

CHRISTOPHER HALLUM  
President of Council

MICHAEL KLINE  
Vice President of Council

GLORIA MAJESKI  
Clerk of Council, Pro Tem  
1/14/21 meeting

COUNCIL:

NANCY E. FELLOWS

JOE JARMUSZKIEWICZ

DANIEL KNECHT

TANYA TAYLOR DRAPER

DANIEL ZEGARAC

# City of Willoughby Hills

## Regular Council Meeting

### Minutes of January 14, 2021

*Policy No. 2: All Council meetings shall be recorded by audio recording device and will be held in perpetuity and shall be part of the official records and minutes. Written minutes of Council shall be shortened whenever possible.*

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. remotely, using Zoom. There were technical difficulties such that the meeting was not recorded and Facebook Live was unable to be accessed for the meeting. The written approved minutes, therefore, shall serve as the official record for this meeting. Council President Hallum presided.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Mayor Gardner introduced the City's newly appointed Police Chief, Matt Naegele, who addressed Council and the public via Zoom with the following thoughts and remarks:**

#### **Police Chief Naegele:**

- Is thankful for the leadership opportunity.
- Shared that his family consists of his wife Renee and his three grown daughters, one who is an ICU nurse at the Cleveland Clinic, one attending college to pursue a teaching career and one attending college to pursue a nursing career.
- Spoke of his plans for the Police Department, taking into consideration the current challenges that the Department faces now with COVID-19. His goals include being able to provide the tools and training for the employees (for which he asked Council's support), building a relationship between the Police Department and the community (to include communication during patrol for community engagement), facilitating projects such as body-worn cameras and technology replacements caused by forced obsolescence, and continuing to support the West End Substation as a strategic and centralized area to keep our residents and businesses safe.
- Commended the fine officers he has now, the leadership provided him in the past by Chiefs Malec and Collins, and looks forward to serving as the City's Police Chief.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Council Vice President Mike Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper; Councilman Dan Zegarac, Councilwoman Nancy Fellows, Council President Chris Hallum, and Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz.

**Also Present:** Mayor Andy Gardner, Finance Director Frank Brichacek, Law Director Michael C. Lucas Assistant Law Director Tom Lobe and City Engineer Pete DiFranco

## APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO-TEM

**Motion** made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** seconded by **Councilwoman Fellows** to appoint **Gloria Majeski** as Council Clerk Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

**Roll Call:**     **AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz.**  
                  **NAYS: None**  
                  Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to appoint Gloria Majeski as Council Clerk Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

## DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL

Approval of the December 10, 2020 Regular Council meeting minutes was deferred until the next Regular Council meeting.

## COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Letter dated 11/12/20 from Ohio Ethics Commission re. Request for Updated List of City Elected Officials  
Email dated 12/2/20 from City Engineer DiFranco re: Engineer's Report 12/2/20  
Email dated 12/2/20 from Finance Director Brichacek re. Revised 2020 Property Tax Rate Certification Request  
Email dated 12/3/20 from Matt Armand, LC Dept. of Utilities re. LC Utilities & WH Agreement – Sanitary Sewer billing  
Email dated 12/4/20 from LC Port Authority re. December 2020 Newsletter  
Email dated 12/7/20 from Gloria Majeski re. Public Notice for Nov. 2020 Passed Legislation  
Interoffice memo dated 12/7/20 from Finance Director Brichacek re. 2020 Operating Budget Revisions – Final year-end Adjustments and Providing for a 27<sup>th</sup> Bi-weekly Payroll  
Email dated 12/8/20 from Gloria Majeski re. Charter Review Commission applicants  
Email dated 12/8/20 from Finance Director Brichacek re. Final 2020 Appropriation Revision-Memo  
Email dated 12/8/20 from PCABR Clerk Katherine Lloyd re. Master Plan Subcommittee 12/9 Work Session  
Email dated 12/8/20 from WH Newsletter.com re. Dodd Road – one lane closure notification  
Email dated 12/9/20 from LC Planning Director Dave Radachy re. Live Link for MP 12/9 meeting  
Email dated 12/9/20 from [Media@Localgov.org](mailto:Media@Localgov.org) re. CARES deadlines and software coverage  
Email dated 12/10/20 from Gloria Majeski re. Liquor Control Permit Renewal for Perfect Stop LLC  
Mayor's Court report dated Month-end November 30, 2020  
Interoffice memo dated 12/11/20 from PC ABR Chairman Elliott and City Engineer DiFranco re. Cancellation of 12/17/20 PC-ABR Meeting  
Email dated 12/11/20 from Gloria Majeski re. Updated City Roster  
Email dated 12/11/20 from WHNewsletter.com re. E-Newsletter and Covid Advent Calendar

