

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:11 p.m.

July 14, 2026

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on July 10, 2026.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Anderson

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

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli 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 Kary.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Clerk Novak read the legal notice for the public hearing on the proposed Codified Ordinance text amendments (see attached). Council President Carr noted that the public hearing regarding Political Signs has been cancelled this evening.

Those speaking in Favor – Jeff Malecki, 1249 S Beachview Rd., Willoughby, Ohio – Mr. Malecki stated that he strongly supports the amendment. He stated the change is long overdue and should have been addressed years ago. While it's understandable for a homeowner to build a mother-in-law suite, it's an entirely different matter when properties are being monopolized that can't be sold. He stated that you cannot build a two-family home on an R-50 lot, and this situation should not be treated differently. He stated he

believes this action is coming later than it should have but appreciates that it is finally being addressed.

Those speaking in Opposition – Councilman Carr read the following submitted by Greg Patt via e-mail.

To the Honorable President of Council and Members of Council,
I respectfully ask you to vote against removing duplexes as a permitted use in R-50 residential districts tonight. This proposal is not being driven by decades of evidence that duplexes harm our neighborhoods.

In fact, duplexes have been part of Willoughby for generations. They exist all throughout our city, including ALL of Lincoln Avenue, where they have coexisted successfully with single-family homes without diminishing neighborhood character. In fact, it has added to it. They provide a more reasonably priced home for starting families and others because they are less expensive to build with that common wall.

As evidence of that, Councilman Karey and all of his neighbors live in duplexes, and it is a beautiful and well-maintained development. The concern before Council today is not the buildings themselves. It is a concern over who may one day live in them. Zoning should be based on sound planning principles, not on fears or assumptions about future residents. If Council believes duplexes are incompatible with R-50 neighborhoods, that should be supported by planning evidence. But if duplexes have been appropriate for decades—and history shows they have here in Willoughby—then they should remain appropriate regardless of who occupies them. Willoughby has long been a community that values fairness, consistency, and opportunity. I respectfully ask you to preserve those values by rejecting or modifying this zoning change.

I believe Councilman Kary's main opinion is not allowing duplexes in the Lakeshore district. So maybe make it apply to just that sub-zoning district and not the rest of the city. Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully, Greg Patt, Community Activist

Clerk Novak read the legal notice for the public hearing to be held tonight on 2027 Tax Budget (see attached).

Those Speaking in Favor – No one spoke.

Those Speaking in Opposition – No one spoke.

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – No report.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary stated the committee met this evening to discuss EAS #6-4-26 recommending passage to Council.

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

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

Personnel Committee, Ms. Sievers – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – Mr. Tomaselli reported that the committee met this evening to discuss e-bike usage and to discuss legislation for e-bike usage.

Service Committee, Mr. 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 D-2 and D-1 liquor permit for The Septathalon LLC, Septathalon, 4041 Erie Street, Willoughby, Ohio, 44094. There were no objections.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Fiala presented Eric Mazelis the 2026 Outstanding Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year award.

Michelle Fish, 38010 Poplar Drive, Willoughby, Ohio – Ms. Fish stated she was here tonight on behalf of the board of the Willoughby Arts Collaborative. She stated the board wanted to thank the City for their support for the utility box beautification project this summer.

Sean Smith, 5947 Halle Farm Drive, Willoughby, Ohio and Therese Haase, 5957 Halle Farm Drive, Willoughby, Ohio – Ms. Haase stated she and Mr. Smith were here tonight to discuss the vacant property at 34040 Ridge Road, located on the south side of Ridge Road near the Wickliffe–Willoughby border between the golf course and the apartment complex. Ms. Haase explained that she had recently taken photographs of the deteriorating home and discovered that the rear sliding door had been removed. She believes that kids from the nearby apartments may have entered the property, noting that she observed a ripped-open Amazon package and discarded HEPA filters inside. She reported the situation to the police and emphasized that the property is not only unsightly but has become a potential safety hazard for the community.

