



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2025.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 15, 2025. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion carried. Minutes approved.

APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. A Proclamation Honoring Willowick Finance Director Cheryl Benedict.

Mayor Vanni says he knew this day was coming before he even became Mayor, but he can't believe it's finally here. He has been working with Cheryl for 20 years. Everything he knows about finances and budgets is because of her. He could not have done it without her. It was nice knowing you never had to worry about anything. He is very happy for her, but she is going to be incredibly missed. He reads the Proclamation for Finance Director Benedict's 30 years of service.

Mr. Phares says one thing he likes about Cheryl is that, as a new Councilperson, he did not know a lot about local government finances and Cheryl always explained things so incredibly well. It really helped him to understand all the complexities.

Ms. Bisbee appreciates everything Cheryl has done. She agrees with Dave's statements as well. Congratulations.

Ms. Antosh appreciates everything Cheryl has done for the City and keeping the budget in line. All her questions were always promptly answered.

Ms. Koudela jokes that, as Charlie Malta said earlier, they want the record to reflect they are not happy.

Cheryl says she has had a wonderful career here in Willowick. She is very grateful to have been able to spend 30 years here. She is proud of the work they have done here. She has met and worked with a lot of wonderful people.

Julie Kless takes over Cheryl's statement. She says she is going to miss everyone and she hopes for a long healthy retirement and wishes the best to the City and the employees.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

3. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL ORDER NO. 2025-27: (McGarry)

AN ORDER GRANTING A VARIANCE AND EXCEPTION OF 4' TO PLACE A SHED 6' FROM NEIGHBOR'S GARAGE IN THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 1171.02(e) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

McGarry is here tonight. Ms. Koudela asks if there is anything he wishes to add. No one speaks for or against the variance.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion carried.

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni says he wants to update on a number of things. First, the two renewal levies. One is police and fire capital and the other is sanitary and storm sewer improvements. There will likely be a town hall in October. He will also have information for this on facebook and in his courier article. These are renewals, not an increase. He got the annual report from the City of Euclid. They did stay to their word regarding the 3 year increase. This year 9.09%. It was expected. He would like to have a Finance meeting soon to take a look where we are at in that fund to see if we can absorb some of that. Next year is likely 9.3%. He was just glad they didn't change their projections so we can budget. On the parking lot, they met about a week and a half ago with Service Director Shannon and City Engineer McLaughlin. They wanted to do both parking lots. Haven't gone to bid yet, will do that in the fall, but estimates are over \$1 million. They will bid it out for both but also just for the parking lot. The projection for just the lot is about \$700,000 and we have that pretty much ready to go. If TIF legislation passes tonight, it would give extra also. If they get lot done, next year they do this lot and then opens us up for more funding options. Business wise, good news to report. Sean Brennan and the Mayor met with the owner of the old Willowick Café. It is going really well, maybe 90 days out. Going to be a highscale coffee shop, lunch/dinner restaurant. Reminds him of something in DTW. Going to be something nice, we don't have anything like that. Alfredos Italian Market got their permits today. On pace for maybe beginning of 2026. Chopsticks Cuisine has been in the works for nearly 2 years now and they should open soon. Pashka is investing in the community with building improvements, over \$300,000 in the building. Last week he talked to the company that owns the Rite Aid building. They are working on the property but still no update on a business going in there yet. Lastly, he thanks Julie and the Rec Department for a super busy summer full of great events.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Malta asks where Chopsticks is going?

Mayor says old Taco Bell.

Malta any word on old Walkers?

Mayor says still waiting. They're working on the property.

Ms. Koudela reminds everyone that the proposal for increased rates, initially the first year rate was even higher... 15-16%. We told Euclid's Council that this was a huge burden for our City and residents. We don't like paying the sewer cost, but Euclid is facing the same issues we are facing but in a different way just like our residents. She thanks the City of Euclid for hearing our concerns and taking their recommendation to try to even out the increase so it's not such a huge hit.

Mr. Phares says this is a perfect example of this Administration going to bat for the residents. He is glad that Ms. Koudela brought it up.

Ms. Koudela says she feels it created a better working relationship between Willowick and Euclid. She jokes their Service Director is almost as great as ours.