Email dated 12/11/20 from PCABR Clerk Katherine Lloyd re. PCABR 12/17/20 Meeting Cancellation to media  
Email dated 12/14/20 from William Blake re. Architectural Services  
Email dated 12/15/20 from WH Newsletter.com re. COVID Advent Calendar  
Email dated 12/15/20 from Gloria Majeski re. Notification to Media of Cancellation of 12/21/20 Working Committee of Council Meeting and Notification of January 2021 Council Meetings  
Email dated 12/15/20 from Chris Hallum re. Status update on Liquor Permit renewal applicant  
Email dated 12/22/20 from City Engineer DiFranco re. PCABR Work Session – 2819 Bishop – Zoom Car Wash  
Mail from LC Board of Elections – “Certification of Result of Election on Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation” (copy provided to Finance Director Brichacek  
Email dated 12/30/20 from John T. Plecnik – Virtual Christmas & Hanukkah Card  
Email dated 1/2/21 from BZA Clerk Lloyd re. WH BZA Meeting of 1/21/21 Amended  
Email dated 1/3/21 from Fire Chief Gandee re. New Ambulance Ceremony  
Email dated 1/4/21 from Exec. Asst. Majeski re. Revised 2021 City Hall Roster & City Roster  
Email dated 1/4/21 from PC-ABR Clerk Lloyd re. 1/7/21 PC-ABR meeting  
Email dated 1/4/21 from Rec. Comm. Clerk Lloyd re. 1/6/21 Rec. Comm. Meeting  
Email dated 1/5/21 from Exec. Asst. Majeski re. 1/13/21 Charter Review Comm. Meeting  
Email dated 1/5/21 from Exec. Asst. Majeski re. 2021 Working Comm. of Council Zoom Schedule  
Memo dated 1/6/21 from Mayor Gardner to Jim Walsh re. Rec. Comm. resignation acknowledgement  
Email dated 1/8/21 from Exec. Asst. Majeski re. Agenda for 1/11/21 Work. Comm. of Council mtg.  
Email dated 1/8/21 from e-newsletter re. e-newsletter dated January 8, 2021  
Email dated 1/8/21 from Exec. Asst. Majeski re. 1/15/21 Civil Service Commission meeting  
Email dated 1/9/21 from e-newsletter re. Vaccine Scheduling Availability provided by LCGHD  
Email dated 1/10/21 from Patty Fulop, LC Port Authority re. January 2021 newsletter

### **PUBLIC PORTION #1**

**An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight’s agenda**

Public Portion opened at 7:13 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion closed at 7:13 p.m.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**Mayor Gardner reported:**

- 1) COVID-19 Update: Lake County Red Level today for the State of Ohio; Willoughby Hills has 574 cases (up 182 since December meeting, but trending in the right direction); reminder to take precautions with masks and social distancing.  
Vaccines are underway – Lake County Health District has opened sign ups on the County website for seniors who are in Group 1B; call Gloria in Mayor’s Office if you need assistance with this.

The City will continue to share updates (via E-newsletter, City website and WHTV), but your best resource is the county website at [www.lcghd.org](http://www.lcghd.org).

There are currently 15,000 individuals registered for the vaccine with only 2,400 doses available beginning on January 18, 2021. Other site locations are listed on the County website and include Giant Eagle, Marc's and Discount Drug. The coronavirus website includes a "Statewide Provider" resource for vaccine availability. Be cautious about vaccine scams.

- 2) Reminder to register for weekly electronic newsletter at [newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov) as this is especially helpful for emergency notifications, such as a recent suspected 9-1-1 outage on Christmas Eve.
- 3) Police Report – There were 903 dispatched calls for Police service in December 2020 (identical to November 2020), for a total of 13,826 for the entire year in 2020. In 2019, there were a total of 15,558. The reduced number is most likely due to COVID. There were 53 public assists in December, with a total for the year at 669.

State Cooperative Purchase pricing was received this week which will enable us to research the purchase of 4 or 5 new Police vehicles, two of which were involved in accidents and for which we will be able to defray the cost using the insurance settlement funds; legislation should be forthcoming to Council at the next Regular Council meeting.

PT Police Officer Salvatore Continenza was promoted to Full-time Patrol Officer on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Police Chief Naegele was administered the Oath of Office on January 1, but an informal family event with social distancing will be planned for Saturday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. The attendance must be limited with COVID restrictions; however, Council will be advised and we hope to tape it to present it to the public as well.

