

## **MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**7:14 p.m.**

**May 20, 2025**

Pursuant to Codified Ordinance Chapter 107 and ORC Section 121.22, notice of the following meeting was given on May 16, 2025.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** Councilman Anderson

**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 by Mr. Merhar and seconded by Mr. Garry 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 Councilwoman Sievers.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Ms. Sievers to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2025.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

### **STANDING AND REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Committee of Full, Mr. Carr** – Mr. Carr stated there could be a discussion at the next meeting regarding the landfill.

**Economic Development Committee, Mr. Anderson** – Absent.

**Environmental Planning Committee, Mr. Kary** – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss EAS #11-4-25; the committee is recommending passage by Council.

**Finance and Audit Committee, Mr. Tomaselli** – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening to discuss the 2025 capital budget.

**Parks & Recreation Committee, Ms. Sievers** – Reported there was a committee meeting this evening updating Council on the Chagrin River Trail and the Osborne Park Erosion project as well as the survey for the Euclid Avenue Pool site.

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

**Safety Committee, Mr. Tomaselli** – No report.

**Service Committee, Mr. Anderson** – Absent.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No correspondence.

**PUBLIC PORTION:** No one spoke.

**Motion made by Mr. Merhar and seconded by Mr. Tomaselli 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. 2025-55**

**A resolution approving EAS #11-4-25 for an updated parking lot configuration located at 25 Public Square (25 Public Square Apartments).**

Motion made by Mr. Kary and seconded by Mr. Garry to adopt Resolution No. 2025-55.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-56**

**A resolution authorizing the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and estimates of the cost of construction for certain new sidewalks in the City, 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. 2025-56 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. 2025-56.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-57**

**A resolution authorizing an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the purchase of a high density storage unit from Patterson Pope for use by the Willoughby Police Department, and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Kary that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2025-57 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. Kary to adopt Resolution No. 2025-57.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-58**

**A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an amendment to the agreement with Vitalone's Services, Inc. for twenty-four (24) hour removal, towing, and storage services.**

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Merhar to adopt Resolution No. 2025-58.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-59**

**A resolution authorizing the second amendment to contract between Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc. dba Republic Services of Cleveland and the City of Willoughby for residential municipal curbside solid waste, recyclable and yard waste collection and disposal in the City of Willoughby, and declaring an emergency.**

Motion made by Ms. Sievers and seconded by Mr. Garry that the rules of Council requiring three separate readings be suspended and that Resolution No. 2025-59 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. Garry to adopt Resolution No. 2025-59.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-44 – Second Reading**

**An ordinance accepting Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 2024-38, the Manning & Payroll Ordinance, relative to the position of Mayor.**

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-44.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-45 – Second Reading**

**An ordinance accepting Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 2024-38, the Manning & Payroll Ordinance, relative to the positions of Council.**

Motion made by Mr. Tomaselli and seconded by Mr. Kary to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-45.

Roll Call      5 yes  
                    1 no (Tomaselli)

Motion carried 5 to 1

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-60**

**A resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$153,323.82 for the purchase of three (3) 2025 Ford Police Interceptors from Classic Ford for use by the Willoughby Police Department, 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. 2025-60 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. 2025-60.

Roll Call      6 yes  
                    0 no

Motion carried 6 to 0

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Fiala reported that there a group pushing for an Ohio constitutional amendment that would eliminate property taxes. He stated Ohio townships receive about 75% of their income from property tax; it would be detrimental to townships. School districts are funded primarily from property taxes as well. The issue could be on the ballot in May, 2026. The issue for the City would be how this would affect the property tax based levies the City has. In the end, this could be a push to get the state to make changes to property taxes for seniors.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**Law Director Lucas** – No report.

**Service Director Palmisano** – Mr. Palmisano thanked Council for the passage of Resolution 2025-59. He gave an update on Mr. Royko's drainage issues who was before Council at the last meeting.

**City Engineer Lannon** – No report.

**Fire Chief Ungar** – Chief Ungar reported that the 2013 ambulance was delivered to Horton Emergency Vehicles last Monday in Columbus for the remount project. He will be receiving project reports through the process.

**Police Chief Schultz** – Chief Schultz thanked Council for the passage of Resolution Nos. 2025-57, 58 and 60. He stated the contractor for the new Police Station is doing demo inside and has put up fencing.

**Chief Building and Zoning Inspector Keller** – No report.

**Parks & Recreation Director Keller** – Ms. Keller reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade is Monday with a 9 a.m. lineup. The Osborne Park pool will open this weekend weather dependent.

**Finance Director Hoffman** – No report.

## COUNCILMEN REPORTS

**Ms. Sievers** – Ms. Sievers reported the annual Ward 1 meeting that was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> been rescheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Osborne Park lakeside pavilion at 6 p.m.

**Mr. Kary** – No report.

**Mr. Tomaselli** – No report.

**Mr. Merhar** – No report.

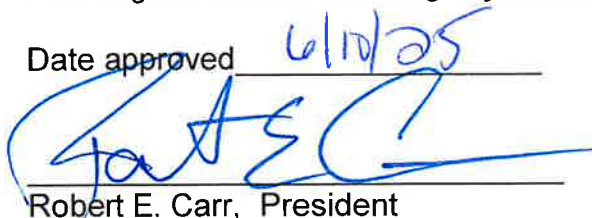
**Mr. Garry** – No report.

**Mr. Anderson** – Absent.

**Mr. Carr** – No report.

*The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.*

Date approved 6/10/25

  
Robert E. Carr, President

  
Clerk of Council

Robert A. Fiala, Mayor