



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2025. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. A Proclamation recognizing Service Department employees Joe Carroscia, Ryan Carter, Mitch Czaplicki, Tyler Dodd, Rick Ice and Russell Tenerove for their brave actions at the house fire on May 14, 2025.

Mayor Vanni says we have unbelievable people that work for us that always go above and beyond. Last Wednesday, these gentlemen likely saved 3 lives in the fire. He is very proud to be a part of this City. He reads the Proclamation honoring these individuals.

Ms. Koudela thanks everyone.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Ms. Koudela says that BZA did not recommend approving these from Rodgers.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-8 (RODGERS):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ENCLOSE THE FRONT YARD WITH AN ORNAMENTAL FENCE THAT IS 4" IN HEIGHT IN THE

APPLICATION OF SECTION 1165.07(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion failed. Administrative Appeal denied.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-9 (RODGERS):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW AN ORNAMENTAL FENCE TO EXTEND 27' FROM THE FRONT LINE OF THE BUILDING IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1165.07(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion failed. Administrative Appeal denied.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-10 (RODGERS):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW AN ORNAMENTAL FENCE TO BE PLACED 39' IN LENGTH AND WIDTH IN THE FRONT LAWN AREA IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1165.07(a) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion failed. Administrative Appeal denied.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-11 (RODGERS):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW AN ORNAMENTAL FENCE TO BE 2' FROM THE PUBLIC SIDEWALK IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1165.07(d) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion failed. Administrative Appeal denied.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-12 (SKRJANC):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION OF 102 SQ. FT. FOR AN OVERSIZED PAVILION IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 4

The applicant is here for Skrjanc. No neighbors are present. BZA recommended approval.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal approved.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-13 (SKRJANC):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION OF 4' HEIGHT FOR A PAVILION IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal approved.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-14 (SKRJANC):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A PAVILION TO BE CONSTRUCTED 3' FROM THE HOUSE IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal approved.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-15 (LIFETIME VALUE):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE TOP METAL SECTION OF THE BUILDING TO BE PAINTED USING THE COLOR NATIONAL ANTHEM BLUE IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1145.11(b)(1)(B) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The applicants for Lifetime Value are also here tonight.

They said last week they brought swatches in for the one they picked and some other options regarding changing the color for the top part of the building. They feel this will enhance the building and attract more customers. Blue has a calming and soothing effect. This is helpful in a daycare environment. They want to make it as easy as possible for these kids and improve the psychological effect. They show Council the color that they are hoping for.

Mr. Malta says on behalf of Council and the City, welcome to the City. He thanks them for being in that building and providing a needed service.

Mr. Mohorcic echoes the comments from Mr. Malta. He is not supportive of the bright blue though. The reason being, this goes back to his time in Planning Commission. They want a uniform look along the retail corridor. Sometimes things slip through the cracks. He feels that Pie Café doesn't jive with what they're trying to do, same with Service Department but he loves them both. He feels they are trying to create a product that is neutral and earthy. Maybe earth tones and a blue sign. He understands they want that big pop for customers, but residents might not agree. He feels they are doing a great job. This is part of a long term vision for revitalizing that area. This is the first time having this being challenged.

Mr. McFarland understands the uniformity across the business industry. He feels there is an advantage to this color for this particular business. He thinks this is a neutral blue that will not cause a distraction. This building has needed painted for as long as he can remember and he is happy someone is willing to put the work in.

Mr. Mohorcic says the best retail locations in our area follow uniformity. We are a great retail community. We have a medium income of \$60,000. He feels that not sticking to our standards, then why are they there at all? This was a community driven policy.

Ms. Bisbee welcomes them to Willowick. Owning a family owned daycare for years, she understands the colors. However, again we have a standardization for a reason. She feels this blue might be too bright or out of the norm for a building of that magnitude on Vine Street. Maybe something more muted?

Mr. McFarland says the reason the other Cities Mr. Mohorcic described are able to do such, are because they make exceptions based on business brands. He feels this is something we need to allow.