SGT interviews were held this week with four very good candidates. Civil Service will be meeting on Friday, January 15, 2021 to confirm the list and then an appointment and official announcement will be made.

Congratulations are in order for detectives Jamie Onion and Ron Parmertor who have been nominated for the 2019-2020 Northern Ohio Fugitive Task Force award.

#### 4) Fire Department:

New ambulance was placed in Service on January 6 with a nice dedication and blessing service by Reverend Max Beery of WH United Methodist Church (who was accompanied by his wife).

Reminder to be ready for storms – resupply/stock up/take inventory of your emergency supplies.

Thanks to the Fire and Police Departments for the Holiday Parade of Lights which, with some changes for 2021 due to lessons learned in 2020, will return this year.

- 5) Noise Abatement Council (NAC) Representative Gary Pratt efficiently provided a report (which was provided to Council earlier today regarding the 1/14/21 NAC Meeting. The report for the fourth quarter showed a total of 6,622 operations at the airport, with 6 complaints during the quarter (none from Willoughby Hills). In 2020, there were a total of 22,835 total operations and 21 noise complaints (four from Willoughby Hills). We appreciate Gary's prompt report as our NAC representative.
- 6) The water main repair at Rockefeller and Route 90 was repaired today.
- 7) Thanks to the Service Department for their hard work on Christmas Card Lane.
- 8) Congratulations to La Vera Party Center – Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year for 2021.
- 9) The Charter Review Commission met last night and had a great meeting. Judy Shrefler was appointed Chairman, Steve Roth was appointed Vice Chairman and Kim Goodrick was appointed Secretary. They will work and have Public Hearings planned for community and City Hall directors' input and will serve to do a good job to complete their work by August and then have Charter amendments put on the ballot for the November election. Their meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 20 and Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. via Zoom and the Public Hearings are set for Tuesday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 24 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- 10) Recreation Commission is currently looking for two new members. Please turn in an application if you are interested.
- 11) PC-ABR has an opening for one new member.
- 12) We are pleased to report that we made the final debt payment on the Community Center today!
- 13) Legislation: Mayor requests a motion to go out to bid for asphalt and limestone and supports Ordinance 2021-002 (Bowen Contract) and appreciates the assistance City Engineer DiFranco and Bowen and Associates have provided to us in the interim.
- 14) Sympathy to the families of: Regina Yerak, Yvonne Degutis, Pat Blumel and Nora Hahn.

**Questions/comments following the Mayor's Report:**

None

## LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Law Director Lucas reported:**

Requests a motion to go into Executive Session after "For the Good of the Order" to discuss pending litigation

Reported on pending Probate Case (Willoughby Hills is not named in the suit) but it involves five taxpayers and he welcomes any resident with questions to call him directly at 440-942-6262 X

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and he will attempt to answer any specific questions the caller asks.

### **Questions/comments following the Law Director's Report:**

None

## FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### **Finance Director Brichacek reported:**

- 1) Finance Department is currently working on getting 2020 closed out.
- 2) The CARES grant report was filed (was due on 1/7/21), with \$909,000 of the allocated \$1.53m spent. Purchase orders for all remaining funds except \$40,000 have been prepared.
- 3) He is currently working on the 2021 budget and hopes to get it to Council by mid-February.

### **Questions/comments following the Finance Director's Report:**

None

## CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

### **City Engineer DiFranco reported:**

- 1) Repairs of Dodd Road slope status (near Dodd's Landing) status: topographic and geothermal surveys underway, then a repair method will be selected and then they will plan to go out to bid. He anticipates this will be in the Spring.
- 2) Street Rehab 2021 – Has met with Mayor, Finance Director and Road Superintendent to discuss the plan and will be relaying this to Council in the very near future.

### **Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked about the progress on the Corporate 91 Force Main Project. **City Engineer DiFranco** replied that the project is coming along well with most of the force main installed. They will then proceed to the manholes, but everything appears to be on schedule without concerns.

**Councilman Zegarac** asked if the Dodd Road project would be an "as built." **City Engineer DiFranco** indicated that he did not know at this point because they need to wait for soil boring.

**Council President Hallum** thanked **City Engineer DiFranco** for his assistance with zoning as the City continues to seek a Part-time Zoning Administrator.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS**

### **Recreation Commission – reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:**

Mayor Gardner reported on the few events he was going to discuss, however, he announced that they are seeking new members and with COVID making the events more difficult, he was happy that they could still have some events and will work on getting a volunteer list together for individuals who may want to help with events post-COVID.

