



**City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Koudela called to Order the Eighteenth Meeting of Council at 7:30pm

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

PRESENT

President Monica Koudela
Ward 1 Councilman Patrick Mohorcic
Ward 1 Councilman Tom Loncala
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalic Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also Present: Mayor Vanni; Law Director Landgraf; Chief Malovrh; Lt. Lawrence; Director Shannon; Director Brennan; Director Kless; Clerk Morgan

Absent: Engineer McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion to Approve the Minutes from the October 3, 2023, Regular Council Meeting

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**3. Administrative Appeals Order No. 2023-22 (Brock)**

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 264 Sq. Ft. to Construct a Detached Garage that is 840 Sq. Ft. in the Application of Section 1337.01 (5)(B) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilwoman Bisbee asked Building Chief Brennan if he had any issues with this request, in which he replied that he did not have an opinion, reviews the ordinances for compliance. Councilman Malta mentioned there were previous plans for another street in that area, but they did not and noted there is plenty of room for the requested addition.

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Further Discussion; Motion Carried

4. Administrative Appeals Order No. 2023-23 (Bock)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 2' 8" Height to Construct a Detached Garage that is 17' 8" in Height in the Application of Section 1337.01(5)(B) of the Codified Ordinance in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

5. Administrative Appeals Order No. 2023-24 (Yonosik)

An Order Granting a Variance and Exception of 5' 4" to Extend Driveway into the Front Yard in the Application of Section 1163.105(a) of the Codified Ordinances in Board of Zoning Appeals

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

The Fire Department study, which outlines plans for the department, was received and distributed to council and civil service members for review. Mayor would like it to go to Safety Committee. The UH Urgent care will be closing as part of their consolidation and will be placed across the street from Lake West Hospital. The Willowick building will be medical campus with

a plan to add more medical services and doctors. There is expected to be a big increase in gas prices through Dominion Energy. The company is proposing instead of raising the cost of gas, raise the cost of distribution by 16-17% and they are contacting PUCO for that information. NOPEC is fighting this idea as residents will get a good rate for gas but will have to pay the distribution fees. Mayor reported the ribbon cutting at Pie Café and the ribbon cutting for Sound Stage and Tavern on Euclid Ave. Dollar Tree is open with a ribbon cutting at a later date, and Aaron's is working on moving to Shoregate. In addition, he announced the fundraiser for Officer Maddie on October 21. Toward the end of the meeting, Councilman Malta invited everyone and emphasized the importance of this fundraiser and prayers for Officer Maddie.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

None

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Electronic report submitted. Director Shannon discussed the motions on the agenda for Salt Brine and the Manry repair.

Councilwoman Bisbee inquired about the Manry project regarding the caulking and regarding the statement of any additional damage being billed separately with pictures as proof. Director Shannon noted the caulking is being done in house to save money and regarding the additional damage, until workers get in there to begin repairs, they do not know what may be found.

Ms. Bisbee also inquired an update on the rates. Director Brennan mentioned crews just baited the sewer department, the catch basins at Forest Grove and Arlington Circle.

Councilman Loncala asked if the additional repairs were needed for Manry, would it come back to Council and Director Shannon answered if the amount exceeded \$10,000, would need approval. Mr. Loncala also inquired about warranty for this project, which is 1 year for the workmanship and 10 years for the materials.

Councilman Phares mentioned the light replacement on Vine Street and asked if there is an LED option for those. Director Shannon noted he does not believe the city can retrofit what is already there but would inquire further. Mr. Phares also inquired an update on the lights at Shoreland and Lakewick. The city portion is completed but awaiting CEI to place on their schedule to come out.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Director Kless reminded of the Halloween program set for October 28 from 1-3. She also mentioned the motion on the agenda to approve the contract for this year's Winter Wonderland program.

Councilwoman Bisbee inquired about the requests regarding remote controlled drone, choppers and planes. Director Kless spoke with Director Landgraf on the subject and as of now there is no ordinance, but informed the resident he could fly as long as there are no big events happening.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Absent

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

None

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

No reports but noted the ordinance regarding the tax regulations on the agenda from RITA and House Bill 33

Acting Police Chief – Keith Lawrence

None

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

No report from Chief Malovrh

Councilman Malta asked that the parking spaces at Shoregate Towers be addressed. Captain O'Connell presented that Ohio Fire Code allows for a fire lane/access way. Minimum clearance for a fire lane is 20 feet wide, 13 ½ inches high. Measurements of the lane at Shoregate from the curb to the end of one of the parking stripes was 21 feet, 4 inches wide. Captain also measured from a car parked on the shoulder to the end of the strip, which yielded 18 feet, 3 inches demonstrating encroachment. Nothing can be done about the parking in this area unless signage is placed noting the same. At that time, not even a handicap-parking placard is allowed to park in this area.

President Koudela asked if the city could force the complex in deeming that area a fire lane and Captain answered yes. Fire Chief does have the authority to change the dimensions of the fire lane; however, he is not permitted to go any smaller than 20 feet.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

None

WARD MATTERS

Councilman Malta discussed the request of renaming E. 321st Street to Mary Lou Beers Way in honor of Mrs. Beers.

