

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 24

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF RON ZAK, AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING RATE OF PAY, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 737.22 the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Fire Chief to act as the head of the Willowick Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Chief Robert Posipanka has retired as Fire Chief from the City of Willowick Fire Department effective January 24, 2020 and it is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the City of Willowick to be without a Fire Chief during the process of filling said position on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2020, the Council appointed Ron Zak as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick, effective January 25, 2020, on a temporary basis, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Willowick and in order to allow for the administration of civil service examination to fill said position was conducted; and

WHEREAS, due to the inability to conduct said examination as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Ohio precluding the gathering of more than 10 individuals in a given location, the Council desires to extend the term and conditions of employment for the temporary appointment of Ron Zak as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick Fire Department for an additional period, not to exceed ninety (90) days or until such time as a permanent appointment has been made to the position of Fire Chief, whichever is earlier, to allow for the Willowick Civil Service Commission to administer an examination for said position; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, COUNTY OF LAKE AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Willowick hereby extends the appointment of Ron Zak as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick, on a temporary basis, for an additional ninety (90) days through and concluding on August 21, 2020, or until such time as permanent appointment has been made to the position of Fire Chief, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 2. That the aforesaid temporary Fire Chief shall be vested with and shall assume the same responsibilities and essential job functions previously exercised by the Fire Chief of the City of Willowick in furtherance of the City's essential business function.

SECTION 3. The temporary Fire Chief shall be paid compensation for the period beginning January 25, 2020, at the rate of \$2,115.38. per bi-weekly pay.

SECTION 4. That said temporary Fire Chief shall respond to the inquiry of Council regarding the services of his Department and such matters that would come within his Department's responsibilities.

SECTION 5. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

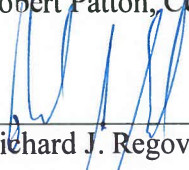
SECTION 6. That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and further, provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted by Council: 5/19, 2020



Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: MAY 20, 2020



Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: MAY 20, 2020

ATTEST: Susan K. Wovrosh
Susan Wovrosh, Clerk of Council