



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

State Representative Dan Troy comes to address Council about Election Day on May 6. There is a very important issue, State Issue 2, on the ballot. Issues will now be consecutively numbered to decrease confusion. Issue 2 is a program that has been around for nearly 40 years. He was one of the co-sponsors that put this on the ballot. The authorization for the program expires on July 1 of this year.

He gives Council President Koudela a sheet of information.

Over the life of this program, Willowick has gotten \$8.438 million in grants. Most recent were E 328th sewer rehabilitation, E 327th sewer rehab., Fairway storm sewer rehab., and E 305 sewer rehab.. They also received emergency funding for Shoregate storm sewer collapse. Also on another phase Willowick received over \$600,000. Previous program was \$2 billion over 10 year period. Inflation has hit hard. This program asks for \$2.5 billion. The other beneficial part of the program, is that decisions are not made in Columbus. Projects are scored and determined at a local level which of these projects get funded. It has been a benefit to Willowick. He encourages Council and the residents to support the renewal and funding of this program. Without the voter authorization, this program will expire on July 1 of this year. Many of them feel this was one of the best ideas the State has come up with for helping out local communities. It's not a bond issue or a tax increase. This does not impact taxes in any way, shape, or form. Mayor and Council sent something regarding regulations for the WasteWater Treatment. Those are not set in the State, they are set at the Washington D.C. level. You might surmise some of these regulations will be lightened with the new administration. They contacted someone regarding grants and low interest low options for municipalities regarding sewer issues and funding.

He presents this information to the Mayor.

He says last week they passed a budget. A fairly controversial bill. The local government fund percentage was raised from 1.7% to 1.75% of all state tax revenues, a silver lining. State Issue 2 has been super beneficial in addressing infrastructure projects in the City. There is a real need in the City to address these issues.

Ms. Koudela says we did discuss this at the last Council meeting as well and encouraged everyone to vote yes on Issue 2.

Mr. Malta says what happens if this item does not pass on May 6? Will it go on November ballot?

Dan Troy says yes they are hoping. They anticipate low turnout in this primary election. They were hoping to get it on last November's ballot but there have been many big issues on. It's a very valuable program and if it doesn't pass in May we will lose a cycle and technically these committees won't be able to do anything from July 1 until January 1 of next year.

Ms. Koudela says they appreciate the resources he passed out regarding help with the sewer rates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2025. 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.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. A Proclamation recognizing Rob Gross who is retiring from the Willowick Service Department.

Mayor Vanni says Rob is not here this evening, but he wants to read the Proclamation anyway. Rob has been with us for 43 years of service. He proceeds to read the Proclamation recognizing his dedication and service to the City.

Ms. Koudela jokes that Rob has possibly been here as long as our sewers have.

Mr. Shannon says he believes he is the longest current employee.

Mayor Vanni says we have been blessed with employee retention and their knowledge that cannot be replaced.

Mr. Malta says being a mailman and seeing Rob every day and picking his brain about sewers has been helpful throughout the years. He wishes Rob good luck in his retirement.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Ms. Zajdowicz is present at the meeting but does not have anything to add at this time. Ms. Koudela says BZA did recommend denying both of these Administrative Appeals.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-6 (Zajdowicz):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A LOT SPLIT THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF CHAPTER 1139.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

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

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-7 (Zajdowicz):

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION TO ALLOW A LOT SPLIT THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF CHAPTER 1139.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.

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

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

Motion carried. Administrative Appeal granted.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

He thanks Representative Troy for coming in. He did let him know about potential EPA funding. Willowick and Wickliffe both sent letters regarding the sewer issue to State Reps as well as US Reps and Senators. He was glad that Troy came out tonight to speak. He is correct on those figures. 27 projects have been done with this assistance. Needless to say, this program is vital to our community. We cannot get these projects done without this help. Willowick residents will also have Issue 3. This will remove Fire Chief from Civil Service.

He will be posting his article for the Courier and the News Herald. We have a part time department. We do not have a succession plan in place in the fire department. The Chief has to retire at the end of the year. We put a test out March 2024 and no one signed up. We are at a point where we do not have that line going up. This will give us that succession line and some long term stability at the top. This part time department model still works, but there are challenges with it. We are going to get the word out in the next couple weeks. Election night is 3 weeks from today.

We do have information on our website but we are looking at big increases with gas and electric. Kyla was here from NOPEC a few meetings ago. Depending on what you read, rates could go up for electric 10-20%. He cannot get a solid figure for gas yet. He will keep mentioning this as well and if you get calls, please point residents that direction.

