

**CITY OF WILLOWICK
LAKE COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

DATE: April 16, 2019
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The seventh meeting of Council of 2019 was called to order by Council President Patton at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

Present: Council members Patton, Pintar, Turk, Koudela, Vanni, Malta and Reho
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Fire Chief Posipanka, Police Chief Turner, Service Director Pauley, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, Recreation Director Kless, Council Clerk Wovrosh, John Lillash sat in for City Engineer Lannon, Economic Development Manager Monica Drake, and Labor Council Attorney Tom Grabarczyk.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Reho to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of April 2, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Oath of Office administered to Joseph Krolikowski by Mayor Regovich as a Firefighter in the Willowick Fire Department.

Oath of Office administered to Brian Kolat by Mayor Regovich as a Firefighter in the Willowick Fire Department.

Administrative Appeals

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-5 Lake County Land Reutilization Corp #1	An Order denying a variance and exception of 4' 4" driveway side to be 9' from the property line to build a new home in the application of Section 1163.06(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the denial of Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-5.

Discussion: Attorney John Monroe was present representing neighbors John Bartone and Eva Frano. They oppose the variances requests because the house is too large for the property. They are asking that all three variance requests on the agenda be denied. Ms. Turk and Mr. Pintar both checked out the property and felt that it was too small.

Vote: All ayes. Motion to deny carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-6 Lake County Land Reutilization Corp #2	An Order denying a variance and exception of 1' side opposite driveway to be 3' from the property line to build a new home in the application of Section 1163.06(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the denial of Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-6.

Discussion: Mr. Monroe indicated that his clients were opposed to this variance request. Earl Eric owns property on the other side of the property in question. The house would be too close to houses on both sides and would be a danger if something such as a fire happened. He asked that the request be denied.

Vote: All ayes. Motion to deny carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-7 Lake County Land Reutilization Corp #3	An Order denying a variance and exception of 6' 10" side opposite driveway to be 12' from the neighbors' home to build a new home in the application of Section 1163.06(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Malta to approve the denial of Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-7.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion to deny carried.

Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-8 Nahari Willowick LLC	An Order granting a variance and exception of 4 parking spaces to build a Dunkin Donuts in the application of Section 1145.05(b) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals
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Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Mr. Reho to approve Administrative Appeal Order No. 2019-8.

Discussion: Heidi DeMark was present representing the architects for the property owner displayed a drawing to illustrate their variance request. The number of parking spaces required by the zoning ordinance could not be fulfilled on the property and require a variance of four parking spaces. She cited that about 86% of Dunkin' Donuts' business is drive-thru. The property is located at the intersection of Vine Street and Willowick Drive.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Return to Table from Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to return to the table from Executive Session.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported the following:

- The TLCI grant contract with the Environmental Design Group for the lakefront development project is on the agenda. They were well vetted and have a good deal of waterfront design experience. We are also applying for CDBG grant money.
- He, Monica Drake, and a representative from Shoregate have held meetings with a company we are considering to replace Pat Catan's. It is very similar to Pat Catan's and is very community-oriented. They currently have only two locations in Ohio and want to grow. They are very interested in Shoregate. This type of store is a big part of our community.
- He heard this week that there has been discussion about the Euclid sewer system possibly going private. CT Consultants was not aware of this. It had been discussed about 1½ years ago, and a Euclid Council

member is bringing it to a committee meeting on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. He will be attending the meeting and will keep Council and residents informed. This plan would have many hurdles, including agreements between Willowick and Euclid that have been in place since the 1930's.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

None.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Rob Pauley: Written report submitted. The awards for the 2019 Roads Repair and Sewer Lateral Repair Programs are on the agenda. We learned that Lake County Department of Utilities will be doing a Lakeshore Blvd. Waterline Crossover Project. He thanked Chief Posipanka and City Engineer Lannon for their quick follow-through in providing our comments about the project in a short period of time. These have been adopted and rolled into the final plans. It will start in early summer and will run from LSB/Vine Street east on LSB to the Eastlake city limit. Computer and electronics drop-off will be on Saturday, April 27 at the Lake County Fairgrounds. As this is Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, people were urged to watch out for our city workers and contractors this summer as there will be a lot of construction.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: No written report. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 20. A Candy Making Program will follow which is a new event. Summer registration begins Tuesday, April 23. Clean Up the Park is Saturday, May 4. There is a contract on the agenda for the painting of Manry Pool which is a budgeted item.

City Engineer: John Lillish sat in for City Engineer Tim Lannon. Written report submitted.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report. Finance Director Benedict thanked Mrs. Wovrosh for her assistance in the Finance Office during in the last few weeks.

