

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

DATE: June 2, 2020
PLACE: City Hall
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

This meeting was conducted as a virtual public meeting due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The ninth 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.

Present: Council members Malta, Phares, Patton, Antosh, Bisbee, Koudela and Vanni
Also Present: Mayor Regovich, Law Director Landgraf, Finance Director Benedict, Acting Fire Chief Zak, Police Chief Turner, Service Director Pauley, Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Brennan, City Engineer Lannon, Economic Development Manager Drake, and Council Clerk Wovrosh. Recreation Director Kless was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of May 19, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Phares to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of May 27, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Ayes: Malta, Phares, Antosh, Bisbee, Koudela, Vanni. Abstain: Patton. Motion carried.

Appointments, Special Resolutions & Proclamations

None.

Administrative Appeals

None.

Reports and Communications from the Mayor/Safety Director

Mayor Regovich reported:

- Pools will be closed for the season. It would be difficult to maintain all the recommendations from the State and the Health Department, but also because we anticipate a financial hardship coming in the third and fourth quarters. This will save us \$200,000. We do not anticipate that many people would sign up this year due to Covid-19. Some cities in the area are opening pools, others are not. We are holding out for day camp to provide something for people who need to return to work. We hope to do some things in the park in a safe way and are following the recommendations of the Health Department. We will be playing Little League baseball, and the league is responsible to make sure that the recommendations of the Health Dept. are followed. We are hoping to hold some community events in the park while allowing distancing.
- City Hall and other departments remain closed to the public; we are watching the numbers before opening the buildings in order to keep our employees healthy and safe.

Council Discussion of the Mayor's Report

None.

General Communications & Reports – Directors & Officials

Service Director Rob Pauley: Written report submitted. All crews are back on a five-day staggered start. June 6 is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection by the Solid Waste District at the Fairgrounds.

Recreation Director Julie Kless: Absent. No written report.

City Engineer Tim Lannon: Written report submitted.

Finance Director Cheryl Benedict: No written report. Employees in the Finance Office are still rotating time. The audit has started. Ciuni & Panichi has completed the financial statement.

Law Director Stephanie Landgraf: No written report.

Police Chief Brian Turner: Written report for May submitted electronically. Last Friday the Western Lake County Emergency Response Team of which we are a member in conjunction with the Lake County Narcotics executed a narcotics warrant in the city. The investigation is still ongoing through the Narcotics agency. With the concerns regarding the recent rioting and concern that it was moving east, he added manpower on Sunday evening. Fortunately, there were no issues. Two officers were sent the day before to the protest in Painesville which remained peaceful. These have an impact on the budget. The department is down two officers, and the entrance exam was delayed until the end of June. The State Highway Patrol is not having an academy this year, so that could affect how soon they will be able to add a person to the department, depending on the exam scores. It could be a difficult year, but they will do their best to get through. A purchase order on the agenda is for replacement body cameras and dash cam system. Our dash cams cannot be used in our two new vehicles. This is a dire need now since the server recently died, and there is no way to upload the dash cam videos from the other vehicles. They now have to rely on the body cams which are old and are just holding together. The need is real. This is a budgeted item. Time is of the essence, especially in today's climate. Mr. Patton thanked Chief Turner and the department for their extra work on Sunday. Mr. Malta thanked the Chief and two officers who were involved with the incident on Friday.

Acting Fire Chief Ron Zak: Acting Chief Zak was unable to send his report electronically but reported that incident responses are up 10% from their April low but are down 20% from their 2019 average. There was a garage fire on Sylvan which was a total loss of \$30,000. The investigation showed that it was accidental. Station 2 will probably close within the next week to 10 days, based on the virus numbers that come in from Lake County.

Chief Housing and Zoning Inspector Sean Brennan: Written report submitted. They have been open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for about two weeks. The two part-time employees are back at work. Permits are being done by drop-off and pick-up. Reopening of the office has not yet been determined.

Economic Development Manager Monica Drake: No written report. She is working with a business on a possible project, but it needs further exploration to see if it is possible. The Lake County Community Development Block Grant Small Business Loan and Microbusiness Grant Program information has been posted on the website. The application portal is now available on the county's website. She can assist those who need help with it. There is a resolution on the agenda to approve a commercial Community Reinvestment Area application.