There will be no meeting on May 6 due to Election Night.

He thanks the Recreation Department for the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. It was packed and it was a great day and a great job by everyone. They started cooking at like 6 a.m. and it was nonstop.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Ms. Antosh asks if either the Finance Director or the Mayor can explain how the OPWC grant money works.

Mayor Vanni says he is on the Committee for Lake County also which helps. Usually Tim, Todd, Cheryl, and himself sit down and decide what roads need work. These roads get graded and the worst ones get priority.

Mr. Shannon says they go to the County and meet in the Chambers there. It is steered by the County Engineer. It is very competitive and we have been very lucky to get a lot of funds the past few years.

Mayor Vanni says we are one of the few cities who received two projects. He says he also spoke to Mentor City Manager and they received well over \$8 million also. It's important to everyone.

Finance Director says as the Mayor said, they prioritize what projects they want to apply for but then the Engineer helps determine what projects would be most likely to receive funding. They coordinate all of that on the City's behalf.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Service Director Shannon submitted his report. He has a few items on the agenda for tonight. One is ODOT Salt Contract. He also put an emergency Motion on the agenda for a skid steer. It needed an additional \$2,000 or so. The price has gone up since it was originally approved. Dye testing has been going crazy for houses on the market. We continue to work on parks projects and asphalt plants have been opened. Upcoming construction, water line on Lakeshore will likely start soon... final phase. Euclid Ave project, Wickliffe will lead, had a scope meeting last week and will likely start next year.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Recreation Director Kless said the two big events last weekend- the flea market and Breakfast with the Bunny were both well attended. She loved the way it turned out. She thinks the residents liked the breakfast with the egg hunt. Clean up the Parks event will be May 3 at Manry 8 am. Community Shredding at the Community Center 9-12. Doreen is recovering well and should be coming back part time after Easter.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Finance Director Benedict has no formal report. She does have several requests for income tax. We might want to get something scheduled for that.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

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

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Police Chief Daubenmire recognizes dispatch during telecommunication's week. No formal report, but open for questions.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

WARD MATTERS

Ms. Koudela says a resident on 330th recommended a parking ban on trash day in specific areas. He says he watches the trash trucks struggle to get cans because there are too many cars on the streets. She

thinks maybe Safety Committee should have a discussion about that. She feels it might be hard to enforce in different areas and dealing with delays also.

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)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

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

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Malta, Bisbee

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Ms. Antosh said a Moral Claims meeting just happened prior to this meeting. They are requesting reimbursement for \$1,030.00 for the insurance deductible for damage done to their grandmother's car.

No questions from Council. Ms. Antosh asks if they want to discuss anything else.

They say that they understand it is a hefty amount. They took pictures of a couple other manholes that are in better condition on the street. They understand it was an isolated incident, but they feel that based on this incident, any compensation is fair. She has lived here for over 7 years and has never had to worry about a manhole being flipped up. The car was in the shop for over a month and it has caused a lot of hardship. Any compensation would be greatly appreciated. He says that they hope the City will stand by them as a part of their community. He says the grandmother is on a fixed income and he is sure Council understands how things like this can really affect someone.

Ms. Antosh asks if there are other comments?

Mr. McFarland asks if there is a process for reviewing the safety of manholes?

Mr. Shannon says it was an isolated incident. We do not have a specific manhole policy in place but they are expected and are checked and repaired as needed or as other projects are in the area. He did not see the chip; he did see the cut out that is there to help with getting access to it.

Ms. Antosh asks for a Motion to approve the claim for \$1,030.00

Council voted no. 4 against, 3 for. The Roll Call was as follows:

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

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

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

Mr. Mohorcic says we will be rescheduling the joint Finance/Budget meeting for the 6th and they will find a date.

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. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 19

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

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

Mr. McFarland says alcohol Prohibition of alcohol ended. Issue 2 in 2023 lifted the prohibition of marijuana. It passed by a landslide in the City. He is all in favor of having this in the City, but there are issues with this current legislation. The licensing fee in the legislation is \$2500 more than in Eastlake's legislation. He feels that having the higher licensing fee might inhibit recruitment.

Ms. Koudela says that before we go forward, does he have a recommendation?

He feels we should match Eastlake at \$15,000.

The next section to address is 786.6A referring to a limit of signs of only wall or window signs. He feels the inspiration of this came from Lakewood which has a much higher set of requirements for zoning/planning. We do not have this requirement for any other type of businesses. He feels this should be stricken. The other 3 sign requirements that are listed he feels are perfectly acceptable.

