



City of Willowick
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:30 PM
City Council Chambers

ADA NOTICE

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MINUTES

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Koudela called to order the third 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 Devon McFarland
Ward 2 Councilwoman Natalie Antosh
Ward 2 Councilwoman Theresa Bisbee
Ward 3 Councilman Charles Malta
Ward 3 Councilman David Phares

Also present: Mayor Vanni, Director Benedict, Chief Malovrh, Chief Daubenmire, Director Shannon, Engineer McLaughlin, Clerk Morgan

Absent: Director Landgraf, Chief Brennan, Director Kless

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Motion to Approve the Amended Minutes from the January 2, 2024, Regular Council Meeting**

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

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

No Discussion; Motion Carried

2. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Motion made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee.

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

Voting Abstaining: Ward 3 Councilman Malta

No Discussion; Motion Carried

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APPOINTMENTS, SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

None

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR

Mayor Vanni notified everyone of the grant received by the City from NOPEC for 2024 for \$31,962.00 to combine with the \$36,182.00 from 2023 and funds are earmarked for the HVAC in dispatch; finish the HVAC at in front lobby of senior center and place new windows for the front of the fire station.

Mayor discussed the resolution on the agenda, acknowledging and supporting Fair Housing, which is a procedure that accompanies the grant with CDBG. The goal is to purchase ADA ramps and a generator for the senior center. If grants are unavailable the first time around, there is a second chance for funding in May.

Mayor requested that service, utilities and public lands committee schedule a meeting prior to the next council meeting to discuss his meeting with Lake Metro Parks in addition to provide an update on the plan for the expansion of lake front and lake access.

Charter Review Commission is required to review the charter every six years and contains three council members and six residents representing each ward. Mayor noted he would like to have this set by the 3/5 council meeting so meetings can begin. Current council members on the committee are Councilman Mohorcic, Councilwoman Antosh and Councilman Phares. Any change recommendations will need presented to council to approve so to be on the ballot in time 90 days before the general election in August.

Mayor received a call from the real estate manager regarding Speedway and currently there are no plans to rebuild. Speedway was recently bought by 7/11 and has no current plans of leaving the area.

Also, Mayor Vanni mentioned his opportunity to speak with the third graders at the Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF THE MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor confirmed for Councilman Phares that a resident for the charter review committee cannot be serving on another board or commission, be an employee or elected official within the city.

GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS – Directors & Officials**Service Director – Todd Shannon**

Electronic report submitted. Director Shannon noted they are continuing to repair potholes and asked council to contact his department if calls are received, as they can't fix a hole without the help of residents. Parks department is working on painting the senior center and are working on the sewer main for the upcoming sewer project scheduled for this summer. In addition, crews completed installation of the LED stop signs at the corners of W. Willowick and Fairway. Community shred day is being coordinated to run alongside clean the parks day from 9-12 at the senior center parking lot.

Councilman Mohorcic thanked Director Shannon for the shred day event, and to report a street light out on 310th.

Recreation Director – Julie Kless

Absent

City Engineer – Tim McLaughlin

Engineer McLaughlin provided update that both of the 305th Street projects are moving along. ODOT will be doing a press release in the next couple of days for a 30-day comment period focusing on the resurfacing project.

Finance Director – Cheryl Benedict

None

Law Director – Stephanie Landgraf

Absent

Police Chief – Rob Daubenmire

Electronic report submitted. No formal report.

Fire Chief – Bill Malovrh

None

Chief Housing/Zoning Inspector – Sean Brennan

Absent

WARD MATTERS

(This was mentioned in the Service, Utilities and Public Lands committee report). Councilman Malta requested on behalf of the resident of 512 Fairway for a guardrail as her house has already been hit once with no fatalities with a second vehicle losing control but was able to stop. He requested a meeting with Councilman Phares, Director Shannon and Mayor to review and discuss.

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 Road, wanted to congratulate all for winning their seats and commended the help he continues to receive from his Ward 2 representatives, Council President and Council Clerk.

President Koudela thanked him for his statements.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Bisbee, Mohorcic, Antosh

Councilwoman Bisbee reminded of the finance committee meeting 2/7/2024 at 5:30pm.

Safety – Phares, Malta, McFarland

Councilman Phares reminded of the recommendation to council to increase the age of hiring police officers as unlimited. Safety committee meeting set for 3/5/2024 at 5:30pm.

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

Councilman Malta noted the meeting requested by Mayor Vanni to update everyone on the metro parks and plans for the lake area. He mentioned the two Gold Star Memorial meetings scheduled 2/21/2024, 3:30pm at Manry to discuss the 5k race (August 11th) with Director Kless and Lake County Treasurer Zuren; second meeting March 5th at 6:45pm. Resolution Pizza is contributing 25% of all of the day's total sales to GSFMM on March 23rd.

Streets, Sidewalks & Sewers – Malta, Mohorcic, Bisbee

Councilman Malta thanked Director Shannon for the ideas for the honorary signs once the resolution goes through the three readings in addition to getting the opinions of the residents on that street.

Councilman Phares as if the idea of helping residents with their sewer costs was discussed at the budget meeting. Mayor Vanni mentioned Director Shannon spoke with him suggesting the city do the street repair, which should save the residents a lot of money. This will need further discussed in the Streets, Sidewalks and Sewers committee and recommend to council.

Councilman Mohorcic asked if there was a way to make sidewalk repairs when doing the whole street. Director Shannon noted he will need to do some research on the idea and the answer need may need to include Chief Brennan and Engineer McLaughlin but there may be repair programs to help.

Councilman Phares asked about an ordinance for residents to repair their own sidewalks. Councilman Mohorcic stated the resident would still be responsible but with his idea, it would help with their costs.

Tax Compliance – Koudela, Antosh, McFarland

None

Moral Claims – Antosh, Phares, Koudela

Councilwoman Antosh made mention of a complaint. She is still trying to reach the individual and once it is discussed, she will set up a meeting.

Budget – Mohorcic, Koudela, Bisbee

Councilman Mohorcic mentioned the budget hearing that was held on Saturday for the 2024 budget. It will be placed on 1st reading at the next council meeting.

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

No report, but Councilman Phares reminded that if there is an ordinance that may need changed or repealed, to let him know.

Board of Zoning Appeals – McFarland/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

Councilman Malta expressed his appreciation for the donations and support for the hearts and hammers fundraiser on the 27th and for Councilwoman Antosh's work while she was ill.

FUND TRANSFERS & BID AUTHORIZATIONS

None

CONTRACT APPROVALS

None

INTRODUCTION & CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION**3. Resolution No. 2024-2**

A Resolution Establishing the City of Willowick Honorary Street Naming Policy

1st Reading 1/16/2024; 2nd Reading 2/6/2024

Moved to 3rd Reading

4. Resolution No. 2024-4

A Resolution Establishing the City of Willowick Honorary Street Naming Policy

Motion to waive three days made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic.

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

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Seconded by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

5. Resolution No. 2024-5

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to the City of Eastlake in the Amount of \$664,668.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

6. Resolution No. 2024-6

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to the City of Willoughby in the Amount of \$21,871.00 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 1 Councilman McFarland.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

7. Resolution No. 2024-7

A Resolution to Approve Authorizations (Then and Now Certificate) to Wichert Insurance in the Amount of \$148,792.98 for the City of Willowick and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to suspend the rules made by Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Seconded by Ward 3 Councilman Phares.

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

8. Resolution No. 8

A Resolution by the Willowick City Council, Adopting a Policy for Distribution of Grant Funding from the Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program and Declaring an Emergency

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

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

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

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

No Discussion; Motions Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilman Malta invited everyone to his radio show, "Mondays with Malta" on February 19th at the Happy Moose in Mentor at 7pm for a live tribute show honoring the late Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Frank McCarty, 468 E. 328th St. discussed a letter he received from Ryan Walker, the Executive Vice President of Heritage Action for America in Washington, DC, and distributed to

members of council. He discussed his continued endeavors for the erection of a G.P. Griffith Memorial and support from the community.

President Koudela and members thank Mr. McCarty for the information presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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

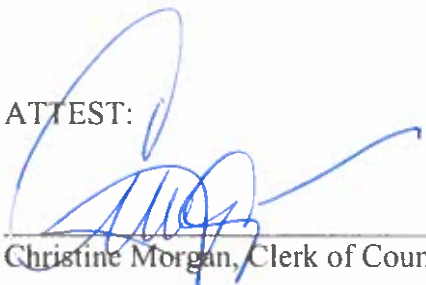
Voting Yea: President Koudela, Ward 1 Councilman Mohorcic, Ward 1 Councilman McFarland, Ward 2 Councilwoman Antosh, Ward 2 Councilwoman Bisbee, Ward 3 Councilman Malta, Ward 3 Councilman Phares

No Discussion; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm



Monica Koudela, Council President

ATTEST:



Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council