Ward Matters

Mr. Malta asked Mr. Pauley to check with the Lake County Dept. of Utilities regarding 28406 Gilchrist where they repaired a broken water line to see when they will return to complete the work and fix that area.

Public Participation

None.

Reports of Standing Committees

Finance: No report.

Safety: No report.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands: No report. Mr. Malta said that the previously scheduled committee meeting is still on hold until the group can meet due to the coronavirus.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers: No report.

Tax Compliance: No report.

Moral Claims: No report.

Budget: No report.

Liaison Reports

Planning Commission: No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: No report.

Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board: No report.

Recreation Board: No report.

Plan Review Board: No report.

Hearts & Hammers: Mr. Malta reported that spring cleanup has been finished. There are ongoing projects. Volunteers are needed. The Eastlake North football team which helps regularly with projects is holding a fundraiser on Saturday, June 27 at the Croatian lodge. He encouraged all to support this.

Fund Transfers and Bid Authorizations

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Mr. Malta to authorize CT Consultants to perform preliminary engineering, prepare final plans and bid documents, obtain bids and provide construction engineering services for the E. 328th Street Sewer Rehabilitation project for a fee not to exceed \$24,000.00 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to reject all bids received for the 2020 Striping Program on January 28, 2020.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Contract Approvals

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Vanni to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. for the 2020 Pavement Repair Program in the amount of \$645,775.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to authorize CT Consultants to perform construction engineering services for the 2020 Pavement Repair Program for a fee not to exceed \$35,000.00 in accordance with the Agreement for engineering services.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Introduction & Consideration of Legislation

Ordinance No. 2020-26
(Finance Director)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 2019-3 to provide for additional appropriations from the Police & Fire Capital Improvement Fund (207); and the Donations & Bequest Fund (803) for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willowick, State of Ohio, during the calendar year ending December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Ms. Bisbee, seconded by Mr. Malta to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 2020-26.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Antosh, seconded by Mr. Vanni to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-26.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-20
(Law Director)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept and execute a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with the Phillips Edison Group, LLC and Shoregate Station, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Mr. Phares to waive the three readings of Resolution No. 2020-20.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Vanni, seconded by Ms. Antosh to approve Resolution No. 2020-20.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Motion by Mr. Phares, seconded by Ms. Antosh to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal from Sherman Valuation and Review, LLC for the appraisal of property located at 32800 Lakeland Boulevard in Willowick.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to authorize a purchase order to WatchGuard, Inc. for a new dash cam and body cam system in the amount of \$60,875.00.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes.

Public Participation

Phil Detering of 469 Bayridge addressed the alleged drug house behind Giant Eagle. It has high grass in the backyard, bags of trash beside the house, cars coming and going day and night, and more than just the owner living at the house. This has been going on for years. One of the neighbors has been talking to him about it. He inquired if any government agency is working on this situation. Chief Turner again stressed as in the past the importance of people who live by the house calling the Police Department directly to report these situations. They may be able to provide additional information that will be helpful in any pending investigation. It is not helpful if they relay the information through another resident.

Recently a narcotics warrant was served at the home with the Western Lake County S.W.A.T. team and Lake County Narcotics. Lake County Narcotics has taken over the investigation and would be the agency issuing any charges. Our police officers keep an eye on the house. All complaints and calls have been addressed by the Police Department, but it takes time to build a case. Mr. Brennan will look at the property to see about the high grass and the garbage and will get back to Mr. Detering. Mr. Detering inquired about the possibility of putting in cameras, and Chief Turner said that would be up to Narcotics.

Mayor Regovich has talked with the homeowner before, and she has even thanked him for the work the police have been doing in the last couple of months. The police are fully aware of the house, area and situation and are doing everything they can to the fullest extent that we can do legally. The people living at the house have certain rights that we need to abide by.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Malta, seconded by Ms. Antosh to adjourn.

Discussion: None.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: *Susan K. Worrach*
CLERK OF COUNCIL