The other one is in the next ordinance. The limitation of only 1 dispensary for the City. He feels this limits competition. He points out that barring a second dispensary of 1 mile of another contradicts this to begin with. If you wish to keep the limit of 1, remove the 1 mile. We have limited space in the City. He feels we should strike both of these parts of the legislation. We have several other types of businesses where there are competitors in the same area. This is a lucrative tax dollar business for us. Limiting to 1 is in the detriment of the City.

Mr. Phares says that Planning did throw around the idea of \$15,000. It was discussed a lot.

Ms. Koudela says we should discuss and then provide input to the law director.

Ms. Antosh says keeping it \$17,500 is fine.

Mr. Malta says if you're bringing a business in here, he doesn't feel that amount will inhibit someone bringing the business in. He says to keep it at \$17,500.

Ms. Koudela agrees with that comment, but to Devon's point the neighboring communities are at \$15,000. They could go a mile another way and save \$2,500.

Ms. Antosh says she feels that it could go the other way also and other cities might increase theirs.

Mayor Vanni says that he thought there was another City in Lake County that was \$20,000 and they decided to split the middle? Mr. Phares confirms that this sounds correct.

Ms. Antosh says if you are comparing pricing, take all Cities in Lake County.

Ms. Koudela says it sounds like Council wants to leave it as is? No changes to that section.

Chapter 786.06 regarding the signage... Ms. Koudela says there is an ordinance that prohibits pole signs period. This would prohibit monument signage.

Ms. Antosh says no problem keeping it as is. This is likely to be on 305 or Euclid Ave. If you look at that strip, the signage is all on the building.

Mr. Phares doesn't think it will limit people seeing it/finding it.

Mr. McFarland says that if this were to go into a plaza that has a joint sign, they would be barred from putting their sign up on that sign. This is a common thing in shopping plazas. Some kind of monument sign that shows all businesses in that plaza. This is usually part of the lease.

Ms. Antosh says there is no place like that.

Mr. McFarland says that there is one.

Mr. Phares says it is not eligible to go there.

Ms. Koudela asks if Mr. Phares has any input on why Planning came up with that?

Mr. Phares says he thinks ORC has regulations on these type of signs for these type of businesses.

Mr. McFarland says he believes that this was pulled directly from Lakewood after speaking to members of the Planning Commission. We are not as strict as them. This is to match their look.

Ms. Koudela says they don't allow pole or monument signs to begin with?

Mr. McFarland says yes. He believes the intention of this was for uniformity.

Mr. Mohorcic says we should make sure ORC doesn't have a ruling on this?

Law Director Gwartz says ORC restrictions have to do with what is on the signage. No marijuana plant on the sign or a joint, etc. There is no restriction as far as the type of sign. That is based on local communities.

Ms. Koudela says she's not opposed to removing that restriction.

Mr. Mohorcic says he agrees with Ms. Antosh. He feels that it should be restricted because there is only one place he feels it can go anyway and we can keep consistency by keeping it in there.

Ms. Bisbee says she would remove it. We have standards on that type of sign in that area anyway.

Mr. Phares says he would keep it. Mr. Malta agrees.

That stays as is as well.

Lastly, the discussion point is for OR 2025-20 section 111 that only permits one.

Law Director Gwartz says it is also 786.03 with the 1 mile restriction so if Council wants to change it, it needs to be changed on both items 19 and 20.

Ms. Koudela asks if Mr. Phares can shed light on why this was recommended by Planning.

Mr. Phares says it was there from the beginning.

Law Director Gwartz says she was at that meeting and it might not have been discussed as a whole. She sees what the issue is with it. She doesn't think removing one or the other or both is a fatal flaw. She understands how they are contradictory.

Mr. McFarland says that ORC limitations there is already a hindrance that limits where they can be so we wouldn't have more than 1 or 2. He doesn't feel we should also limit it and asks for more explanation as to why we wouldn't want more than one?

Ms. Antosh says personally she doesn't want any, but would settle for one. She has gotten several calls from residents that really don't want to see it. Right now it's 20% tax.

Mayor Vanni says right now it's held because language in what is on the ballot that didn't spell out how to get the tax money to the cities but that will be resolved. That's pooled from the state.

Ms. Antosh says we already have 3 within a 10 minute drive all dual licensed.

Mr. Phares says he doesn't think one will even come here and he agrees leaving it at one is correct.

Mr. Malta says he has no problem with two or more. He can't see us turning our backs on the tax dollars. That money can produce something very positive. That's where he is at with it right now. This will benefit the city and constituents.