Mr. Mohorcic says he doesn't think they made that exception.

Mr. Phares said like Mr. Mohorcic said, this is our first challenge to the building design codes and he feels we should stick to it. We should support what we passed on the Ordinances.

Ms. Bisbee appreciates them bringing other colors. She thinks maybe they are willing to work with the City. Maybe we can work together that will work for both parties.

Mr. Mohorcic agreed.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Administrative Appeal. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion failed. Administrative Appeal denied.

Mr. Bennet asks if they need to go through this whole process to submit another color?

Mr. Brennan says if they want to submit something per the ordinance he will be happy to look at it.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni says back in the fall his nephew, an Eagle Scout, gave him a call regarding flag depository boxes. He calls him up to speak.

Julian comes to show his flag collection box for the community to bring flags that have been tattered or worn down.

It will be in the lobby of City Hall.

Mayor Vanni thanks the Eagle Scouts for doing this. He is glad they thought of us.

Mr. Malta says thank you for coming here tonight also. He has the first flag to deposit in the box.

Mr. McFarland says as an Eagle Scout himself, he is always happy to see another member go through the journey. He was always wondering why we didn't have one of these in the City.

Mr. Phares asks where we are going to put it?

Mayor Vanni says down in the lobby.

Mayor Vanni also says Nick Janek is here tonight for our liason for Lake County Health District.

He brings an update from 4-21 pertaining to the measles update. Cases as of then, 800. As of 5-20, 1,024. Gives you a scale of progression. 96% had an unvaccinated or unknown status. 3 deaths in 2025. There are far greater numbers in other areas. Ohio cases in 2025, 30. No confirmed or suspected in Lake or Geauga. 14 cases in Ashtabula and Knox. One in Allen and Holmes. School exclusion for measles in Ohio. Students are out for 21 days if unvaccinated to protect other students when a case pops up.

Mayor Vanni returns to his report. The election on May 6 went very well for the City of Willowick. OPWC passed which is great. We have two projects on the docket this year. Tim is going to submit two projects for next year also. Issue 3 also passed. The Fire Chief position will be removed from Civil Service. This will allow us to retain our current Fire Chief. He is doing a great job and the department is as stable as has been in a while. He believes we have to do some legislation for the Charter. He will get with Mandy about that.

The new engine is also here, it's super nice. The Fire Department guys won the whole softball tournament in Las Vegas. Good week for Fire Department.

We talked about CDBG. We applied for the grant for the bathroom for Fire Department. He spoke with someone there. There is a lot of competition this year. They decided to do the ADA ramps next year with the parking lot. Storefront renovations will also be put off a year. They did some preliminary work but want to take their time with this. Have gotten a good response so far. Chances of us getting three this year are pretty slim. Fire Department had to prioritize.

News on sewers, Representative Troy came to the last meeting. He looked into the EPA program but it is basically through infrastructure. Not a direct rebate to the residents. They do use this though to help bring down cost of sewer projects. Yesterday he met with Senator Husted's office. They talked about the sewers and EPA. Euclid is still looking but might have to build that utilization tank that will cost more than \$100 million. Hopefully it shed some light on some opportunities.

He had a great afternoon at the Great Lakes Mall for Senior of the Year Awards for Council on Aging. It was packed. The News Herald is doing an article on her and the Senior Center. It was nice being a part of that.

Weather was good for opening day. He thanks Service and Recreation for doing such a great job. Will do it again in a couple weeks with the little kids. Happy Memorial Day and see everyone at the parade!

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Malta says really nice touch honoring the Service staff for their work during the fire. Do you have a phone number for the family at the house? He would like to call them or stop there to see what they might need.

Mayor Vanni says he thinks every fire department does this, but they do a great job of getting Red Cross out there as soon as possible.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Todd Shannon submitted his report earlier today. He jokes he will submit his request to repaint the building. Pools are getting filled. If you're at Manry, the playground to the right has the new jellybean mulch, check it out. Working on road repairs throughout the City.

