

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

DATE: December 17, 2019
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The twenty-first meeting of Council was called to order by Council President Patton at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Invocation.

Present: Council members Turk, Koudela, Vanni, Malta, Reho, Patton and Pintar.
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Recreation Director Kless, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, City Engineer Lannon, and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Capt. Ron Zak sat in for Fire Chief Posipanka, Lt. Paul Pallante sat in for Police Chief Turner, and Mr. Rob Gross sat in for Service Director Pauley. Economic Development Manager Drake was not present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 3, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Special Resolution (Mayor Regovich)	A Special Resolution acknowledging and commending Nate Morris for his lifesaving actions during a crisis
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Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the Special Resolution recognizing Nate Morris for his lifesaving actions.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Regovich introduced Capt. Ron Zak who then introduced each of the four new firefighter recruits and also provided a brief review of each recruit's background. They were introduced in the following order of seniority: Lance Powers, Carl Smith, Adrian Baker, and Jacob Stanevich

Mayor Regovich administered the Oath of Office to the group.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported the following:

- We are working with our web master regarding posting the committee minutes on the website, archiving, etc.
- There have been two fires within the last day, both within a 12-hour period. Both fires were put out quickly, and we had assistance from mutual aid for other calls to the Fire Department.
- Work is being done on the sewers on Willowick Drive, and some blockages have been found. These are in the process of being cleared.

- The city received its first application for a CRA that day.
- We are looking at a fleet management company to manage the city vehicles which. For the same cost to purchase a vehicle, we can get several vehicles without the maintenance and other costs associated with vehicles. This will be brought to Council when there is more information available.
- There were over 50 people who attended the December 11 lakefront development public meeting. There was good input from those who came. The plan is currently being tweaked based on this input. It will be posted on the city's website when it is received back from the Environmental Design Group. It was emphasized that this is a work in progress and that nothing is finalized yet.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

None.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Dept. Supervisor Rob Gross: Written report submitted. The service vehicles have now been prepared for winter and snow. Ms. Turk thanked the Service Department personnel for the terrific job on the leaves during the two weeks of pickup. Mr. Malta thanked Mr. Gross for following up with him on two streets that he had inquired about for leaf pickup at the last meeting.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: No written report. She wished the outgoing Council members the best of luck and was honored to have worked with them.

City Engineer Tim Lannon: Written report submitted. Mr. Lannon made a correction to the first item on his report, stating that work on the E. 329th Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project will have a two-week winter shut-down, with work resuming in January.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report. She stated that it had been a pleasure to work with the three outgoing Council members and wished them well.

Law Director Landgraf: No written report. The Larimar motion for the relocation of the pool made its way through the Planning Commission and could now be acted on by Council. She wished the best to the outgoing Council members and complimented them on their knowledge and professionalism.

Police Lt. Paul Pallante: No written report.

Fire Capt. Ron Zach: Written report was submitted electronically.

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

Economic Development Manager Monica Drake: Absent. Mayor Regovich provided an update from Ms. Drake. We have been informed by Shoregate that a beauty supply business and also a Christian bookstore will be moving into the shopping center. She is now able to access Costar software which shows available for sale/for rent commercial properties, and these will eventually be posted on the website. Mr. Malta asked when Dunkin' Donuts is opening, and it was stated that they had opened a couple days ago.

Ward Matters

None.

Public Participation

Council President Patton noted that beginning in the new year, the notation in the minutes will reflect that the Public statement portion under "a)" will be limited to three minutes.

Bryon White of 30550 Willow Lane asked for follow-up on when the next Budget meeting would be, noting that it had been stated it might possibly be on December 3 which is now past. Mr. Vanni reminded Mr. White of the discussion about this at the last Council meeting. When the income tax levy

failed, it was discussed as to whether or not to have a meeting prior to the main annual Budget meeting that is held in February. December 3 was discussed but never confirmed. He confirmed that there will not be a budget meeting before the February budget hearing. Mr. White asked about overtime for Park and Recreation in Ordinance No. 2019-39 in the amount of \$5,000. Ms. Benedict explained that this is the temporary budget for the first three months of 2020 and it is an appropriation and, therefore, might not be spent. For wages and overtime she uses a formula which is 30% of what was budgeted was for the prior year.

Phil Detering of 469 Bayridge asked if there is going to be any attempt to pick up the leaves that remain in the city. It was stated that all vehicles have been converted for snowplowing, and they were out salting that day. Ms. Koudela asked if the Building Department would be able to cite residents who have leaf piles or bags on their tree lawn. Mr. Brennan could look into it. Mr. Detering said that he contacted someone at CT in Akron who has information regarding the four traffic lights at E. 305 and Route 2. She is reviewing what has been done over the last 10 years and will get back to him.

Joan Scharf of 32907 Lake Shore Blvd. thanked the Police Department for posting the weekly updates on Facebook to keep residents informed. She noted that there is a bit of a traffic backup at LSB and Vine Street. It appears that the light letting people out of Shoregate Towers is rather long, given the very small number of cars coming out of that driveway. Mayor Regovich explained that that particular light had a recent issue and was repaired. He can have someone from the Traffic Department look into it.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report.

Safety: Mr. Pintar noted that minutes of the December 3 Safety Committee meeting had been distributed.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: Mr. Vanni noted that minutes of the November 19 meeting had been distributed. He anticipates another meeting in January.

