

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

DATE: January 7, 2020
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Patton welcomed the new members to the first meeting of 2020.

Present: Council members Koudela, Vanni, Malta, Phares, Patton, Antosh and Bisbee.
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Police Chief Turner, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, City Engineer Lannon, Economic Development Manager Drake and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Capt. Ron Zak sat in for Fire Chief Posipanka, and Mr. Rob Gross sat in for Service Director Pauley.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of December 17, 2019.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

Special Resolution (Mayor Regovich) A Special Resolution recognizing the faithful and dedicated service of Councilwoman Ann Turk

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to approve the Special Resolution recognizing Ms. Turk for her service to the City.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor Regovich) A Special Resolution recognizing the faithful and dedicated service of Councilman Ken Pintar

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve the Special Resolution recognizing Mr. Pintar for his service to the City.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Special Resolution (Mayor Regovich) A Special Resolution recognizing the faithful and dedicated service of Councilman Bob Reho

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to approve the Special Resolution recognizing Mr. Reho for his service to the City.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported the following:

- All departments have submitted budgets, and he and Finance Director Benedict will begin to review and discuss them with the department heads prior to the Budget Hearing.
- Ordinance 2020-6 which is on the agenda (renumbered as 2020-8) is for salary increases for non-bargaining employees and mirrors the increases received by bargaining units. In the three-year contracts, there was 0% increase in 2019, 1.5% in 2020, and 2% in 2021.
- Department heads will be sworn in during the meeting tonight following passage of the related ordinances.
- The Mayor requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss the appointment and compensation of a public official.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

None.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Dept. Supervisor Rob Gross: Written report submitted. Christmas tree collection will continue through January 10. Mayor Regovich thanked Mr. Gross for stepping in during Mr. Pauley's absence. Things have been running smoothly in the department, even with a number of employees off during the holidays.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: No written report.

City Engineer Tim Lannon: No written report.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report.

Law Director Landgraf: No written report. Mr. Landgraf welcomed new Council members. She requested that Ordinance 2020-6 which is on the agenda be renumbered to 2020-8 so that the appointment ordinance is addressed before the compensation ordinance. The current appointment Ordinance No. 2020-8 was renumbered as 2020-6. She also noted that the Mayor had requested an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for the consideration of the appointment and compensation of a public official.

Police Chief Brian Turner: Written report submitted electronically.

Fire Capt. Ron Zach: Written report submitted electronically.

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan: Written report submitted.

Economic Development Manager Monica Drake: The application process for the Community Reinvestment Area for residential homes which is for those who have put on an addition or done major construction with their homes was explained. The city has received one application which is now going through the process. The Housing Council and the Tax Incentive Review Council which correlate to a CRA require appointments to those councils and must to meet once a year. At that annual meeting, the council reviews the properties that are participating in the CRA to be sure they are being used as intended, are being maintained, etc. Ms. Drake explained the appointments and encouraged Council to start thinking about who they would like to appoint.

Ward Matters

Mr. Malta noted that a fence at 427 Fairway is falling into the neighboring yard at 419 Fairway. Mr. Brennan will look at it.

Public Participation

Dee Logan of 327 Blissfield encouraged Council to think globally, act locally regarding the lakefront area. She suggested that Council members research Silverwood Park of the Three Rivers Park District in Minnesota which is a beautiful park. We have the gift of Lake Erie in our city, and we should care for it. Bad decisions today will affect generations to come. Mayor Regovich said that he will check it out.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report.

Safety: No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: No report.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: Mr. Vanni reported that they are still waiting for information regarding sewer rates before scheduling a meeting.

Tax Compliance: The committee met prior to the Council meeting regarding a RITA income tax case. The committee adopted the recommendation of the Finance Director to waive the interest charge and impose the penalty for the applicant.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to adopt the recommendation of the Tax Compliance Committee to waive the interest charge and impose the penalty for the applicant regarding a RITA income tax case.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report. The Budget Hearing has been scheduled for Saturday, February 8 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Mrs. Wovrosh will send out the schedule.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Patton noted to Council members that there are several liaison slots that need to be filled. He asked that Council members contact him if they wish to serve in any of the openings.

Mr. Malta thanked Bob Kodramaz for his years of work and all that he does with Hearts & Hammers. Tickets are available for the January 25 fundraiser. Door prize donations are still being accepted. Mayor Regovich also thanked Janet Kodramaz for the beautiful baskets she puts together for the fundraiser. Ms. Antosh reported that Ace Hardware is donating a fire pit patio set, and raffle tickets can be purchased at Ace prior to the event. Mr. Malta encouraged people to thank those who donate to the fundraiser.

Mr. Vanni reported that the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board met on December 29, 2019. He and Mr. Malta are the Council representatives on the board, and Capt. Mark Palumbo and Capt. Dan O'Connell are the representatives from the Fire Department. They selected Bub Rudersdorf as the resident representative on the board. Minutes will be available by the next meeting.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

None.

Contract Approvals

None.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2020-1
(Law Director) An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Susan Wovrosh as Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-1.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-1.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-2
(Law Director) An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Cheryl Benedict as Director of Finance, providing for the compensation of the Director of Finance, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-2.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-2.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-3
(Law Director) An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Stephanie Landgraf as Director of Law, providing for the compensation of the Director of Law of the City, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-3.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-3.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Patton at this time pointed out that there was a clerical error that transposed the numbers for Ordinances 2020-2 and 2020-3. These will be corrected.

Ordinance No. 2020-4
(Law Director) An Ordinance approving and confirming the appointment of Julie Kless as Director of Recreation, providing for the compensation of the Director of Recreation, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-4.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-4.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-5 (Law Director)	An Ordinance approving and confirming the mayoral appointment of Robert A. Pauley as Director of Public Service, providing for the compensation of the Director of Public Service, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.
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Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-5.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-5.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-6 (Law Director)	An Ordinance confirming the appointment of Sean Brennan to the position as Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector, providing for the Inspector's compensation, repealing certain Ordinances and declaring an emergency.
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Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three-day rule for Ordinance No. 2020-6.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-6.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-6.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-7 (Finance Director)	An Ordinance directing the Director of Finance to certify delinquent accounts to the Lake County Auditor and Lake County Treasurer for collection as property tax and declaring an emergency.
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Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-7.
Discussion: None.
Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-7.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2020-8
(Finance Director)

An Ordinance providing for the compensation of appointed officials and certain other employees of the City, repealing certain ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-8.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Phares to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-8.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to Susan Wovrosh as Clerk of Council by Mayor Regovich.

The Oath of Office was administered to the Finance Director Benedict, Law Director Landgraf, Recreation Director Kless, and Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan by Mayor Regovich.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Willowick Firefighters Association to provide for any mutually agreed contract terms to have a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Scott Turner of 146 Larimar Dr. echoed the sentiments of Ms. Logan from the previous public portion of the meeting regarding the beautiful lake resource that we have available to us. He asked if there are updates on the lakefront development ideas, and if a date has been set for the next meeting. Mayor Regovich reported that the Environment Design Group has taken the ideas that were proposed at the last public meeting and will pare down their choices for the road, etc., then being putting the pieces together. There will then be another meeting when that is done. He is hoping that at that time there will be an idea of what the phases of the project will be.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss employment appointment and compensation of a public official.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Bisbee to adjourn.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:



CLERK OF COUNCIL