



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

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 December 2, 2025.

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.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. A Proclamation recognizing Willowick Fire Department members Captain Luke Ockenden, Lieutenant Sean Coubrough, Firefighter Justin Corbe, Firefighter Kyle Bynane and Firefighter Michael O'Connell for their brave and heroic actions on Tuesday, December 9, 2025.

Mayor Vanni discusses how these members of the Fire Department went above and beyond for an incident a week ago. He reads the Proclamation. The members are recognized.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

3. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2025-32 (Shoregate Towers NS LLC/Vijai Ponnezhan):
An Order granting a Variance and exception to not have to deposit monies in escrow for specific point of sale violations in the application of Section 1355.05(e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick.

Ms. Koudela asks if anyone in the audience is here for or against. None. She asks if anyone on Council has any questions or discussion. None.

Mr. Mohorcic says he feels we have a good property owner willing to do stuff but he wishes the City would hold a traditional escrow account.

Ms. Antosh asks Sean if there has ever been another property owner or management company that has asked for money to not be in escrow?

He says no, we have never had a variance request like this. He knows it is a large amount of money that is in there. The largest we have ever had was a property on Vine that was over \$100,000. As you can see on the minutes, looking at the estimates presented to the City it was a very large amount of money.

Mr. McFarland says he was at the BZA meeting and the minutes read slightly differently. He says there will still be funds set aside for this property, but we cannot get them. This company has a proven track record of rehabbing properties just like this. Their concern about the amount they would lose by putting it in escrow is a very large burden that he feels we should not be putting on them. It is a different situation than your normal escrow situation. BZA unanimously recommended approval.

Mr. Mohorcic asks if the proposed \$2 million loss is the interest they'd lose not putting this in?

Gwartz says it is the interest.

He says so they are not getting capital gains.

She says their other concern was not being able to get contractors due to history of the building and not being paid. This is a unique situation. Usually the buyer is not the one getting estimates and things like that done. That may have contributed.

Ms. Koudela says based on her conversation with Sean, in a way it is no different than money in escrow. If they were to deposit the money in escrow, it's not like the City can access it to make the repairs. If they don't make the repairs, the City is still in the same boat as far as going to court and filing. It's the same process. She asks Sean to verify that is correct?

Sean says if we had to actually physically go on the property and make those repairs, we would have to legally go through the court. We can't just barge in and take care of the repairs. Not like something in the right of way like an apron or sidewalk where we could go there and make the repair.

She says yes but having that money deposited in escrow, that money isn't available to the City right?

Gwartz says it would be, but not until after court proceedings.

Koudela says they would be putting \$11 or \$12 million in escrow and would still need that same amount in repairs. They want the money available to make the repairs.

Gwartz says she has met with the applicant as well as the Mayor. What is unique is that they are not financing this project, this is their own money. She thinks that is another reason they are asking for this exemption. They are not anticipating any loans. They are planning on using their own money to make the repairs. They also purchased the building on their own finances. After meeting with them, every building they have bought, they still own... she expects they will be here for the long haul. She feels it is a unique circumstance due to the amount needed for the repairs. At BZA they talked about adding the requirements to update the City continually to ensure they have the finances to continue with the repairs. If there is anything that Council would like to add that

wouldn't change the core nature of what they are asking, they understand those requests might be made as well.

Ms. Antosh asks Sean about the 30% occupied? Between the two buildings?

He says yes.

She says the \$750 per month... do we know what their plan was to charge rent?

Gwartz says they used the term market rate but she believes that it is \$1000-\$1200. No public housing vouchers. Just a market.

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

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

4. Administrative Appeal Order No. 2025-33 (Shoregate Towers NS LLC/Vijai Ponnezhan):

An Order granting a Variance and exception to use an asset line of credit letter from Charles Schwab Bank for the sum of \$12,435,867.44 for the specific point of sale violations and to provide the City with quarterly statements showing fund availability until all violations are corrected in the application of Section 1355.05(e) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick.

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

Mr. Mohorcic asks why it is less than the 150%?

Gwartz says that's not what they're asking for. She thinks it would be over \$18 million, but that is the guaranteed assets?

He says he has some concerns and will be voting no on this.

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

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni reports that last Wednesday they swore in 8 new firefighters. Our roster is back up, it was getting low. Chief has been watching it and will likely go into more detail during his report. Brings a total of 10 since October. Good news on that front. Got our senior levy award letter the other day. What we got is basically what we were getting 3ish years ago, roughly \$85,000. Last year we got a bit more likely because they had a discretionary fund and probably the more important reason is that it is probably the first domino to fall when they doubled the homestead exemption. We will have to watch that next year. We are projected to take \$400,000 less. Everyone is watching that... A lot of uncertainty. He has a meeting scheduled, the County's next Tax Revenue meeting is in January. Starting on the budget and meeting with directors. That time of year. Goran is getting that going. There will not be a Courier in January similar to last year, but plan to start back up in February. Molly can put articles on the Facebook page. Julie is not here tonight, she is playing Santa again with Scott. They're doing the west end of the City with the firetrucks. Winter Wonderland was great on Sunday. Councilwoman Bisbee was there helping out. He thanks everyone that works here for another good year. We got a lot accomplished. Much more to come next year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Ms. Koudela says when the planning for the Senior Center Parking lot is going on, can we address the flooding that happens there? Also maybe discuss an overhang near entrance for loading and unloading? Just to make it a little easier for people getting in and out of the building.

No additional discussion.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

He submitted his report electronically yesterday. Guys are out plowing and salting. If you see potholes please let them know so they can get them taken care of. We did receive \$15,000 for safety intervention grant for the service department but unfortunately it will be pushed to next year to buy it.

Ms. Koudela says the lights on the fire department look wonderful.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

He reports that Thursday December 4, E 305 resurfacing bids opened. We were fortunate enough to receive 5 bids. The lowest bid was awarded yesterday to Great Lakes Crushing. They were about 4% under budget. Expect that to begin in April or May with a conclusion of October 15.

Finance Director – Goran Vrhovac

He has quite a few items on the agenda this evening. There are appropriations on the budget and the temporary. He is happy to answer any questions as we encounter them.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

No formal report, but open for questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Lt. Lawrence is here tonight in place. He has two items to touch on that will be at the first meeting in 2026. One is approval of funds for drone purchase. They got a donation from Eagles Lodge. The Lake County Drone team is holding one drone for them. It needs to go through the proper approval process. It will be 100% funded by the donation. Will be on agenda for next meeting. Another item is a trial program for license plate readers in the City from Flock. He presents Council with some reading material pertaining to this. It's a proposal from Flock for 6 new license plate readers and a live camera that would accord from these locations. The proposal is to enter into a 90 day basically free trial with no obligation after that time is up. Right now they have 3 LPR cameras in the City- since 2022. They have been very successful. They feel this proposal could allow them to collect data on a more strategic placement. Fairway and 288 camera we have had has not produced as much as we would like. Part of this proposal is to strategize a replacement location for that camera. If that pans out, then we could sub that camera that we already budgeted for and it would be no increase to the City. No obligation to pay for the other cameras, they would just remove them. Last page of the proposal is a crude map with current camera locations and proposed locations. He wanted to give this to Council ahead of time so they could look it over and ask questions. He has been working with Flock on this.

Ms. Antosh asks if the red dots are the proposed ones to remove?

He says those are the existing ones... one may be replaced.

She asks since Wickliffe and Eastlake and Euclid have these, if someone is there and their camera gets hit, does it notify us that they're headed here or does it have to go through our camera first?

He says good questions. We can all share data and settings usually notify them on all these cameras so they know what is coming.

She says removing any of these cameras on Wickliffe or Euclid side would hinder us.

Mr. Phares asks if there have been improvements with AI.

Lt. Lawrence says yes they are using AI. Part of the proposal for this trial is a software upgrade that does include an AI search engine. One example is that if they are looking for a burglary suspect in a white shirt with a red hat, we can use their AI search engine to check the live cameras for that description.

Mr. Malta asks if there is a price on the drone?

Lt. Lawrence says just under \$10,000.

Mr. Malta wants to thank the Eagles on the minutes. This is a huge donation. Ray Shipley should get a thank you. It has been marvelous working with them.

Ms. Koudela asks if there is required training for the drone operator?

Lt. Lawrence says yes, basically FFA test and certification. Currently we have two officers going through that training. Once they do that, they would be certified to fly the drone solo.

Ms. Koudela asks if this is something we would offer as a service to another City as needed?

