

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:26 p.m.

February 21, 2023

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on February 17, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilman Garry

Others Present: Mayor Fiala, Law Director Lucas, Service Director Palmisano, 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 and seconded to excuse Councilman Garry 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 and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – Mr. Carr said the safety levy fact sheet has been posted on the City website along with the ward meeting dates.

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 – No report.

Personnel Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Service Committee, Dan Anderson – No report.

WPCC Committee, Mr. Garry – Absent.

Planning Commission, Mr. Kary – No report.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Steve Karchefsky, 39107 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Willoughby – Mr. Karchefsky said there has been an increase in pedestrian traffic on Johnnycake Ridge Road due to newer developments and there will be more with forthcoming developments. He said there are some really dangerous curves west of Kirtland Road. He asked if it was possible to install sidewalks on Johnnycake Ridge from Ridgewood Greens to Kirtland Road or to the St. John Bluffs Development.

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 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 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).

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15

A resolution approving EAS #4-3-22 for remodeling of the existing building located at 38000 Euclid Avenue (Dollar Tree).

Motion made and seconded to remove Resolution No. 2023-15 from the table.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15.

Roll Call 5 yes
 1 no (Merhar)

Motion carried 5 to 1

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-24.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the proposal by CT Consultants, Inc. for engineering design, engineering construction, and USPA Grants Administration for the Lakeshore Boulevard East Equalization Basin Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-25 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-25.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26

A resolution authorizing CT Consultants, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the Lakeshore Boulevard East Equalization Basin Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-26 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-26.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27

A resolution authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$448,000 for engineering services for the Lakeshore Boulevard East Equalization Basin Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-27 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-27.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC for the purchase of electricity for the City of Willoughby's Street Lighting for a period of thirty-six (36) months effective with the May, 2023 meter read date.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-28.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Direct Energy Business, LLC for the purchase of electricity for the Willoughby-Eastlake Water Pollution Control Center for a period of thirty-six (36) months effective with the June, 2023 meter read date.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-29.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brightly Software Inc. to provide Asset Management Software for three years for use by the Service Department, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-30 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-30.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31

A resolution authorizing the Service Director to solicit Statements of Qualifications for engineering services for the River Street Soil Stabilization Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-31 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-31.

Roll Call 6 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Fiala thanked Chief Ungar and the Fire Department for the exceptional work they did under extremely challenging conditions this past Friday. He said the City should know within the next 30 days if the City has been awarded an National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant for \$1.7 million for the acquisition of the Andrews-Osborne property. Mr. Carr asked Chief Ungar about the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for the ladder truck. Chief Ungar said they are still awarding grants at this point.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – Mr. Palmisano thanked Council for the passage of Resolution Nos. 2023-25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 31.

City Engineer Lannon – No report.

Fire Chief Ungar – Chief Ungar gave a presentation regarding the recent fire at 38501 Mentor Avenue that took place on February 17th. After the presentation, he noted Marous Brothers provided excavators in order to help extinguish the fire; he said the fire was out by 3:00 p.m.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz thanked Council for Resolution No. 2023-24. He said Chief Ungar and his team did an outstanding job at the fire last Friday noting there were no injuries of residents or safety forces. He said last week was the annual Lake County Blue Coats dinner where Patrol Officer Jackson Hyams was awarded the Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award for his actions in which he saved the life a man who was attempting to take his life as well as his heroic efforts in trying to save a man who was trapped in a burning vehicle.

Building Inspector Keller – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – Ms. Keller said she received an e-mail today advising her the City is advancing in a Coastal Management Assistance Grant for Phase II at Osborne Park; the grant is for \$75,000 and is a 50/50 match. This money would be used for the planning and design of the uplands if the grant is awarded. Mr. Tomaselli asked how the hiring for the pools is going. She said so far she has about 32 applications at this time compared to 14 last year.

Finance Director Hoffman – No report.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – No report.

Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary said his ward meeting will take place at the former Lost Nation airport which is now the Lake County Executive Airport in the Classic Jet Hanger.

Mr. Tomaselli – No report.

Mr. Merhar – No report.

Mr. Garry – Absent.

Mr. Anderson – No report.

Mr. Carr – No report.

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


Date approved 3/7/23



Robert E. Carr, President



Clerk of Council



Robert A. Fiala, Mayor