Mr. Smith referenced the “broken windows theory,” which suggests that visible signs of neglect and disorder can encourage further vandalism and criminal activity. He pointed out the home's deteriorating condition, including loose siding and the missing rear door, and suggested temporary measures such as securing the siding, reinstalling the back door, and improving the home's appearance to discourage trespassing. He urged Council members to consider how they would feel if the property were located across the street or next door to their own homes and asked that their concerns be taken seriously.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Keller explained that notices of violation had been issued to the owner, who had obtained permits to complete siding repairs, but because

progress had not been made, the City had proceeded with legal action through the Law Department and Prosecutor's Office. Law Director McConville stated that he would speak with Rick Perez (prosecutor) and request that the court establish tighter deadlines to encourage compliance or move the case forward more quickly.

Regarding the recent call regarding the house, Chief Schultz stated that he was not yet familiar with the reported incident but would review the police call and have the property checked again.

Jeff Maleki, 1249 S. Beachview Road, Willoughby, Ohio - Regarding the McKinley project and major subdivision preliminary plat approval application, Mr. Maleki stated that the application listed only a single parcel number (27B056B000250) which he states is incorrect and, according to the County Auditor's records, does not exist. Mr. Maleki noted that the corrected parcel number (27B056C000250) corresponds only to the McKinley Building property, consisting of 2.96 acres, and stated that the application should have included all five affected parcels from the beginning.

Mr. Maleki also expressed concern about the application's signature dates. He pointed out that the document appeared to have been electronically signed on May 9, 2025, while also indicating a signature date of March 6, 2026. He stated that the discrepancy raised questions about the accuracy and transparency of the application. In his view, these issues should have been identified and corrected during review by the Building and Zoning Department, the City Engineer, and the Law Department. He concluded that because only one parcel was included on the application, despite multiple parcels being involved, the matter should be corrected and resubmitted through the review process, including Zoning, Planning, and City Council. Mr. Maleki emphasized that technical details are important and that accuracy in the application process is essential.

Mary Feathers, 886 Bellevue, Willoughby, Ohio – Ms. Feathers stated there is a rat issue in her neighborhood, and she wanted to let the City know.

Jeff Maleki, 1249 S. Beachview Road, Willoughby, Ohio - Mr. Malecki stated that Council had approved the minutes from the previous meeting, during which he requested the removal of a few people. While acknowledging that his request for their removal may have been excessive, he stated that some form of public accountability is warranted. Mr. Maleki stated that the issues he previously identified should have been caught by the Building Department, Engineering Department, and Law Department and that the public should apologize to the residents.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli 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 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-78

A resolution approving EAS #6-4-26 for the construction of an addition to the existing building located at 38264 Willoughby Parkway (US Foils).

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-78.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-79

An ordinance amending Chapter 1131 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, "One-Family Residential Districts".

Motion made by Mr. Kary to amend Ordinance No. 2026-79, so that Section 2, 1131.05(f) reads in its entirety as follows "Not more than one dwelling shall be permitted on a lot", seconded by Ms. Sievers.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Kary to amend Ordinance 2026-79 by removing Section 5 in its entirety, seconded by Ms. Sievers.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-79 as amended.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-80

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$12,320.00 from the Public Art Fund to cover utility boxes in the City in conjunction with the Willoughby Arts Collaborative, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-80 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-80.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-81

An ordinance replacing Chapter 1351 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled, "Erosion and Sediment Control", in its entirety, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Mr. Kary that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-81 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-81.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-82

An ordinance replacing Chapter 1352 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, titled "Storm Water Management", in its entirety, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Mr. Kary that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-82 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-82.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-83

A resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2027; submitting same to the Lake County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Garry that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-83 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Garry to adopt Resolution No. 2026-83.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-84

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Board of Lake County Commissioners to participate in the Urban Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and for the utilization of funds made available by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-84 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-84.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-85

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$98,811.40 for the purchase of two (2) 2027 Ford Police Interceptors from Statewide Ford for use by the Willoughby Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-85 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-85.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-86

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$91,855 for the purchase of one (1) 2027 Ford F-600 Cab and Chassis with Utility Tool Body from Classic Ford for use by the Sewer Department, 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. 2026-86 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. 2026-86.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-87

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$14,491.25 for the construction of residential sidewalks in the City by All Ways Construction LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Luciano that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-87 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. Luciano to adopt Resolution No. 2026-87.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-88

A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the 2026 Pavement Repair Program, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-88 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-88.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-89

A resolution authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation to prepare specifications and to advertise for bids for backstops and fencing for baseball fields in the City, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-89 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli to adopt Resolution No. 2026-89.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-90