He says there is a Lake County Team, but yes we could. The County team is called out for all kinds of emergencies- both police and fire. Wickliffe just purchased a drone, the same as we are looking to get. If you call the County Team, response time could be longer. Calling another City, maybe the operator is not working... it would be valuable to have this option in house.

Ms. Koudela says this quote from Flock is for the annual cost? With likely increases from year to year?

He says yes.

She says this is for the 6 and we would still have the fee for the 3 existing ones?

He says yes.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

No formal report, but open for questions.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

No formal report, but open for questions.

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)

Michael Bowen, 472 E 319, feels qualified to ask this... he is the original webmaster for the City. On the agenda page, we have a vacant link for video. He would like us to explore the possibility of putting the Facebook page link in that area and performing our own video of these Council meetings for public awareness. He feels it would do the public a benefit. He asks Council to get in touch with him.

Jean Bowen, 472 E 319, asks Sean on these repairs for the apartments, are the new owners replacing the garage? Has the City gone through everything to see what kind of messes were left behind? Just curious.

No one else wishes to speak.

Ms. Koudela addresses Mike. Where it says video is vacant until after the meeting. The Council Clerk uploads the audio. It is clarified that this happens right after the meeting and is just the audio. We have talked about live streaming. We will discuss again. She asks Sean to answer Jean.

Sean says building did go through the property and the estimates you see cover all the outstanding repairs on that property.

She asks how many vacancies?

He says 32% occupancy.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Mr. Phares reports on this evening's meeting. The discussion was Chapter 507- Cruelty to Animals. Main possible improvements: fenced in area for pets in the backyard, more details on what a structure is considered to be, and restructuring the temperatures that animals are allowed to be out in the yard. Those are the three areas we are going to use to structure the Ordinance.

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

Mr. Mohorcic says after speaking to Goran and Monica, they are looking at doing the budget meeting differently. The Finance Director thinks we could get this done in two meetings in the evening. Would like to propose January 27 between 6-8 for the first, and a follow up on February 3 after the Council Meeting. This way staff doesn't have to come in Saturdays.

Mr. Malta says he likes it. Ms. Bisbee might be out of town on the 27th and would prefer to be here.

Mr. Mohorcic says he will work with her and tentatively put these dates on your calendars.

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 Julie and her team had to sort of punt for Winter Wonderland this year. The company that was supposed to come in and do all the accessories were snowed in in Columbus. It was still a major success.

Plan Review Board – Antosh

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

CONTRACT APPROVALS

5. Motion to enter into a contract with TruGreen for fertilization of City properties for the calendar year 2026.

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.

6. Motion to enter into a maintenance agreement with Timbers-Kovar for the maintenance of various garage doors and pneumatic doors throughout the City of Willowick.

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.

7. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter a contract with Sunset Cinema LLC for the City's Family Fun Night in July 2026 for a total cost of \$1600 per show.

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.

8. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Eaton 9355 UPS system for a one-year plan total of \$4,498.00 (excluding tax).

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.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-50:

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 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. 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.

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.

10. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 51:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025- 13 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE General Fund (101); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Bond Retirement Fund (301); 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.

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

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.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-52:

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR AND LAKE COUNTY TREASURER FOR COLLECTION AS PROPERTY TAX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 53:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 133 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO TITLED “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE”;

SPECIFICALLY SECTION 133.17, TITLED “CHARGES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE.”

Item was placed on First Reading.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 54:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 ROAD PROGRAM FUND, UNDER FUND NUMBER 420, 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. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

Mr. Phares asks if there is a list of roads?

Todd says yes but could change based on price.

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

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 55:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LARIMAR CULVERT PROGRAM FUND, UNDER FUND NUMBER 430, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 56:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2025 LATERAL PROGRAM FUND, UNDER FUND NUMBER 431, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Mr. Phares 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: 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. ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 57:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE STRIPING PROGRAM FUND, UNDER FUND NUMBER 432, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 61:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE LAKESHORE BLVD. SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND (434) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Mr. Phares 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. 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.

18. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 62:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE FORESTGROVE SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND (435) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

19. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 63

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUND (224) 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. 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.

20. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 64:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE NOPEC GRANT FUND (227) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

21. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 65:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE LARIMAR CULVERT PROGRAM FUND (430) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

22. RESOLUTION 2025-66:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Koudela mentions we received an update to this from the County today that was an error. She clarifies that we are voting on it as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Phares 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: Mr. Phares motions to approve as amended. 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.

23. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND RETURN OF ADVANCED FUNDS FROM THE E 305th ST. SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Ms. Bisbee asks if we are transferring or advancing?

Goran Vrohvac says we are returning the funds.

Ms. Koudela says back to the General Fund.

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

24. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-68:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND RETURN OF ADVANCED FUNDS FROM THE LAKESHORE BLVD. SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND (434) TO THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Ms. Bisbee asks if the next 3 are all the same?

Goran says yes the only difference is the next 3 were not used at all.

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

25. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-69:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND RETURN OF ADVANCED FUNDS FROM THE FORESTGROVE SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND (435) TO THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Mohorcic asks why we advance the funds and then immediately returning them?

Goran says the returns are from 2025's budget, the ones you are seeing are from the temporary budget for 2026.

It is established this is a housekeeping item and not keeping funds in the accounts for too long.

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.

26. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-70:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND RETURN OF ADVANCED FUNDS FROM THE VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT FUND (233) TO THE GENERAL FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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.

27. First Reading 11/18/25, Second Reading 12/2, Item is on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-45 (Amended):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 921 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED "STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE;" SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 921.08, TITLED "SANITARY SEWER RENTAL RATES," TO PROVIDE A USE CHARGE RATE BASED UPON \$11.2655 PER 100 CUBIC FEET OF WATER, ESTABLISH A MINIMUM QUARTERLY BILLING FOR SUCH USE CHARGE RATE OF \$90.1261 PER 800 CUBIC FEET OF WATER, OR PART THEREOF.

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.

28. First Reading 11/18/25, Second Reading 12/2, Item is on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 48:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 510 OF THE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK ENTITLED “NUISANCE ABATEMENT.”

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.

29. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-58:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CYBER INCIDENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to waive the 3 day rule. 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. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring separate readings and readings in full. 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.

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

Mr. Mohorcic asks if this is for our cyber security policy?

Goran says we have to have a plan in place of how we will respond based on a new bill passed. It has to be in place by 2026. He sat down with IT. It basically says we deal with them as they occur and we see fit.

Mr. Mohorcic asks about a ransom?

Goran says insurance would cover some of that... incident would have to happen and we would have to see their demands.

Mayor says Council has to approve any payment of ransom. It will be a case by case basis.

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

30. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-59:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 133.51 IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO RECOVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES BY THE MUNICIPALITY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: TRAFFIC CRASH RESPONSE, GAS LINE REPAIR, UTILITY COMPANY WAIT TIME, ILLEGAL BURN, SEARCH AND RESCUE, STRUCTURE FIRES, HAZMAT RESPONSE, FALSE ALARMS, WATER RESCUE, MINING INCIDENTS AND PREPPING FOR CAREFLIGHT; ALL BEING PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES THAT ARE REQUIRED DUE TO AN

INDIVIDUAL'S NEGLIGENCE AND ARE BEYOND THE USUAL BASIC PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES.

This item was placed on First Reading.

Mr. Phares asks how this came about?

Goran says they had a meeting with LifeForce. One of the things they brought up was that a lot of cities now are also charging for their truck to go out, especially on the freeways. They gave us a cost analysis. It would not affect residents at all, just others when a fire truck is needed to respond.

Ms. Koudela says sometimes the fire truck is used as a barricade. In that instance, the City would bill that person's insurance company. Like for blocking traffic.

Mr. McFarland asks how this would work when our truck goes into another City? Who gets billed then?

Goran says from his understanding, it goes to the insurance company and it is collected by the City they are operating in, and then distributed to us.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Motion for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CEI for the relocation of a power pole located at City Hall for the parking lot expansion.

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.

32. Motion Authorizing the the Mayor and/or Finance director to enter into an agreement with Wichert Insurance to provide the City of Willowick insurance for its Property, Inland Marine, Crime, Boiler and Machinery, Automobile, General Liability, Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, and Umbrella Liability.

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

Mr. Phares asks what our coverage is?

Ms. Koudela says she thinks on what it is... in the package it has the difference coverage amounts.

Mayor Vanni says the overall cost is an increase of 2%.

Goran says they could review the packet after the meeting if he wants.

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)

No one wishes to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee 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 7:45 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President

Date