

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:05 p.m.

January 16, 2024

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on January 12, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Carr, Garry, Kary, Merhar, Sievers, Tomaselli and 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, Finance Director Hoffman, Clerk Novak

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

Board and Commission Members

Mayor Fiala reappointed Jeffrey Mitchell to the Civil Service Commission.

Motion made and seconded to confirm the reappointment of Jeffrey Mitchell to the Civil Service Commission.

Roll Call: 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Carr noted that committee assignments will remain the same this year.

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary stated the committee discussed EAS #15-10-23(a) which will be tabled this evening and #3-1-24 and #4-1-24.

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 – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – No report.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Clerk Novak read the legal notice for the public hearing to be held tonight for the proposed rezoning on Hodgson Road (see attached). Mr. Carr stated the applicant has asked that legislation regarding the public hearing be tabled. Anyone wishing to speak tonight on this issue can do that, but the public hearing will be recessed and it will be reopened at the next Council meeting.

Those Speaking in Favor- No one spoke.

Those Speaking in Opposition- Mr. Carr read into record an e-mail from Paul Mats, 38702 Avenel Court, Willoughby, Ohio (see attached Exhibit A).

Public Hearing – In Recess.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION: No one spoke.

Motion made and seconded 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 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-10

An ordinance accepting a permanent sanitary sewer easement from Camino Construction, Inc. necessary to the Meadowlands Basin Outlet Improvements.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-10.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Nerone & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$560,000 for implementation of the WPCC Belt Filter Press Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-11 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A resolution approving EAS #15-10-23(a) for the rezoning of 7.72 acres of real property located at 38751 Hodgson Road and further identified as Permanent Parcel No. 27B0520000040 from Airport District (A) to Residential One-Family 80 (R80).

Motion made and seconded to table Resolution No. 2024-12.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13

An ordinance amending the Zone Map of the City of Willoughby, Ohio to reclassify 7.72 acres of certain real property located at 38751 Hodgson Road (Permanent Parcel No. 27B0520000040) from Airport District (A) to Residential One-Family 80 (R80).

Motion made and seconded to table Ordinance No. 2024-13.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14

A resolution approving EAS #3-1-24 for construction of an aircraft hangar located at 1745 Lost Nation Road (Lost Nation Airport JTV Hangar).

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2024-14.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

A resolution approving EAS #4-1-24 for renovation of the existing building located at 4057 Erie Street (Tricky Tortoise Brewing Co.).

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2024-15.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR’S REPORT – No report. Mayor Fiala stated that the City lost a great friend in the passing of Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley. He stated his leadership will be missed in Eastlake and in Lake County.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – Mr. Lucas stated that he administered the oath of office to Councilman Mike Merhar.

Service Director Palmisano – Regarding the in-house biosolids transportation costs sheet that Jack Gorka had distributed this evening, Mr. Palmisano stated Mr. Gorka has done a good job putting together the costs for the personnel and the equipment purchased. He stated a used tractor and a brand new trailer were purchased originally for \$210,000; even with this purchase the City has saved over \$106,000. This does not include the purchase of the new tractor; that cost won’t be determined until the City sells the current tractor. The savings for 2023 was \$248,000. Regarding the ongoing conversion to LED lighting in the City, Mr. Palmisano stated that the lights that have been converted have reduced costs by \$600 a month. Mr. Palmisano stated that the EV charging stations are up and running and residents are using them. The stations are located near the Willoughby Methodist Church; there are two pedestals and four chargers and the charge to use them is \$1.40 an hour. The City can monitor when the charging stations are used and how much they have been used. The plugs provided is the most common one and is a level two charger. Cars cannot be left overnight for charging. Mr. Anderson confirmed that Waste Management is not picking up yard waste; it will restart in April. Christmas trees will be picked up until the end of January.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz reported on an incident that took place over the weekend regarding a stolen vehicle in which the Flock Safety cameras where utilized. He commended

Patrol Officers Jonathan Mehm, Kyle Bucher and Ryan Pate for their efforts for apprehending the individuals who stole the vehicle.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Absent.

Finance Director Hoffman – No report.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – No report.

Mr. Kary – No report.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Merhar – No report.

Mr. Garry – No report.


Mr. Anderson – No report.

Mr. Carr – Mr. Carr reminded Council members to submit their appointment for the Charter Review Commission if they haven't already.


The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Date approved

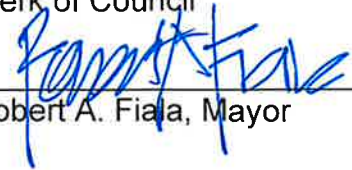
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Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council



Robert A. Fiala, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 1115.03(f) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Council on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:10 p.m. (remote access through Zoom) in the Municipal Building, One Public Square, Willoughby, Ohio.

Said hearing is for a rezoning application initiated by Joseph Conti, 2760 Loreto Drive Willoughby Hills, OH 44094 for the rezoning of 7.72 acres of land from Airport District (A) to Residential One-Family 80 (R-80) located at 38751 Hodgson Road, PPN #27-B-052-0-00-004-0.

Persons affected may appear at said hearing and may speak for or against the proposal either in person or by attorney.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY

Alisa Novak
Clerk of Council

Publish: December 29, 2023

Novak, Alisa

From: Grinstead, Vicki
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:06 AM
To: Novak, Alisa
Subject: FW: Meeting Jan.16, 2024 Rezone 38751 Hodgson Rd. from Airport District to single family homes development

From: Paul Mats <paul.mats@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2024 2:12 PM
To: Grinstead, Vicki <vgrinstead@WilloughbyOhio.com>
Subject: Meeting Jan.16, 2024 Rezone 38751 Hodgson Rd. from Airport District to single family homes development

Regarding

Rezone PPN# 27-B-052-0-00-004-0 38751 Hodgson Rd.

from Airport District to single family homes/ Development.

For All Members of the Rezoning Commission,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the city of Willoughby, particularly from Ward 2, to address a matter that goes beyond a mere rezoning issue.

It pertains to the preservation of the essence of our community and the safeguarding of the quality of life we have cherished for so long.

The proposal for new housing developments, as well as any other commercial objects such as motels, storages, factories, etc.,

raises serious concerns about the very landscape we hold dear.

Hodgson Road, which serves as a lifeline for many residents, is already burdened by heavy traffic, putting a strain on our existing infrastructure.

Introducing additional housing developments would only exacerbate the challenges we currently face.

I firmly believe that decisions about our community's future should be made by the current residents of Willoughby,

especially those in Ward 2. It should not rest solely in the hands of a rezoning commission.

It is noteworthy that the majority of current residents have already rejected any future additional buildings for new residential or commercial constructions in this area.

In light of these concerns, I propose that this matter be brought to a vote, allowing the decision to be made by those who call this place home.

Let us not leave this crucial decision solely to the judgment of a commission

but entrust it to the very individuals who will be directly impacted – the residents of Ward 2 and the broader community.

I urge you to consider the voices of the people who live and breathe the essence of our community every day. It is our responsibility to shape the future of Willoughby in a way that preserves its unique character and enhances the quality of life for all residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to a thoughtful and community-driven resolution to ensure the long-term well-being of our beloved city.

Sincerely,

Paul Mats

38702 Avenel Court

Willoughby, OH 44094