A resolution approving Change Order No. 1 in the Lakeshore Boulevard East Equalization Basin Project Phase 1 with J. Severino Construction Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Luciano that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-90 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Luciano to adopt Resolution No. 2026-90.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-91

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a second amendment to agreement for Transit Accessibility Grant from the Laketrans Sidewalk Grant Program Project in the amount of \$34,834.00 to provide financial assistance in the Ridge Road Sidewalk Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-91 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-91.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-92

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with C.A. Agresta Construction Co. in the amount of \$194,714 for the Ridge Road Sidewalk Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Mr. Luciano that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-92 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. Luciano to adopt Resolution No. 2026-92.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-93

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$131,633.24 for the purchase of Motorola Police Cruiser Mobile Video Cameras necessary to the operation of the Willoughby Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-93 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-93.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-94

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Trax Construction Co. in the amount of \$489,684 for implementation of the Lincoln Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-94 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-94.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-95

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with T.C. Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$299,443 for implementation of the 2026 Concrete Pavement Slab Replacement Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-95 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Garry and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-95.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-96

A resolution amending Resolution No. 2026-25 to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, during the period ending December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Garry that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-96 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Garry to adopt Resolution No. 2026-96.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-97

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Protect-A-Cote, Inc. in the amount of \$550,000 for the Todd Field Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-97 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Luciano and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-97.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-98

A resolution imposing a temporary moratorium for a period of one year, on the granting or issuing of any permits and the consideration, review or approval of any plans for Data Centers within the corporate limits of the City of Willoughby, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-98 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers to adopt Resolution No. 2026-98.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala thanked Ms. Keller and her team for the excellent work regarding the 4th of July event at AOA and Fine Arts Association. He stated that this week is the ArtsFest.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director McConville – Mr. McConville thanked Council for the feedback on the e-bike and golf cart ordinances. He will incorporate the comments and draft a tandem ordinance addressing other micro-mobility devices for consideration. He stated he will also speak with Mr. Rick Perez regarding the Ridge Road property mentioned by residents during public comment.

Service Director Knecht – Mr. Knecht thanked Council for the approval of Resolution Nos. 2026-86 and 2026-90. He stated he wanted to recognize Matt Turosky at the WPCC for receiving the Ohio Water Environment Association's Pretreatment Person of the Year Award. Since joining the City in 2020, he stated that Mr. Turosky has improved and streamlined numerous processes, helping make the facility a model for others.

Regarding the traffic signal at SR 84 and Shankland, Mr. Garry asked that since traffic only travel one way in each direction, could the light be changed to flashing mode? Drivers seem to be waiting unnecessarily at red lights. Mr. Knecht stated he would see if an adjustment can be made.

Mr. Tomaselli stated he has concerns about the portable road-closure sign at Kirtland and Johnnycake during the SR 84 construction. The message is causing confusion, and some drivers stop or turn around because they think the closure is nearby. He suggested that the sign could be moved or the message revised to indicate a detour ahead. Mr. Knecht

stated he will take a look at the signage and see if improvements can be made. Mr. Luciano stated it may also help to direct through traffic to Route 20 earlier to reduce congestion on SR 84.

Mr. Tomaselli stated that the retaining wall area at the top of Johnnycake had overgrowth that appears to have been cleared, which has exposed rusted pipes and deteriorated covers. The area now looks unsightly and may need attention. He suggested removing the covers. Ms. Keller stated that the Arts Collaborative has expressed interest in creating a mural there, but ownership of the property is unclear. That could be a potential solution for improving the appearance.

City Engineer Lannon – Regarding the SR 84 construction, Mr. Lannon stated a major obstacle was removed when ODOT reopened northbound SR 174 between Route 6 and SR 84. That project required a detour to Route 306, limiting options because overlapping detours were not feasible. As a result, the City has asked Great Lakes Construction to propose a wider detour using Kirtland Road and Shankland Road, and possibly Route 20, to reduce traffic on neighborhood streets such as Willowcroft, Harlow, and Arlington. Additional changes may follow as conditions evolve.

The next phase will involve restrictions on River Street (SR 174), expected to begin within the next week or two. Although ODOT has not released a formal schedule, Great Lakes Construction plans to move directly from the current project to River Street to continue retaining wall work. That phase is expected to last about seven weeks. Mr. Carr asked if the contractor will be working on a newly paved road. Mr. Lannon stated yes; there is also a new water main in place, and restoration remains a priority.

