



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 02, 2025 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 Clerk Alyssa Moran.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

1. Nominations for President Pro Tempore for Tonight's Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to nominate Patrick Mohorcic for President Pro Tempore. Ms. Antosh second.

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

The following members of Council were absent: Ms. Koudela and Mr. Phares.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Special Council Meeting of August 13, 2025.

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

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

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

3. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of August 19, 2025.

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

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

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

4. Fire Department Swearing In for the Following:

Mike Pollack to Captain
Luke Ockenden to Captain
Nahim Kaim to Captain
Bryan Rudersdorf to Captain
Sean Coubrough to Lieutenant
Benjamin Bindokas to Lieutenant

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni reports that the Town Hall for the levies is being finalized. He should have a date by the next Council Meeting. Likely the first week of October. He also put information in his article and on the website. Great news, the delinquent sewer was certified for over 1.1 million. Will get that in 2 payments. Will go into more detail at the finance meeting. Fill the Cruiser is coming up on September 13. He thanks the Police Chief and Petties Restaurant for their efforts with this. The event runs 8-4. The proceeds go to Willowick residents and a small portion to Eastlake.

No discussion.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

City Engineer McLaughlin says a flyer went out regarding testing to identify sewer defects on private property. Two bid openings last week for 2025 Lateral Program and Forestgrove Sewer Project. Unfortunately, Lateral Program did not receive bids. There are multiple items on the agenda related to funding and multiple misc. items related to construction. He is open for questions.

No questions.

Finance Director – Goran Vrhovac

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

Law Director Gwartz has no formal report, but open for questions.

No questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Chief Daubenmire submitted his report, open for questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector Brennan has no formal report, but open for questions.

No 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)

Ed Kowalik, a Wickliffe Resident, says he doesn't know, but in the last 14 months since the event took place in Wickliffe. The Police Chief should be commended highly. There was a hostage situation last year. There were at least 3 squad cars from Willowick joining. He wanted to make sure a resident commended the Chief. He feels they did a great job communicating between the Cities. He feels the crosswalks at Shoregate should be painted from the stores to the parking lot. Another issue with Shoregate, there are 5 park benches in an empty alleyway. The people coming out of Giant Eagle and Petties could use one.

No one else wishes to speak.

Mr. Mohorcic says thank you, they appreciate the kind words regarding the Police Department. The Mayor will hopefully be in contact with the management company at Shoregate.

Ed says one other item, could there be a 25 mph speed limit sign near Barjode and Fairway.

Mr. Mohorcic says they will pass that along to the Service Director.

Mr. Malta thanks Ed for taking the time to come to the meeting, especially regarding safety issues that he sees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Ms. Bisbee says there will be a Finance Meeting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the first Council Meeting in October. Combined with Streets, Sidewalks, Sewers.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Bisbee, Mohorcic

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

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 52:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THROUGH THE LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF UTILITIES, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION, FOR FUNDING TO REHABILITATE A PORTION OF THE CITY'S STORMWATER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 53:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. ORDINANCE 2025- 38:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) FLEET VEHICLES FROM ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT, INC., THROUGH SOURCEWELL, A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,452.64, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Bisbee asks what they are assigned to? Mayor Vanni says 3 are Service, 1 is Fire.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 54:

A RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH PURDUE PHARMA L. P. AND THE SACKLER FAMILY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 55:

A RESOLUTION TO OPT-IN TO PARTICIPATE IN OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THESE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-56:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PREPARE AND A PLANNING AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SFY 2026 NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING

AGENCY'S (NOACA) TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) PROGRAM, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

11. Motion authorizing an expenditure, in the amount of \$18,500.00, to Great Lakes Telecom and Electric LLC to install a new server room for the Fire Department.

Ms. Bisbee asks how many devices should attach to that cable?

Mayor Vanni says he does not know. This is part of the renovation that is being done. He thinks it is just moving the room to a new location.

Tim McLaughlin says yes to confirm, that is what it is.

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

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

Motion passed.

12. MOTION AUTHORIZING VERDANTAS TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE FORESTGROVE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I PROJECT FOR \$40,100 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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

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

Motion passed.

13. MOTION AUTHORIZING VERDANTAS TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE LAKESHORE TRUNK SEWER WEST REHAB PROJECT FOR \$26,800 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

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

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

Motion passed.

14. MOTION AUTHORIZING VERDANTAS TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS, ADVERTISE AND OPEN BIDS, AND PERFORM CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 2025 PAVEMENT STRIPING PROGRAM FOR \$12,500 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES.

Ms. Bisbee asks if this is for the entire City?

Mayor Vanni says yes, this is the engineering part. The total cost is half as much because the road work on Vine.

Bisbee asks if that includes some changes for E 305 and Rt. 2?

Mayor asks Mr. McLaughlin if that's included?

Mr. McLaughlin says we can. It's mostly a procurement bid for materials and labor.

Mr. Mohorcic asks when we redo Lakeshore, are we expanding the bike lanes at all?

Mr. McLaughlin says for this specific, no. It is just restriping, not redesigning. That is something that can be looked at though.

Mr. Malta says thank you for bringing that up. He had a woman from his Ward approach him for that same topic. Maybe we can start discussing that?

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

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

Motion passed.

15. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Thomas Fence Co. Inc. for a total of \$15,000 for work on the fence behind the Building Department.

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

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

Motion passed.

16. Motion to authorize Russ Tenerove to sign purchase orders in the absence of Service Director Todd Shannon from 12 September 2025 thru 20 September 2025.

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

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

Motion passed.

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No one wishes to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Clerk of Council

Council President

Date