Mayor says yes, she's 100% right.

Mr. Malta says they were told Shoregate Towers was sold. Any input?

Mayor says they did meet with the prospective owners last week. They won the bid, but nothing is finalized yet. It was a good first meeting.

Ms. Antosh says when that deal goes through and closes are there strict guidelines for the repairs? Who sets that?

Law Director Gwartz says that was part of what the meeting was about. They will likely be coming to BZA for Variances due to the scope of the project and also to discuss the escrow account. What they have in mind is very reasonable. We are talking possibly double digit in millions of repairs that they need to do.

Mr. Mohorcic says to clarify, we require that they carry 1.5x?

Gwartz says no, they already started point of sale inspection. Whenever there are violations, any repairs not made at the time of transfer, an escrow account is required. The thought would be they have to show some sort of potential to have that sort of money.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials

Service Director – Todd Shannon

Todd Shannon says it was a pleasure working with Cheryl. Good luck. He submitted his report electronically. He has a couple items on the agenda. One for a federal grant to evaluate traffic conditions throughout the City. Safety intervention grant is for a new lift that they discussed during budget. Another section of Lakeshore will be torn up for waterline work.

Ms. Antosh asks are they doing that whole stretch at once?

Mr. Shannon says they'll know more soon but he anticipates the whole thing.

Ms. Koudela says she wasn't thrilled with the contractor that did the work. She knows that he doesn't have much control over that. The traffic control was terrible, maybe he can pass that along. On a different topic, they had Safety Committee meeting earlier. Previously there was discussion about 305 on the freeway, headed South, extending that back to Oakdale as a straight only lane?

Mr. Shannon says there are multiple layers to that question. The grant he just talked about will take a long hard look at that intersection. Ultimately they do not control that intersection, Wickliffe and ODOT do. They are paving it next year. It's not as easy as changing a few paint lines.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Julie Kless says they had their car show on Sunday and had over 110 cars there. She thanks the department for all their help with that. The fall/winter guide is up on the website. Monday September 8th will start registrations. Repairs to the pickleball courts are looking good. She says she has had a wonderful time working with Cheryl.

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Tim McLaughlin emailed his report. There are two items on the agenda. He has had the privilege to work for multiple cities and Cheryl is truly special. It has been a pleasure. She helped him to do his job better.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

Finance Director Benedict says there are several items on the agenda, most of which are housekeeping items. They received the second half property tax collections and did receive the reimbursement. She notices that Dawn and Joe are here tonight and thanks them for coming. They are a great asset to the City. She also reports they have a clean audit again.

Mr. Malta says she was paid a lot of compliments and she deserves everyone one of them. He says no one has called her a GOAT and that's what she is (Greatest of All Time).

Ms. Koudela asks if Dawn or Joe would like to make a comment.

Dawn says Cheryl has been amazing. She respects her so much and always looks to her for guidance. She has always been very fair and always knows all the answers. She is going to miss her so much. Dawn jokes Cheryl rescued her from her previous employer and brought her here.

Cheryl says she will miss her as well.

Joe thanks Cheryl for the opportunity to be a part of the team. He has worked with many people in his career and he wishes he had met her 15 years ago. He sees so much consistency in the department and they will try to keep it going.

Law Director – Mandy Gwartz

Mandy Gwartz wishes Cheryl well. No formal report, but open for questions.

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Chief Daubenmire says he appreciates Cheryl. His transition from Lt. to his current position would have been a lot more difficult without her guidance. He submitted his report electronically.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

Chief Malovrh congratulates Cheryl. He will be submitting his report tomorrow.

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Sean Brennan submitted his report as well. He jokes he is jealous of Cheryl and wishes her good luck and fun.

Mr. Malta says there is an area in Ward 3 where there is a mouse/rat problem. Unlike other cities, we have Sean Brennan. He called Sean at 5 to 4:00 on a Friday night. When Sean answered, he immediately came to tackle the problem. Without his input, it may have grown worse.

WARD MATTERS

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)

Mike Bowen, 472 E 319, says how things have changed. His question is, do we know why the portion of the parking garage at Shore gate Towers collapsed? Back in '64, that was a big dump. He remembers throwing rocks there. He also helped push a car over the edge. Do we know why it collapsed?