Mr. Tomaselli asked if the River Street work will be completed before the Downtown Willoughby 5K in September? Mr. Lannon stated that construction will likely still be underway. River Street will be closed to through traffic during work hours, but weekends may allow limited access. The City should review whether accommodations can be made for the 5K route. Mr. Luciano asked if there is any chance of removing the detour sign on Route 20 that directs eastbound traffic onto Willowcroft? Mr. Lannon stated the goal is to establish a wider posted detour using major roads and additional signage through downtown to keep more through traffic off Willowcroft.

Fire Chief Ungar – No report.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz thanked Council for the passage Resolution Nos. 2026-85 and 2026-93. Mr. Carr asked for an update on the police station project and the timeline for an open house. Chief Schultz stated they are currently waiting for permanent electrical power to be installed. Once that is complete, interior work can move forward more quickly, and the contractor should be able to provide a more definite schedule for completion and public access. The main issue has been a delay in receiving the transformer and electrical switchgear. Once FirstEnergy completes its work, the contractor plans to finalize the project schedule. He stated that the power installation has been delayed several times, but he is hopeful progress will accelerate once it is

completed. At that point, there should be a clearer timeline for tours and occupancy. Regarding the two new patrol cars, Chief Schultz confirmed the vehicles will need to be ordered. Mr. Luciano thanked Chief Schultz for the increased police presence around the Willowcroft construction area. Residents appreciate seeing officers monitoring traffic and speeds.

Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Keller – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Ms. Keller thanked Council for the passage of Resolution Nos. 2026-80, 89 and 97. The Last Stop Willoughby Parade is scheduled for August 8th at 2:00 p.m. Please meet at Immaculate Conception at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Carr asked about the revenue for the pool and golf course. She stated the pool concession is up \$10,000 over last year. The golf course is steady, about the same as last year. The behind the scene tour at Osborne Park is scheduled for Sunday, July 26th from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the north pavilion.

Finance Director Hoffman – Ms. Hoffman thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2026-83 and 96.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – Ms. Sievers stated she will be hosting a Ward 1 meeting on July 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the north pavilion at Osborne Park. The alternate location is at City Hall if the weather is bad. She thanked Mayor Fiala for using ARPA funds for the new sign at Osborne Park.

Mr. Kary – No report.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Luciano – No report.

Mr. Garry – No report.

Mr. Anderson – Absent.

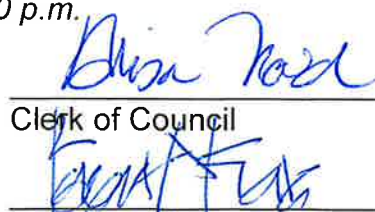
Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Date approved _____


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, July 14, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building, One Public Square, Willoughby, Ohio.

Said hearing will be held on the following proposed text changes to the Planning and Zoning Code:

Amend Chapter 1131 titled "One Family Residential Districts", specifically eliminating Two Family Dwellings from Section 1131.03 "Schedule of Permitted Uses", Section 1131.05 "Lot Area and Width Regulations", Section 1131.06 "Yard Regulations", 1131.07 "Dwelling Unit Area Requirements", and Section 1131.10 "Accessory Buildings and Uses".

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY

Alisa Novak
Clerk of Council

Publish: June 26, 2026

LEGAL NOTICE - CANCELLED

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, July 14, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building, One Public Square, Willoughby, Ohio.

Said hearing will be held on the following proposed text changes to the Planning and Zoning Code:

Amend Chapter 1163 titled "Signs", specifically adding regulations for Political Signs in Section 1163.08 "Temporary Sign Regulations".

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY

Alisa Novak
Clerk of Council

Publish: June 26, 2026

2027 TAX BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to ORC Section 705.17, notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Willoughby will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2027 Tax Budget on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Willoughby City Hall, One Public Square, Willoughby, Ohio.

The proposed Tax Budget of the City of Willoughby, Ohio for the year 2027 is on file in the office of the City Finance Director and available for public inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any person interested in being heard on the proposed 2027 Tax Budget of the City of Willoughby will have an opportunity to be heard at the date and time slated above.

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Clerk of Council

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