Mr. Mohorcic says he doesn't have a problem with the business but feels it should be limited to one. He went skiing to Colorado. Colorado had them everywhere and if you go into them, some are great and some aren't. He understands that from the Narcotic's Board that some of these smoke shops are selling these things under the table. From a standpoint of the argument that it is tax dollars coming in, he doesn't see that. A lot of these places can't even get traditional bank financing because it's illegal nationwide. They are self funded or private equity. When he was on Planning, they voted to put a moratorium on it to see what the State says. He thinks we have enough to allow one. 296 state licenses issued. He thinks 1, fine. The fee itself is great, but until we see how this shakes out, limiting might be fine. We have done it before for other businesses. He agrees with Mr. McFarland that Willowick voted to pass this by a large margin. He thinks maybe remove the one mile since it's redundant but see if there are any issues before we allow more. We can always amend later on.

Mr. Malta says the Building Department would not let a building get run down. They were in two of them today looking. They were pristine. One of the cities the buildings aren't very nice, but these were both pristine.

Mr. Mohorcic says that he agrees but Sean tried to get ShoreGate Towers to not be run down, but it still happened. Eastlake has medical marijuana and it has to be pristine. Sean tries his hardest but he can only do so much. Shoregate Towers was cited so many times.

Mr. McFarland says that these are not the smoke shops you see on Vine. These are well maintained and every single one across the state looks pristine and have security plans in place. They are improving communities. They are afraid of losing their licenses so they are not causing problems. If Chief Daubenmire speaks to other cities, he will see also they are not a problem.

Mr. Mohorcic says he has heard the same, but he would challenge that as he has heard differently from Willoughby. They are not medical marijuana facilities.

Mr. McFarland says the other businesses you're referring to, the limits are not 1... maybe 4 or 5 online gaming facilities.

Ms. Koudela says yes but she believes that restriction was put into place after these businesses existed already.

Mr. McFarland says that that is not how our code is currently written. We have natural limitations and under ORC there will be physical limitations. Maybe 2 at most?

Mr. Mohorcic says we put a moratorium on before it was even legal so we could have discussion. Maybe if we have a second one looking to come in, maybe we see what we like or dislike to amend?

Ms. Antosh says how many of you have gone and looked at Eastlake, Mentor, or other cities and looked? You don't have to partake, but you should go look. She addresses Mr. McFarland.

Mr. McFarland says he has not been in them. He has not been in other businesses to see.

Ms. Bisbee has gone in and so did Mr. Malta.

Ms. Bisbee says that she sees Devon's point and sees the other members' points. She would like to revisit the number after we have one in the City.

Ms. Koudela says the majority is to leave as is?

Mr. McFarland says the main reasons you want to leave it at one is that you disagree with the 65% of Willowick voters?

Mr. Mohorcic says the voters voted on marijuana.

Mr. McFarland says he has heard multiple members of council say "I'd prefer zero, but I'll settle for one". It was an overwhelming yes they want this.

Ms. Antosh says right, start with one. Personally, she doesn't want any but she is agreeing to one. Do we have to go through every single City and see if we have to have one in Willowick? The majority here is agreeing to one.

Ms. Koudela says she has had one, maybe two companies reach out asking about the Ordinances. They must have been following the Planning Commission and ultimately want to know when Willowick decides on this for a potential business. One resident reached out and said they should not be allowed in Willowick at all. She agrees that it should be allowed but we should look to Planning Commission for guidance. She feels we should go with their recommendation.

Mr. Mohorcic asks Law Director if we had the one mile portion, is it in City limits only?

Yes.

He is good with striking the one mile portion.

Ms. Koudela says the majority wants to leave the limit of one. Back and forth about the one mile? If we are only allowing one, what's the point in revising the legislation at this time.

Willowick is 2.8 square miles.

Mr. Phares says there is a section over by the Cabin also.

Ms. Koudela asks if we strike the one mile?

Ms. Bisbee says revisit later. Ms. Antosh leave it in. Mr. Mohorcic says doesn't matter.

Ms. Koudela says we will leave it in. Based on discussion, no changes at this point. Third Reading next meeting.

This item will be on Third Reading at the May 20, 2025 Meeting.

6. 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, Item is on Second Reading.

This item will be on Third Reading at the May 20, 2025 Meeting.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED FOR THE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOWICK TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT (2025) FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

9. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 20:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,525.45 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21:

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH NO OBJECTION TO THE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE AND PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE APPLICATION FOR A REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31731 LAKESHORE BOULEVARD, WILLOWICK, OHIO, OWNED BY JESSICA W. MADDEN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Antosh asks for more info.