### **PC-ABR – reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper:**

The PC-ABR meeting was held on January 7, 2021 and Tom Elliott was reappointed by the Board as Chairman. John Lillich stepped down as Vice Chairman, but Dan Biondolillo was appointed as Vice Chairman. Jim Shannon resigned from PC-ABR due to personal issues and they appreciated his work on PC-ABR over the years. Katie Lloyd was reappointed as the Clerk of PC-ABR.

In the ABR portion of the meeting, a patio enclosure was approved at 2655 Bates Lane and a building sign for Benjamin Moore Paints was approved at 2474D SOM Center Road.

A work session followed with discussion about a proposed car wash on Bishop, next to Aldi's. The owner was present and was anxious to work to satisfy our concerns so they can move forward with the project.

### **Questions/Comments following the Boards & Commissions Report:**

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** if any Steeple Run residents were present at the meeting. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that they were not present at this particular work session, however, the owner planned to set up a separate personal meeting with them. **Councilwoman Fellows** asked if it would then be "after the fact" and **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** said "yes, that it would be."

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Council President Hallum** gave an update on the audio visual enhancements currently underway in Council Chambers. The crew did a lot of work last week and will be back on one day next week to finalize. The chairs for the Council dias arrived. Four have been put together and the other eight are in the process of being put together.

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** expressed concern about the website being “hard to maneuver.” **Council President Hallum** stated that he is currently reaching out to colleges for an intern who will operate the AV system and will also ask about the website.

**Councilwoman Fellows** stated that she planned to pick up Chief Collins’ proclamation that she had framed and wanted to know how Council wanted to proceed with regard to the presentation. **Council President Hallum** stated that he will give that some consideration. **Mayor Gardner** thanked **Councilwoman Fellows** for including the Mayor’s Proclamation on the framing and offered to reach Chief Collins once Council decides when they would like him to come back for the presentation. He stated that Chief Collins is currently employed by the Lake County Sheriff’s Office.

**City Engineer DiFranco** offered that the PC-ABR meeting was strictly a work session as it related to the car wash and there were still two more meetings planned, both a preliminary and final one upcoming with no public hearing or public notice being required. **Council President Hallum** stated that the new document scanner would be a good tool with these type of images. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** appreciated the City Engineer’s follow up with clarification and added that she was very sensitive to the needs of the area residents at Steeple Run since she personally had the same instance with a business near her home and will certainly talk to any concerned resident.

## LEGISLATION

### ORDINANCE 2020-66 – SECOND READING

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.01, INDEMNIFICATION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Council President Hallum stated that this will remain on Second Reading.**

### ORDINANCE 2021-001 – FIRST READING

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 135.32 GARFIELD FUND OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion was made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz seconded by Councilman Knecht to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-001.**

### Discussion on the Motion:

**Councilman Zegarac** asked if the funds were to go into the Parks Renovation Fund and **Council President Hallum** stated that they would be going into that fund.

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz  
NAYS: None  
Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-001.

Motion was made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz seconded by Councilman Knecht to adopt Ordinance 2021-001.

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz  
NAYS: None  
Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2021-001 to amend Section 135.31 Garfield Fund of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

#### ORDINANCE 2021-002 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY RICHARD L. BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. PROVIDING ZONING ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fellows seconded by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-002.

#### Discussion on the Motion:

None

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz  
NAYS: None  
Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-002.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Fellows seconded by Councilman Zegarac to adopt Ordinance 2021-002 authorizing and directing the Mayor to accept the proposal as submitted by Richard L. Bowen and Associates, Inc. providing Zoning Administration services.

## ORDINANCE 2021-003 – FIRST READING

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR’S PAYOUT OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) HOURS OF ACCRUED BUT UNUSED SICK TIME TO RETIRED PART-TIME CLERK JOANNE MONACO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,820.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this will remain on First Reading but asked **Council Vice President Kline** (Finance Chairman) to review some of the data he had researched and shared with Council concerning this Ordinance and could now share with the public.

