

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 34

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF MARK PALUMBO 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, for a period not to exceed two hundred and ten (210) days to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Willowick were safeguarded and in order to allow for the administration of civil service examination to fill said position; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Ohio and the delays attendant with the administration of the examination and selection process, the Council desires to establish the terms and conditions of employment for the temporary appointment of Mark Palumbo as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick Fire Department for a period not to exceed two hundred and ten (210) days to allow for the Willowick Civil Service Commission and administration to finalize the examination and selection process for the position of Fire Chief; 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 appoints Mark Palumbo as Fire Chief of the City of Willowick, on a temporary basis, for a period not to exceed two hundred and ten (210) days, effective September 2, 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 Fire Chief, on an interim basis, 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. During his appointment, said Fire Chief shall be paid compensation for the period beginning September 2, 2020, at the rate of \$2,115.38. per bi-weekly pay.

SECTION 4. That said 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 during his appointment.

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 That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

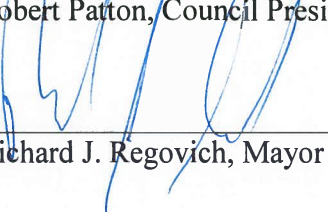
SECTION 6. That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willowick and further, provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; wherefore,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

Adopted by Council: 9/1, 2020



Robert Patton, Council President

Submitted to the Mayor: SEP 01, 2020



Richard J. Regovich, Mayor

Approved by the Mayor: SEP 01, 2020

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