Rose Allen, 30951 Lakeshore, says she thinks Willowick is probably the best location for someone to live in Northeast Ohio. She walks this community every day and feels safe. However, we have an issue with people who walk. Right now, the crossing lights for pedestrians at Vine/Lakeshore are only partially functioning. Why is it taking so long to get them repaired? She feels she should not have to walk over to the Eastern side to safely walk to the post office. By shutting down those crosswalks, are you trying to prevent people from crossing? How soon until they are repaired?

Jean Bowen, 472 E 319th, asks if the guy who owned Shoregate Towers disappeared off the map? What is happening to him? Fines? Jail? Also, she is glad to hear about the situation with 305, but will there still be a turn lane for N. Marginal?

Ms. Koudela has Mr. Shannon answer Ms. Allen regarding the crosswalks. A couple months ago CEI replaced a pole that was damaged with an accident. Unfortunately that damaged the intersection. The second delay is getting a company in here to make those repairs. They are scheduled to be here in 2 weeks. This was not intentional. The intersection is running on a temporary basis at the moment.

The Mayor says he feels her frustration. Todd probably even more. Hopefully in 2 weeks... we are getting close to the end. It is hard because we have to wait for the company to come out. Todd stayed on it and kept working to get it repaired.

Ms. Koudela and Mr. Shannon say the results of the year long traffic study will help make decisions like that. Regarding Shoregate Towers, she directs to Chief Malovrh.

Malovrh says he never got a full result of the cause of collapse. Mayor agrees, no official report of what caused it. There are rumors out there.

Ms. Koudela says the owner is still in court?

Gwartz says yes the foreclosure is still pending in Lake County Court of Common Pleas.

Ms. Koudela says the City did pay for search and rescue as well as the fencing there. That money did come back on the most recent collection.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Ms. Bisbee will get with Patrick to schedule the Finance meeting.

Mayor Vanni suggests first meeting in October.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Mr. Phares reports on Safety Committee Meeting. Main issue was nuisance ordinance. Decided to create appeal board and will be put with Safety Committee. We reviewed some other issues and decided to stay with what we have. There was also discussion about Lakeshore/288th intersection. He will talk to Todd after the meeting.

Service, Utilities & Public Lands – Malta, Phares, McFarland**Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Mohorcic, Bisbee, Malta****Tax Compliance – McFarland, Antosh, Phares****Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela**

Ms. Antosh says the committee met last night to review two issues. The first one was for a water pipe that broke in the basement. He received a water credit. He is asking the City for sewer credit. All the water did go down the sewer. Cheryl did a 75% credit rebate max. The vote in committee was 2 against, 1 for. She motions to give sewer rebate.

MOTION: Ms. Koudela made a Motion. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, NO. Mr. Phares, NO. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, NO. Ms. Koudela, NO. Ms. Antosh, NO. Mr. Mohorcic, No.

This item failed.

Second Moral Claim Mosevic was visiting his daughter. He pulled into a driveway to back out and park in the street. While parking, he hit the sewer grate and next to that was a pothole that his tire hit. The sidewall of his tire was cut and he had a flat. He requested a refund of \$255.79 for the tire. The vote was 3 nos.

MOTION: Ms. Koudela made a Motion. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, NO. Mr. Phares, NO. Mr. Malta, NO. Mr. McFarland, NO. Ms. Koudela, NO. Ms. Antosh, NO. Mr. Mohorcic, No.

This item failed.

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee**LIAISON REPORTS****Planning – Phares/Alternate Antosh**

Plan Review Board Ms. Antosh says Mayor already covered a lot of topics regarding the new businesses in his report.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/Alternate Koudela**Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Board – Antosh, Phares****Recreation Board – Bisbee/Alternate Phares****Plan Review Board – Antosh****Hearts & Hammers – Malta****FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS****CONTRACT APPROVALS**

4. Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Verdantas in the amount of \$200,000 for the project management and coordination of the SS4A Safety Grant.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motioned to approve the Motion. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion carried. Motion approved.

