



**City of Willowick**  
**City Council Special Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

**ADA NOTICE**

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**Minutes**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

This special meeting was called to order by President Koudela at 6:34pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

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

Also Present: Mayor Vanni and Council Clerk Morgan

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The interviews will be open to the public and will take place in the conference room for more relaxed environment. Each candidate will be interviewed in alphabetical order for approximately ten minutes. Upon completion, Council will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss each prospect.

1. **Interview of Ward 1 Candidate Nickolas Janek to define why he be selected for the seat vacancy.**

**Via Telephone: 6:40pm-6:52pm**

Mr. Janek would utilize his background to resolve issues within the community, put it to paper and bring it to everyone via media for input. Since his last interview, he had the experience of rectifying a financial issue and the communication between the individuals at two major corporations. His vision for the community has no divisiveness, renovation of all the lake front properties while maintaining the residents' privacy and have a pleasing look of the area from the water, along with improving communications between everyone.

2. **Interview of Ward 1 Candidate Thomas Loncala to define why he be selected for the seat vacancy.**

**In Person: 6:53pm to 7:10pm**

Mr. Loncala's vision for the community is to continue to aid it in the right direction. Houses in the city are old and hard to maintain with younger couples moving in for a short amount of time as their starter homes. He wants to come up with a plan to keep those folks with potential higher income in Willowick who can afford to maintain these residences and beautify them to draw more people to the municipality. He has taken time to appear at council meetings and has been impressed with how members work well together. Mr. Loncala is aware that there are disagreements but those can be set aside to make decisions that are best for the city. Upon being appointed to the council seat and with permission from the Mayor, he plans to meet with the department heads to find out their concerns and if those concerns are being addressed.

3. **Interview of Ward 1 Candidate Devon McFarland to define why he be selected for the seat vacancy.**

**In Person: 7:11pm-7:20pm**

Mr. McFarland had grandparents that instilled his love and service for country and community. His ideals for community service and citizenship enhanced while serving as an Eagle Scout. The best way to move forward in a community is to do what is right and make the small changes that will improve peoples' lives. He recognized Dan Troy (District 23 House Representative) and his mindset of what he can do he could best help the most amount of people. Mr. McFarland has the identical vision, and this position will allow him to do the same.

#### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

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

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Adjourn to Executive Session at 7:21pm**

#### **RETURN TO TABLE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion made by Ward 3 Councilman Malta; Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.**

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

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Reconvened at 7:44pm**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Each member's vote will come by way of roll call.

**Roll Call Vote as follows:**

President Koudela vote for Thomas Loncala

Councilwoman Antosh vote for Thomas Loncala

Councilman Mohorcic vote for Thomas Loncala

Councilwoman Bisbee vote for Thomas Loncala

Councilman Phares vote for Thomas Loncala

Councilman Malta vote for Thomas Loncala

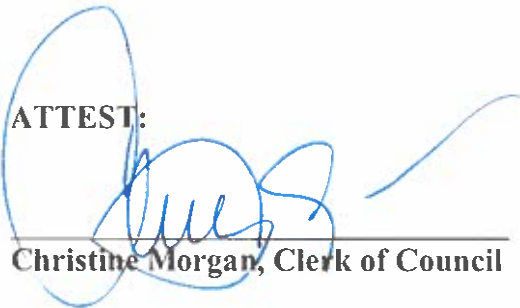
Mayor Vanni administered the oath of office to Thomas Loncala to represent Ward 1 as Council Representative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh; Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Malta.**  
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

**No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm**

**ATTEST:**



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council



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Monica Koudela, Council President