Mr. Malta thanks Todd for the fact that he answered the phone on a Sunday. He called him because there was a pregnant dead deer in the backyard of a home. The family was unsure what to do. Todd gave Mr. Malta the instructions to drag it to the tree lawn so Service could handle it the next morning.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Julie Kless says they had opening day baseball, she thanks the league and rec staff for all their work and support. Also, we are working on all their summer stuff. They completed hiring the lifeguards and camp counselors. Also, there is an item on the agenda to amend compensation for staffing due to changes in minimum wage. She thanks Mandy and Alyssa for all their work on this item.

Ms. Bisbee thanks Julie and the team that were there Saturday. It was a great day. She thanks the Mayor for coming out as well.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Tim McLaughlin says there are two motions for them tonight. They do these every two years, maybe every year. The change order is no cost, just a formality to extend the contract for completion date. It is expected to come in under budget. As Mayor Vanni said, we have OWPC agreements coming out in July. One project for next year's application is Bayridge concrete slabs and ADA. The priority project is Laramar culverts. It has been an issue for years. They are applying for about half funding on both projects. One other thing for CDBG is that they applied for the total cost of the project on that one.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Cheryl Benedict has no formal report, but there are several items on the agenda this evening and she is happy to answer questions about any of them. Arguably the most important ones are for the Levy Renewals.

Ms. Koudela clarifies that these are renewals.

Mr. Mohorcic says those are like 1980s money, no increase based off property values.

Mayor Vanni says one is 1985 and one is 1995.

Cheryl says they are not based on millage.

Mayor Vanni wants to schedule some town halls to ensure everyone knows these are renewals and how important these are to what we do. Like Cheryl said, we are collecting basically old money, nothing is going up.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

Mandy Gwartz has no formal report, but open for questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Police Department Lt. Lawrence is open for questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Malovrh emailed his report. He jokes the Mayor stole his thunder.

Ms. Antosh asks if they know the fire cause?

He says undetermined.

Ms. Koudela asks how the engine is?

He says it is good should see it out soon.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Sean Brennan submitted his report, open for questions.

WARD MATTERS

Mr. Malta says the Food Drive numbers are way down this year. He thanks Julie for advertising on the board. He put it in his column to see if anyone has any ideas for how to increase that. He also thanks Mr. McFarland for collecting the food too.

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, says thank you to Mr. Shannon for the privilege, honor, and duty of raising the American Flag at Lakefront Park at sunset on May 15th. They had a few folks watching. He reads what he read at that ceremony.

Jean Bowen, 472 E 319, asks what the color the daycare is talking about?

Ms. Koudela says National Anthem Blue and that there is a Universal Design Standard that indicates it needs to be a neutral color, so a shade of brown or grey.

Jean says it wouldn't bother her at all. She was wondering what the issue was.

Ms. Koudela thanks them for their comments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Ms. Bisbee says there will be a Finance Meeting June 3 at 5:45 p.m.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Mr. Phares requests a Safety Committee Meeting June 17 at 5:30 p.m. to talk about limiting vape shops, nuisance abatement, and on street parking.

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Malta

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Ms. Antosh says there was a Moral Claims meeting tonight prior to the meeting. There were three claims. None of the people are here.

Council votes on the following items from the Moral Claims Meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the sewer credit for \$324 for Liane Medina from the Moral Claims meeting. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion carried. The claim has been approved.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the credit for \$3,829 Cynthia Jesenovec for the water line break from the Moral Claims meeting. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion carried. The claim has been approved.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve the credit for \$548.66 for Shennevean Oliver for the tire from the Moral Claims meeting. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion failed. The claim has been denied.

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh

Mr. Phares says Planning met on May 12 and recommended approval for the item on the agenda later.

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

11. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 19

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 786 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TITLED "MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES."

Item was on First Reading 4/1/25, Second Reading 4/15, Item is on Third Reading.