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

5. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 44:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO FIRE CATT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,406.75 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 45:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO CIVICPLUS, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,075.05 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

7. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 46:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO THOMAS FENCE CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,840.00 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 47:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,461.00 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 2025-32:

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.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 48:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF ADVANCED FUNDS FROM THE NOPEC GRANT FUND (227) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,473.56, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 49:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FUND (221) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101); STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR FUND (202); STATE HIGHWAY FUND (203); SEWER REVENUE FUND (205) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Malta motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 50:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND (224) TO THE GENERAL FUND (101), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

13. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 33:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 141 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED "DIVISION OF FIRE;" SPECIFICALLY,

AMENDING SECTION 141.01, TITLED “COMPENSATION; AGE; RANK” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

14. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 34:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-11 PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND CERTAIN OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY, AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

15. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 35:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-93 TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

16. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 36:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, OHIO, TITLED “EMPLOYEES GENERALLY;”

SPECIFICALLY, AMENDING SECTION 155.07, TITLED "SICK LEAVE; FUNERAL LEAVE" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

17. RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 51:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS (THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE) TO LAKE COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,525.45 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Phares second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

18. ORDINANCE NO. 2025- 37:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-13 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101); SEWER REVENUE FUND (205); FIRE EMERGENCY RESCUE FUND (208); STREET IMPROVEMENT LEVY FUND (213); RECREATION IMPROVEMENT LEVY FUND (214); SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER FUND (220); EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND (221); EARNED BENEFITS FUND (240); BOND RETIREMENT FUND (301); E. 305TH ST. SEWER IMPROVEMENT FUND (433); POLICE PENSION FUND (801); FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WILLOWICK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed. Legislation approved.

MISCELLANEOUS

19. Motion to declare 27 decorative streetlights as surplus, obsolete, unneeded, unfit for public use, and authorizing its sale or subsequent disposal.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

20. Motion authorizing Change Order #2-FINAL to United Survey Inc, for the Deduct amount of \$232,353,10 for the E. 305th Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

21. Motion authorizing the release of retainage in the amount of \$48,440 to United Survey, Inc. for the E. 305th Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. McFarland second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

22. Motion to authorize the Service Department to apply for a Safety Intervention Grant through the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation.

Antosh asks what that grant covers?

Todd Shannon says hoping to use it for main lift at service garage but it can be used for a variety of things to provide a safer working environment.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

23. Motion authorizing an expenditure to Whispering Woods Management, LLC in the amount of \$18,260.00 for the refund of escrowed insurance proceeds related to the fire at 325 E. 327th Street.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

24. Motion to declare A Gerber Fastrack 650 plotter, city tag #01348, as surplus, obsolete, unneeded, unfit, for public use, and authorizing its sale or subsequent disposal.

MOTION: Ms. Antosh motions to approve. Mr. Malta second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.

25. Motion authorizing and expenditure in the amount of \$37,563.32 to the Lake County Community Erosion SID, Inc. for CY25 SID payments distributed to the city.

MOTION: Mr. Phares motions to approve. Ms. Antosh second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion passed.**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)

Mike Bowen, 472 E 319, says people on Willowick People's Page are having a hard time hearing. He would love to put a wireless microphone out of the way to hear better.

Ms. Koudela says there is nothing that would prevent that so he is welcome to do that.

Mr. McFarland wants to get Charlie Malta recognized in the Minutes for his outstanding work with our high school athletes.

Mr. Malta thanks Mr. McFarland. Then he says it is never too early to talk about Hearts and Hammers Fundraiser, it'll be February 7th. Secondly, if Eastlake North has 5 home games, if you come to support the rangers, you can support them from the press box and he will introduce you at a game. They work so hard and they need the support. He has a lot of respect for their head coach.

ADJOURNMENT


Ms. Koudela calls for a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.


MOTION: Ms. Antosh motioned to Adjourn the Meeting. Ms. Bisbee second.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Bisbee, yea. Mr. Phares, yea. Mr. Malta, yea. Mr. McFarland, yea. Ms. Koudela, yea. Ms. Antosh, yea. Mr. Mohorcic, yea.

Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.


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Council President


Date