Law Director says Tim and Sean are not here but she believes from her understanding...

Mr. Mohorcic says that he can help. This is with the State of Ohio and ODNR. We have to file no objection because they are putting a structure in the water for the State.

Law Director says that this is saying Willowick is not doing anything with this land. Tim and Sean said no interference on behalf of the City.

Mayor Vanni says yes they are putting in a breakwall.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 22:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO MELZER'S FUEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,546.29 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 23:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO EMSAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,060.00 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: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

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.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-21:

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF ADULT SCHOOL GUARDS,
REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

14. Motion to approve the Liquor License transfer #2819459 from Log Cabin Restaurant Inc. & Patio Outbuilding to Fork My Life Restaurant Group Timber Kitchen & Social LLC & Patio & Outbuilding located at 28810 Lakeshore Blvd. Willowick, Ohio 44095.

Mr. Phares asks if they are changing ownership?

Mayor Vanni says Police is good with it. He doesn't want to speak yet as he doesn't know. It looks like they are transferring from past to new owner based on the name but that is just an educated guess.

Ms. Koudela says that it is her understanding that the business can transfer, but the liquor license takes much longer to transfer.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

15. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an agreement with Lampion Company for the repair of the conduit at the intersection of Lakeshore Boulevard and Vine Street in the amount of \$16,200.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. 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 carried. Motion approved.

16. Motion granting authorization for Dawn Snyder to approve purchase orders during the Finance Director's absence from April 19th through April 28, 2025.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

17. Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$30,457.98 to SHI International for the purchase of 14 Dell Computers.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. 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 carried. Motion approved.

18. A motion to authorize the expenditure of \$44,550.00 to Montrose Ford for the purchase of a new 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor for police use.

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

Motion carried. Motion approved.

19. A Motion to authorize the expenditure of \$27,972.58 to Hall Public Safety for the outfitting of a new 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor for police use.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. 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 carried. Motion approved.

20. Motion to implement Weekend Premium Pay in the Fire Department commencing the weekend of Memorial Day 2025 through Labor Day 2025 from Friday, 1800 hours to Monday, 0600 hours at an additional rate of \$8.00 per hour, excluding Holidays.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to approve the Motion. 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 carried. Motion approved.

Item #21 (Please Note this Item was a Late Add on for the Agenda):

21. Motion to authorize an expenditure to Southeastern Equipment Company in the amount of \$39,833.92 for a Case SV280B T4 Skid Steer.

Mr. Phares asked if we just bought one?

Todd says yes 4 years ago but it is not working for its intended purpose and will be a trade in.

Motion to Waive the 3 Day Rule.

MOTION: Mr. McFarland motioned to waive the three 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.

Approved.

Motion to Approve the Motion (#21):

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the Motion. 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 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)

No one wishes to speak.

Mr. Malta says May 3 Hearts and Hammers will be involved for the clean up with Recreation Department. It doesn't kill the whole day... we usually get done early. Normally Julie gets pizza and Todd gets the football players.

Secondly, on the 10th of May is the biggest food drive in the United States.... For the Postal Service. It is easy to get involved. You can get with him if you'd like to be involved in your neighborhood to pick up the groceries so the mailman doesn't have to do it. They go to the Food Bank right off Willowick Drive. It would be nice to see Council help. It's a great event. It seems like this time of year, the Food Bank needs the most help. It wouldn't hurt to put this info out on social media as well to leave groceries out by mailbox or front door.

He also asks if there is more info on old Walker's Hardware?

Mayor Vanni says they just came to Planning. They are going to concrete the lot he thinks. The back part will be offices. The front part... hoping for a restaurant/bar because they own the liquor license. He has been actively trying to get someone in there. He thought he had someone but the building was a little too big for them.

Ms. Koudela says the work they have done looks very nice.

Ms. Antosh says they are redoing the front lot and then in the back, they are only doing partial in the back for employees and then once the front is rented, they will finish the back. They redid the sewer drain in the back. They may have more drainage to do.

She asks Charlie what the date is for that event.

He specifies May 10 usually around 9-12. They need help.

Ms. Antosh asks if this is the Saint Mary Magdalene one?

He says it is behind Bethel Lutheran.. Saint Mary Magdalene doesn't do that anymore.

Mr. McFarland says that the Kiwanis one closed 12 years ago.

Ms. Antosh says there is one still in there.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to Adjourn the Meeting. 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 carried. Meeting Adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Council President

Date