Tax Compliance: No report.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report.

Mr. Patton noted that the agenda for the January 7 Council meeting would reflect the new Council committee assignments.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Malta reported that a project tracking sheet for all the 2019 Hearts & Hammers projects had been distributed. There were 121 projects that were completed. Fall clean-up was done on three Saturdays, ending December 9 and completed 26 lawns. The fundraiser is January 25, 2020 at St. Mary Magdalene, and tickets are available. They are still seeking door prize donations for the event. He reminded everyone that the group no longer receives grants, so they rely on the fundraiser.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Pintar to authorize CT Consultants to prepare plans and bid documents and obtain bids for the 2020 Street Improvements Project and the 2020 Pavement Striping Program for a fee not to exceed \$35,000 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Contract Approvals

None.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2019-39
(Finance Director)

An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the first quarter ending March 31, 2020 and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Pintar to waive the three-day rule for Ordinance No. 2019-39 as amended.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2019-39.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Malta to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-39 as amended.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2019-40
(Finance Director)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2019-3 to provide for additional appropriations from the General Fund (101); Street Construction, Maintenance & Repair Fund (202); State Highway Improvement (203); Sewer Revenue Fund (205); Police & Fire Capital Levy Fund (207); Fire Emergency Rescue Fund (208); Recreation Improvement Levy Fund (214); Permissive License Fee Fund (215); Community Block Grant Fund (224); Lakefront Connectivity & Downtown Redevelopment Grant Fund (225); E. 327th St. Sewer Improvement (428); and the E. 329th Street Sewer Phase 2 Improvement Fund (429) for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2019, and declaring emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2019-40.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Ms. Turk to adopt Ordinance No. 2019-40.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-53
(Finance Director)

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to the City of Wickliffe in the amount of \$7,500.00, for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Reho to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-53.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve Resolution No. 2019-53.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes.

Resolution No. 2019-54
(Finance Director)

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Dinsmore in the amount of \$9,662.50, for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-54.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve Resolution No. 2019-54.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-55
(Finance Director)

A Resolution to approve authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Treasurer of the State of Ohio in the amount of \$33,603.57, for the City of Willowick, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Reho, seconded by Mr. Vanni to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-55.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Turk to approve Resolution No. 2019-55.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-56
(Law Director)

A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to make advance payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Reho to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-56.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve Resolution No. 2019-56.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2019-57
(Finance Director)

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund (101) to the Earned Benefits Fund (240) and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Turk to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2019-57.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Pintar to approve Resolution No. 2019-57.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the proposal from Larimar Development to amend the previously approved Final Development Plan for Larimar, Phase III for the construction of the Larimar pool and pool house at 30009 Lakeshore Blvd.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize Interspiro equipment from the Fire Department per the list provided to be declared as surplus, being obsolete and having no resale or salvage value.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize Change Order #1-Final to Karvo Companies, Inc. in the deduct amount of \$140,293.57 for the 2018 Road Program.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta authorizing the release of retainage to Karvo Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$43,810.27 for the 2018 Road Program.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize \$25,000 for CT Consultants to perform sanitary sewer system engineering services.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Reho to authorize the expenditure to Wichert Insurance for the 2020 Property and Liability Insurance Program in the amount of \$105,757.02.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Turk, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize a purchase order to Willoughby Eastlake City School District for the TY2018/CY2019 PILOT reimbursement per agreement in the amount of \$137,601.11.

Discussion: Ms. Benedict explained that we are in year 11 of the TIF, so there is a component of the reimbursement to the school district that requires that we owe \$1,000 for every student enrolled in the school district for the second half of the year for that development. She is waiting to hear from the School Superintendent's office or the School District's Treasurer how many students from the subdivision are enrolled. Therefore, there will be an additional authorization coming to Council sometime in the new year.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Pintar to authorize the city to declare a 1994 Ford Model 35C, VIN/1FDKE30M9RHB33039, as surplus.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None.

Mr. Patton thanked the outgoing Council members, indicating that it had been a pleasure to work with them and thanking them for their service to the city. There were tough decisions that needed to be made, and it was always professional and never personal. They always had the city's best interest in mind. They will all be missed.

Mr. Vanni thanked the outgoing Council members and said that it was an honor and privilege to serve with them. They did a great job, and what they did for the city often goes unnoticed.

Mr. Malta said Ms. Turk was amazing with her service on Council and with Hearts & Hammers for which she goes above and beyond in her leadership.

Ms. Turk credited the volunteers of Hearts & Hammers with being able to get things done. It was a pleasure to work with all of Council, the directors and the administration. Everyone at the city works long and very hard. There have been some tough decisions, but everyone has gotten along so well. It is bittersweet.

Mr. Malta also said that Mr. Reho and Mr. Pintar are as knowledgeable as anyone he has worked with on committees over the years and appreciates how hard they have worked. Mr. Pintar has been sick but never let it discourage him. Mr. Reho has done a great job also.

Mayor Regovich said it has been an absolute pleasure to work with them and thanked them as well on behalf of the residents of Willowick. The work they have done away from the table makes them stand out. He cited the things Ms. Turk has done with Hearts & Hammers, and the others serving on committees and serving in other ways before they even joined Council. He thanked them.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Pintar, seconded by Ms. Turk to adjourn.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL