

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:04 p.m.

May 7, 2024

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on May 3, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Carr, Garry, Kary, Merhar, Sievers and Tomaselli

Absent: Councilman Anderson

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

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

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 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. Merhar to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – Absent.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – No report.

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

Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Service Committee, Dan Anderson – Absent.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Novak read a request from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for a transfer from HB Soni, Inc. 3525 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby, Ohio to G & HR Gas LLC dba Harrys Beverage, 3525 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby, Ohio. There were no objections.

PUBLIC PORTION: No one spoke.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers that all ordinances and resolutions be read by caption only with the exception of Ordinance No. 2024-52 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 excepting Ordinance No. 2024-52.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-146 - Tabled

An ordinance agreeing to change portions of the boundary of the City of Willoughby with the Village of Waite Hill, and superseding Ordinance No. 2023-6.

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Mr. Garry to remove Ordinance No. 2023-146 from the table.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Mr. Garry to permanently table Ordinance No. 2023-146.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52 – Second Reading

An ordinance declaring 100% of the improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public improvements to be made to benefit those parcels, requiring the owners of the improvements thereon to make service payments in lieu of taxes, establishing a Willoughby Union Realty, LLC Municipal Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments and related matters, and declaring an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-57**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Willoughby to participate in the ODOT Road Salt Contract awarded in 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-57 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to adopt Resolution No. 2024-57.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-58

A resolution by the Willoughby City Council appointing City Council President Robert E. Carr to the Lake County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee pursuant to Section 128.06(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Merhar and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-58 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Merhar and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2024-58.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – No report. Mr. Tomaselli asked about the property for sale across from Wes Point Park (owned by former councilman Jeff Black). Mayor Fiala stated that Economic Development Director Thielman has been in touch with the real estate broker and there are a few people interested in the property. He suggested Tom Thielman come to a meeting and do an economic development update for Council.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – Mr. Palmisano reported that the first two columbariums have been delivered and installed at the Sharpe Avenue cemetery with the remaining four to be delivered tomorrow to Memorial Gardens. Sales for the columbariums will not start until June 3rd. It was noted there are 48 niches in each columbarium. Regarding animal trapping, Ms.

Sievers asked how much the trapping is after a resident has used their two free trappings provided by the City. Mr. Palmisano stated the cost is \$65 per animal.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report.

Police Chief Schultz – No report. Mr. Carr asked if Council would be receiving an update on the new police station anytime soon. Chief Schultz stated they have been meeting with the architect every other week and a lot of progress has been made. A Safety Committee meeting will be planned for June for an update with Bowen.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Ms. Keller stated she will be sending out some dates for Council to do a tour of Daniels Park with Kevin from Biohabitats. Early bird swim pass sales ended this past Sunday; 660 passes were sold compared to last year’s 697. The department is getting busy with summer approaching; two part time summer help employees started this past week. After school is out, three or four more will begin. Grass will be cut twice a week.

Finance Director Hoffman – No report. Capital expenses will be discussed at a Finance & Audit Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – Reported she is having a Ward 1 meeting on May 30th at 6:00 p.m. at Osborne Park lakeside pavilion.

Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

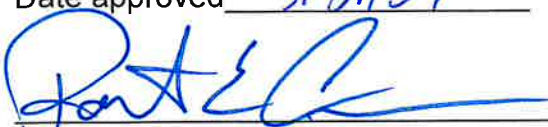
Mr. Merhar – No report.



Mr. Garry – No report.

Mr. Anderson – Absent.

Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date approved 5/21/24

Robert E. Carr, President


Clerk of Council

Robert A. Fiala, Mayor