

# MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:03 p.m.

October 1, 2024

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on September 27, 2024.

## ROLL CALL

**Council Members Present:** Anderson, Carr, Garry, Kary and Tomaselli

**Absent:** Councilman Merhar and Councilwoman Sievers

**Others Present:** Law Director Lucas, Service Director Palmisano, City Engineer Lannon, Police Chief Schultz, Fire Chief Ungar, Chief Building & Zoning Inspector Keller, Parks & Recreation Director Keller, Finance Director Hoffman, Clerk Novak

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Garry to excuse Councilman Merhar from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to excuse Councilwoman Sievers from tonight's meeting.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

The meeting was led in Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Tomaselli.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

## STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

**Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers** – There will be a committee meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson** – No report.

**Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli** – No report.

**Service Committee, Dan Anderson** – No report.

**WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry** – No report.

**Planning Commission, Mr. Kary** – No report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** No one spoke.

**Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Garry that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only and that as to legislation not containing an emergency clause, the rules requiring that ordinances and resolutions be read on three separate days be waived.**

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-102**

**A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Award through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be used by the Willoughby Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kary that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-102 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Resolution No. 2024-102.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-103**

**A resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a loan application and enter into a loan agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, and the Ohio Water Development Authority, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for construction of the Lakeshore Boulevard East**

**Equalization Project; designating a dedicated repayment source for the loan; and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Kary that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-103 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Resolution No. 2024-103.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-104**

**A resolution approving Change Order No. 1 in the SOM Center Road Sidewalks Project with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Co. Inc., and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-104 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to adopt Resolution No. 2024-104.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 5 to 0

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**Law Director Lucas** – No report.

**Service Director Palmisano** – No report.

**City Engineer Lannon** – No report.

**Fire Chief Ungar** – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2024-102. He stated that adding one firefighter per shift north of the freeway will make a big impact on the department.

**Police Chief Schultz** – Chief Schultz congratulated Ross Shirey and all members of the Willoughby Police Department because their agency was recognized as the September agency of the month by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police for community engagement and

programs. He stated this had a lot to do with Officer Ross Shirey’s creativity to inform and educate and improve community policing throughout the City specifically through the cadet program, the Touch a Truck event, National Night Out and Stuff the Cruiser.

**Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Keller** – No report.

**Parks & Recreation Director Keller** – Ms. Keller reported the pickleball courts at Osborne Park have been painted and the nets are up; they were open but will be closed starting tomorrow for the installation of the exterior fencing.

**Finance Director Hoffman** – No report.

**COUNCILMEN REPORTS**

**Ms. Sievers** – Absent.

**Mr. Kary** – No report.

**Mr. Tomaselli** – No report. Mr. Tomaselli gave kudos to Officer Shirey and Mike Kocab for doing such a great job within the community.

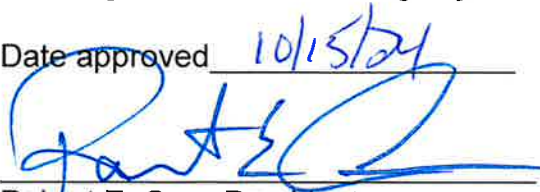
**Mr. Merhar** – Absent.



**Mr. Garry** – No report.

**Mr. Anderson** – No report.

**Mr. Carr** – No report.

*The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.*

Date approved 10/15/24  
  
Robert E. Carr, President

  
Clerk of Council  
  
Robert A. Fiala, Mayor