Friday was something else. He has never attended a banquet like that for Be Smoothie. He commends Mike and Molly for their work. It is impressive that we have had back to back years with small business of the year for the City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

**Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

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Clerk of Council

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Council President

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Date