Law Director Stephanie Landgraf: No written report. Labor Council Attorney Tom Grabarczyk was present at the meeting. There are a couple of ordinances on the agenda regarding contract negotiations.

Police Chief Brian Turner: Written report submitted electronically.

Fire Chief Bob Posipanka: No written report.

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan: No written report.

Ward Matters

None.

Public Participation

Ryan Lose of 30533 Willow Lane inquired if the Lakefront Development Program is a different program from the Vine Street Corridor Program. It was explained that they are two separate programs. The Lakefront Development grant application was submitted in 2017, awarded in 2018, and we are beginning the design stage. The Vine Street Corridor grant has been awarded, and we will start selecting a design firm later this year. This grant involves three cities while the Lakefront Development grant is just Willowick.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report.

Safety: No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: No report.

Tax Compliance: No report.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report. Mr. Vanni will wait to schedule the next joint Budget and Finance Committee meeting until the Mayor and Ms. Benedict notify him that they are ready to meet.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Malta reported that Hearts & Hammers will meet May 8. Hearts & Hammers, the North High School football team and other volunteers along with the City's Recreation and Service Departments will participate in the May 4 Clean Up the Park Day. There will also be volunteers helping in the community with lawns of those who need assistance. The Post Office's annual food drive is May 11.

Monica Drake, Economic Development Director, attended the Community Development Block Grant meeting along with the Mayor on Monday. The cities involved in the Vine Street Corridor grant are also considering collectively applying for a Storefront Renovation Grant which would be a matching grant to help improve store fronts. There is a map that indicates which areas qualify for funds. There are discussions about doing areas on Euclid Avenue as well. Discussions have begun regarding programs that would help businesses get lower interest rates for storefront renovations.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

None.

Contract Approvals

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for the 2019 Road Repair Program in the amount of \$195,750.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to authorize CT Consultants to perform final engineering and construction services for the 2019 Road Program for a fee not to exceed \$35,000 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with United Survey, Inc. for the 2019 Lateral Repair Program in the amount of \$289,100.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with ABC Fire for fire alarm monitoring services at the Senior Center.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with ABC Fire for fire alarm monitoring services at the Service Department.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with ABC Fire for fire alarm monitoring services at Manry Park.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Environmental Design Group for the Willowick Lakefront Connectivity and Downtown Redevelopment TLCI Plan.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Marinar Technology Company LLC, dba VantageOne Software beginning May 1, 2019 for new software for the Building Department.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Pinpoint Painting LLC for painting Manry Park pool in the amount of \$16,525.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-13
(Law Director)

An Ordinance authorizing the approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Willowick and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO and AFSCME Local 688 (Secretarial Unit), and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Reho, seconded by Mr. Vanni to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2019-13.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-13.

Discussion: Mr. Vanni wanted to explain his position on the contract and wage increases. He has the utmost respect for all city employees who do a great job and deserve raises. Both sides did a good job on this contract. However, with the defeat of the levy in November, the General Fund is in trouble at this time. Therefore, he cannot vote for increases. He would rather keep all employees than give everyone raises. He is confident that the situation will be turned around in a couple of years, but this year and next year are going to be challenging.

Vote: Ayes: Pintar, Turk, Koudela, Malta, Reho, and Patton. Nays: Vanni. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-14
Law Director

An Ordinance authorizing the approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Willowick and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO and AFSCME Local 688 (Service Unit), and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2019-14.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-14.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Ayes: Pintar, Turk, Koudela, Malta, Reho, and Patton. Nays: Vanni. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to accept the report and recommendation of the factfinder between the FOP/Ohio Labor Council, Inc. and the City of Willowick in the matter of SERB Case Nos. 2018 MED 08 0689 (Police Officers), 2018 MED 08 0690 (Clerk/Dispatchers), and 2018 MED 08 0691 (Sergeants and Above).

Discussion: None.

Vote: All nays. The motion did not carry.

Public Participation

Bryon White of 30550 Willow Lane said that it is difficult to hear in the back row. Mr. Patton acknowledged that the sound system has issues. Mayor Regovich said that we have gotten a quote and are looking at the best options.

Sandy Bontempo of 480 Cole Plaza thanked the Mayor for attending the upcoming sewer meeting in Euclid and asked if results and clarifications of the meeting could be included in the Courier to be sure that the correct information gets disseminated. Mayor Regovich assured that he will provide updates. Mr. Lose inquired if we have any options for sewers. It was explained the current one is the only option because of the design of the system. The only other option would be to put in our own sewer plant.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Pintar to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL