

# MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:01 p.m.

November 15, 2022

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on November 10, 2022.

## ROLL CALL

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

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

The meeting was led in Prayer by Councilman Kary and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Kary and Boy Scout Troup 282.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022.

Roll Call	7 yes	
	0 no	Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2022.

Roll Call	6 yes	
	1 abstain (Anderson)	
	0 no	Motion carried 6 to 0

## ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Fiala said Sophia Jones approached him about volunteering for a board and there happens to be an opening on the Sign Review Board. He said she is currently pursuing her post graduate degree from Cleveland State Levin School of Urban Affairs, and she has great potential to serve on other boards. Ms. Jones said she really appreciates the opportunity to be considered.

Motion made and seconded to confirm the appointment of Sophia Jones to the Sign Review Board.

Roll Call	7 yes	
	0 no	Motion carried 7 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** – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss EAS #12-6-22; there are two items on the agenda.

**Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli** – Reported one item on the agenda this evening.

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

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

**Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli** – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to provide a status update on funding for a new Police Station. There will be a Safety Committee on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence.

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

**Jason Colidis, 2531Maplehill Road, Willoughby Hills** – Mr. Colidis said he was at the meeting representing a Boy Scout Troop out of Willoughby who meet at Grace Episcopal Church every other Sunday. He just wanted to thank Council for having the troop at the meeting.

**Krista Bair, 28904 Blissfield Drive, Willowick** – Ms. Bair said she was attending the meeting representing the Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education as the President of the school board. She thanked those who voted in favor of the recent levy; the district will be good stewards of the funds. The district recently held a mayoral summit with all seven mayors from each municipality including Mayor Fiala. She said the district is embarking on a new communication plan that will target all cities and all demographics whether they are internal or external stakeholders of the district. She thanked the community and thanked Mayor Fiala for attending the mayoral summit.

**Chuck Murphy, 1840 Euston Drive, Mayfield Hts.** (Interim Superintendent, Willoughby-Eastlake Board of Education) – Mr. Murphy said he is excited about an event called “Seniors Night Out” which is an opportunity for seniors in the community to come to North High School on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. There will be several activities including introductions of the interim superintendent and assistant superintendent as well as other members of the administration. This will be followed by a dinner served by the students. During dinner one of the jazz bands will be playing and student art will be on display for viewing. Three different performances will follow dinner at the performing arts center. Mayor Fiala applauded the board for putting together

the mayoral event; he felt encouraged that the relationship between communities and the school board will be stronger going forward.

Ms. Bair said there will be a special meeting in December to review their communication audit that is being issued by a consulting firm. She said the audit in combination with comments from the mayors will identify strategic ways to create a narrative, so the communities understand where the tax dollars are going. Going forward, a school board member will function as a liaison for the City and will regularly attend ward meetings or special events as necessary.

**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:**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-138 - Tabled**

**A resolution approving EAS #12-6-22(a) for the rezoning of 17.416 acres of real property located on Pelton Road and further identified as Permanent Parcel No. 27B0390000300 from Limited Industrial (L-I) to General Industrial (G-I).**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-139 - Tabled**

**An ordinance amending the zone map of the City of Willoughby, Ohio, to reclassify 17.416 acres of certain real property located at 0 Pelton Road (Permanent Parcel No. 27B0390000300) from Limited Industrial (L-I) to General Industrial (G-I).**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-144**

**A resolution adopting the updated Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2022-144 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call      7 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-144.

Roll Call      7 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-145**

**An ordinance accepting the correction plat for The Standard on Lakeshore, and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2022-145 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call      7 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-145.

Roll Call      7 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-146**

**A resolution authorizing the Director of Finance to write off and remove, for GAAP accounting purposes, an amount not to exceed \$1,058,903 from the Golf Fund due to various other funds.**

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2022-146.

Roll Call      7 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Fiala thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting tonight and he welcomed Sophia Jones. He said he was looking forward to working with Ms. Bair and Mr. Murphy from the school board.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**Law Director Lucas** – No report.

**Service Director Palmisano** – Mr. Palmisano reported the Service Department is ready for the upcoming snowfall. Christmas decorations are going up in anticipation of the tree lighting. There have been 225 loads of leaves picked up this year with pick up ending soon. Second shifts for the snowplows will begin after the holidays weather depending.

**City Engineer Lannon** – No report.

**Fire Chief Ungar** – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2022-144.

**Police Chief Schultz** – Chief Schultz recognized Canine Officer Loki's eight years of service to the department as well as his handler Patrol Officer Matt Neath; both were in attendance at the meeting.

**Building Inspector Keller** – No report.

**Parks & Recreation Director Keller** – No report.

**Finance Director Bosley** – Regarding the health insurance renewal, she said originally, she thought the City would have a 9% increase. However, after further review, the City will have a 3% renewal rate increase. She said the City is seeing the benefit of being part of the

cooperative. She said the note that closes tomorrow has a good interest rate; there were 4 bidders. It's a 5% note but in the end it's more like 4.4%, which is a good interest rate.

**COUNCILMEN REPORTS**

**Ms. Sievers** – Ms. Sievers said her Ward 1 meeting is on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the McKinley Outreach Center.

**Mr. Kary** – No report.

**Mr. Tomaselli** – No report.

**Mr. Merhar** – No report.

**Mr. Garry** – No report.


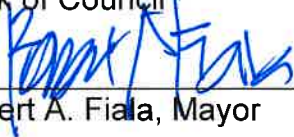
**Mr. Anderson** – No report.

**Mr. Carr** – No report.

*The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.*

Date approved 12/6/22

  
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Robert E. Carr, President

  
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Clerk of Council  
  
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Robert A. Fiala, Mayor