Mr. McFarland asks that Council table this and make the changes he suggested last meeting.

Ms. Koudela says there was a lengthy discussion at the last meeting regarding the two ordinances.

MOTION: Mr. Mohorcic motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1145 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED “RETAIL DISTRICT;” SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 1145.03, TITLED “USES.”

Item was on First Reading 4/1/25, Second Reading 4/15, Item is on Third Reading.

Mr. McFarland says the overwhelming thing that happened during the discussion last year was the “wait and see approach”. What is a timeline for that? What does it mean to you?

Ms. Koudela says it won’t be in the Ordinance but does anyone have any comments?

Mr. Mohorcic says as long as necessary.

Mr. Phares says watch and see how it goes? Who knows.

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 22:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WILLOWICK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL INSURANCE TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 23:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 141.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF

THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, "FULL-TIME CAPTAIN" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 24:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING ONE MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING SANITARY AND STORM SEWER LATERALS AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

MOTION: Ms. Bisbee motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

16. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 25:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO RENEW AN EXISTING ONE AND FIVE TENTHS MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE SAFETY FORCES OF THE CITY AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THAT RENEWAL LEVY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

17. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 26:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO LAKE COUNTY ENGINEER’S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,862.52 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Phares asks what this covers? Lights?

Mr. Shannon says freeway maintenance in general.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

18. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 27:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,223.48 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

19. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 28:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY TO TEMPORARILY ADVANCE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (“NOPEC”) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUND (227), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

20. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-24:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-13 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101); STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (202); POLICE & FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LEVY FUND (207); SEWER LATERAL REPAIR FUND (211); 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 three readings. Mr. Malta second.

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

21. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 25 (Amended):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-3 AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF SEASONAL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

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

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. Motion authorizing an expenditure to Arbia Bitner in the amount of \$30,800.00 for the release of escrowed insurance proceeds related to the fire at 262 East 324th Street.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

23. Motion to Declare a Kubota Skid Steer Loader with City Tag No. 2187, Serial No. KBCZ131CKL3C52957 as Surplus, Unneeded, Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Trade-in.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

24. Motion authorizing Verdantas to prepare specifications, details, plans and bid documents, advertise and obtain bids, and perform construction administration and observation services for the 2025 Lateral Program a fee of \$ 32,100 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

25. Motion authorizing Change Order #1 to United Survey for the extension of contract completion date for the E. 305th Sewer Improvements Project.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Bisbee second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

26. Motion authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Active Networking in the amount of \$20,125.00 for a block of 175 hours of IT maintenance and support.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

27. Motion approving the new business of Telecom Acquisition Corp / Classic Store - Located at 32702 Vine Street.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

28. Motion declaring the items listed in "Exhibit A" as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing their Disposal.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

29. Motion authorizing the city's re-enrollment in the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Group-Retrospective-Rating Program through the Ohio Association of Public Treasurer's for the policy year beginning January 1, 2026.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

30. Motion authorizing the temporary retroactive appointment of Gretchen Kless as the City Senior Center Coordinator for a term from April 23, 2025 and to May 1, 2025. The temporary appointment is not to exceed forty (40) hours per week. The City shall pay Gretchen Kless while she is temporary Senior Center Coordinator at a rate of \$22.00 an hour.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. Malta second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

31. Motion Authorizing the Mayor and Keith Lawrence to complete and authorize pre-award applications and conditions for a grant from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services regarding video products and professional services of Flock Security.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to waive the 3 day rule. Ms. Antosh second.

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

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

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)

Arbia Bitner thanks Council for approving Motion #22. It means a lot to be able to close this chapter.

Mr. Malta asks if the Mayor knows when Arbys will reopen?

Mr. Brennan says no not at this time but he will let him know.

Mr. Malta says he wants in the minutes that he thanks the Eastlake Football team and their coach and families. They signed up for a project. They were ultimately unneeded but he appreciates it. He hopes they will be back helping in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to Adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Phares second.

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

Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:46 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President

Date