Councilman Loncala mentioned the North High School fundraiser for Officer Maddie for close to \$12,000.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public statement (1 minute maximum)

b) Council response to the public

c) Public clarification (30 seconds to 1 minute for the purpose of restating or rearticulating an original question, concern, suggestion or idea)

Bill Savoca, Oakdale Rd., wanted to thank the City of Willowick, the staff for their service and the upcoming election. Wished everyone the best of luck on November 7.

President Koudela thanked Mr. Savoca and Mr. Selander for their comments.

Marcy Belak, 30901 Lakeshore Blvd., spoke to address Director Brennan regarding the previous apartment inspections at Shoregate Towers. She reported that the head of maintenance

was allegedly informed to disregard current work orders, unless those are an emergency and focus only on the violations prior to the owner's court hearing. She again also addressed the designated parking area for handicap and seniors being occupied by other residents to the Lieutenant Lawrence. Ms. Belak noted that the management informed her handicap parking signs were ordered for the lot.

President Koudela mentioned that the police could cite for illegal parking in handicap areas if there is proper signage. Of the fines imposed, the city does not get all of that money. Director Landgraf believes these fines are afforded to the state. Lt. Lawrence agreed that once the signs are in place, then action can be taken by the officers. Chief Brennan addressed the inspection.

Kenneth Selander 628 Hadley, thanked council for all their help and commended for a job well done.

President Koudela thanked Mr. Selander and Mr. Savoca for their comments.

Steven Arco (sp), 30212 Barjode Rd., expressed his concern for the high-speed traffic down his road, abundance of traffic on 305th St. He also, discussed the previous paving of his road as poor and then asked the holes be repaired.

President Koudela asked of Lt. Lawrence to look into the speeding issue on Barjode. The 305th traffic is an issue with all the construction in the area. Director Shannon noted the traffic study coming for that area in the spring and patching of Barjode. Serena Arco, 30212 Barjode, expressed her similar concerns as well.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Loncala

Councilwoman Bisbee addressed the meeting earlier in the evening with Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers to go through the numbers and see where the city was currently. Members discussed the possibility of attending the Euclid Council meeting in mid November.

Safety – Phares, Malta, Bisbee

None

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares, Loncala

Gold Star Family Memorial Monument update. Director Kless mapped a 5k and 1-mile course for raising money for the project. Also, Councilman Malta announced the pancake breakfast at the American Legion on November 12.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Antosh, Mohorcic

November 21 for meeting for Service, Utilities and Public Lands with Street, Sidewalks and Sewers for the GSFMM Memorial and the E.321st renaming.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, Loncala

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

None

Budget – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Koudela

None

LIAISON REPORTS**Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh**

Councilman Phares discussed the meeting with the planning commission regarding vehicle repair facilities in the area and possible new regulations. A business owner attended and provided his insights and input on the subject.

Board of Zoning Appeals – Loncala/Alternate Koudela

None

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares

None

Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares

None

Plan Review Board – Antosh

None

Hearts & Hammers – Malta

Reminder of fundraiser the last Saturday in January

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

6. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Cargill for Calcium Chloride Road Brine for the 2023-2024 Winter Season

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

7. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with SuperGames in the Amount of \$8,550.00 for the Winter Wonderland

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

8. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Maintenance and Support Service Contract with Active Networking Inc. for a Block of 175 Hours in the Amount of \$20,125.00

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

9. Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with HK Stucco and Stone, LLC., in the amount of \$62,854.00 for Repairs and Replacement of the Exterior Insulating Finishing System (EIFS) Siding at the Manry Activities Center

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

10. Resolution No. 2023-45

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Innovative Landscape Management, LLC., in the Amount of \$3,865.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

Motion to adopt made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motions Carried

11. Ordinance No. 2023-45

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 194 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willowick, Ohio, titled "Earned Income Tax Regulations Effective Beginning January 1, 2016, with an Effective Date of January 1, 2024

1st Reading

MISCELLANEOUS

12. Motion to Declare a 2018 Ford Explorer-VIN 1FM5K8AR7JGC95114 as Surplus, Obsolete, Unneeded and Unfit for Public Use and Authorizing its Disposal.

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

13. Motion to Declare a 2018 Ford Explorer-VIN 1FM5K8AR3JGB59465 as Surplus for Trade in Purposes

Motion made by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to Discuss: Collective Bargaining, the Compensation of a Public Employee or Official, and Pending or Imminent Litigation

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Phares, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned @ 8:38pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Motion to Reconvene from Executive Session

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Loncala.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Reconvened @ 9:32pm

MISCELLANEOUS #2 ADD ON MOTIONS

Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Willowick and the Willowick Fire Fighter Association Concerning Call-Back Pay

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

Motion Authorizing the Mayor to Implement a 4, 13, and 26 Pay Period Repayment Schedule in the Fire Department for Wage Payments

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

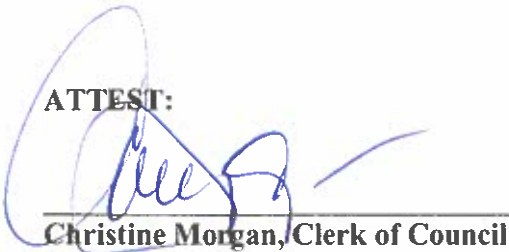
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman Loncala, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned @ 9:35pm



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:


Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council