

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

7:06 p.m.

April 4, 2023

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on March 31, 2023.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of Full, Mr. Carr – Reported the safety levy committee continues to meet; everyone should have received an invitation to attend tomorrow night's meeting.

Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson – No report.

Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to review EAS #1-2-23(a).

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).

Those Speaking in Favor-

Michael Ross, 4735 Wood Street, Willoughby – Mr. Ross stated that much thought has gone into the second application (for rezoning) from multi-family low rise to R-60 zoning. He feels it will have minimal impact on traffic and the environment in the Ward 2 area. It will add housing stock that is much needed in the City.

Joe Conti, 2760 Loreto Drive, Willoughby Hills – Mr. Conti stated there has been a lot of thought and effort into the development with several iterations they have gone through. He believes the development will add a lot to the community and is a great use of the property.

Those Speaking in Opposition-

Cheryl Skrout, 38710 Avenel Court, Willoughby – Ms. Skrout stated she is not in total opposition (of the rezoning); she would like to understand the development better. She stated the road doesn't seem wide enough in that area. She stated it seems very crowded with a lot of traffic. She asked how far back the homes will be located? She stated she is not totally against it nor totally for it.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

PUBLIC PORTION:

Greg Patt, 38005 Brown Avenue, Willoughby – Referencing several new developments over the last couple of years, Mr. Patt suggested the City take a look at the master plan again and see if it needs to be revised.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-45

A resolution approving EAS #1-2-23(a) for the rezoning of 7.72 acres of real property located 38751 Hodgson Road and further identified as Permanent Parcel No. 27B052000040 from Airport District (A) to Residential One-Family 60 (R-60).

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-45.

Roll Call 2 yes
 5 no (Tomaselli, Anderson, Kary
 Merhar, Sievers)

Motion defeated 2 to 5

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-49.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-50

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2291, AFL-CIO (IAFF) necessary to amend Articles XIV, XV and XVII of the agreement between the IAFF and City of Willoughby effective April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-50 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-50.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-51

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Modified Partial Consent Decree with the United States of America and State of Ohio relative to all pending environmental litigation between the City of Willoughby, Ohio and the United States of America and State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion made and seconded that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2023-51 be declared an emergency measure.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2023-51.

Roll Call 7 yes
 0 no

Motion carried 7 to 0

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Fiala thanked Judean Keller and her team for the fastest Easter egg hunt in history; it was a total of seven minutes.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Law Director Lucas – No report.

Service Director Palmisano – No report. Mr. Garry thanked Mr. Palmisano for the quick response to a recent power outage on Robinhood. Mr. Kary thanked Mr. Palmisano for filling potholes on Tamarac so quickly.

City Engineer Lannon – No report. Regarding the field trip for Council to view storm sewer projects, Mr. Anderson said it has been put on hold for now.

Fire Chief Ungar – Chief Ungar thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2023-48.

Police Chief Schultz – Chief Schultz reported on an incident that took place yesterday (April 3, 2023) involving an adult in crisis. He commended Dispatcher Brian Griffith for his outstanding work and stated the use of Flock cameras helped in locating the adult in crises.

Building Inspector Puskas – No report.

Parks & Recreation Director Keller – No report.

Finance Director Hoffman – Ms. Hoffman thanked Council for the passage of Resolution No. 2023-47.

COUNCILMEN REPORTS

Ms. Sievers – No report.

Mr. Kary – Mr. Kary thanked the Jet Center and the Lake County Executive Center for hosting his Ward 2 meeting.

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 7:35 p.m.

Date approved

4/18/23



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, April 4, 2023 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 (R-60) located at 38751 Hodgson Road aka PPN #27-B-052-0-00-004.

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

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