### Discussion on the Ordinance:

**Council Vice President Kline** recapped the situation surrounding this Ordinance in that former Council Clerk Joanne Monaco had accrued 1732.9 sick hours through her prior government service when she came to work at the City of Willoughby Hills. ORC 124.39 provides that retiring employees may receive one-fourth of their accrued sick leave (which would equal 433 hours for Ms. Monaco), but ORC 124.39 caps the payout at 30 days of sick leave (30 days at 8 hours per day = 240 hours). Ordinance 2021-003, however, prepared by Finance Director Brichacek is considering the “day” to equal 4 hours, not 8 hours; therefore, arriving at the 120 hours at \$23.50 per hour for a total of \$2,820. **Finance Director Brichacek** had explained to him that the Ordinance written that covers the Council Clerk’s employment states that her “day” is equal to “4 hours,” and that is why the Ordinance was written in that way. **Council President Hallum** explained that her hours were accrued over her career with the government and based on what she was making at the time and considers this perhaps a “double hit” to now cut her requested 240 hours to Ordinance 2021-003’s 120 hours and understands that her request would double what is currently written. As a clarification, too, **Council President Hallum** stated that this is a “one-time payout and if she returns to employment, no other hours of sick time would be carried forward.” **Council Vice President Kline** stated that he concurred with **Council President Hallum’s** opinion and thought it unfair to reduce it to 120 hours. **Council President Hallum** stated that this could be a gray area, but the ORC says “30 days.” The ORC also says that the City can waive the minimum. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if there was a provision that perhaps **Law Director Lucas** could report on. **Law Director Lucas** stated that ORC 124.39 does not say “240 hours”, it says “30 days.” “What’s a day?” “It is not defined in statutory provisions. It is a gray area. While we may be sure that what Ms. Monaco brought over were 8 hour days, the City’s Ordinance for her employment limits it to 4 hours a day; it is not mandated.” **Councilwoman Fellows** stated that the “Ordinance defines vacation days as 4 hours and now Willoughby Hills residents will be paying for her Geauga time.” She also questioned why it was not paid out in 2020, rather than 2021. **Council President Hallum** stated that it was being reviewed by the Law Director. There was a clarification made with regard to “retired” versus “resigned.” It was not ready for Council at the last December meeting and they would “rather get it right.” **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** confirmed with **Council President Hallum** that Ms. Monaco would forfeit everything over the 240 hours. **Councilman Hallum** suggested adding that to any new Ordinance for Ms. Monaco, if she returns to employment.

**ORDINANCE 2021-004 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A MORAL CLAIM FOR UNUSED VACATION TIME TO JOANNE MONACO, THE FORMER PART-TIME CLERK OF COUNCIL, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,316.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this Ordinance will remain on First Reading.

**Discussion on the Ordinance:**

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked **Council Vice President Kline** if he had done any “homework” on this Ordinance. **Council Vice President Kline** shared that he could confirm that the Ordinance entitled Ms. Monaco to 56 hours of vacation (14 days X 4 hours each day). She was able to take it at any time in 2020, without any waiting period noted by Ordinance. His opinion was that she should receive the entire amount because she could have taken it, even after working a week. Also, the allocation should be based on April 2020 through November 2020, not beginning in January 2020 since the Ordinance was adopted in February and she was due to start work thereafter. With the calculations that Council had asked him to prepare, it would have been about a \$200 difference that she would have been paid if it was calculated by weeks worked. **Councilwoman Fellows** asked about the definition of a “calendar year.” It was her thought that the Ms. Monaco had 14 days to take within a calendar year and the ratio should be prorated. **Council President Hallum** explained that he felt it was different because Ms. Monaco could have taken all of the time already. He agreed that we can all do better moving forward and would like to resume this conversation in the next Working Committee of Council Meeting (set for January 25, 2021).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuskiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to allow the Mayor to go out to bid for 2021 Asphalt and Limestone.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuskiewicz

**NAYS:** None

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to allow the Mayor to go out to bid for 2021 Asphalt and Limestone.

Motion was made by **Councilman Zegarac** seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation following “For the Good of the Order/For the Good of the Community,” and inviting all of Council, the Mayor, Law Director, Assistant Law Director, and City Engineer, and excusing the Finance Director.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz**

**NAYS: None**

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to go into Executive Session following “For the Good of the Order/For the Good of the Community.”

**PUBLIC PORTION #2**

**An opportunity for the public to address Council with any comments, issue or concern.**

Public Portion opened at 8:12 p.m.

**Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094** – Mrs. Bing made the following points:

- She is glad Council is taking the time to work through the Ordinances to do the fair and legal thing with regard to the Council Clerk. It is a big lesson for Council on approving new hires. “Did we know what we got into with this hire as far as financial liability...don’t copy and paste ordinances.” She indicated that we need to be more like a business and run things well.

**Linda Fulton, 2990 Marcum Blvd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44092** – Ms. Fulton made the following comment:

- Addressed specifically to Councilwoman Taylor Draper: “on an average, how long does it take to get back to an applicant through WHISPER?”

**Comments following Public Portion:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** responded to Ms. Fulton that it depends on the situation with regard to WHISPER requests.

**Council President Hallum** responded to Ms. Bing, stating that it works differently that a business, being a government and we must follow the law, which is sometime a “little gray.” **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** added that businesses usually have policies in place for vacation and sick time. The City is a little different and they rely on the Law Director. Vacation time is “use it or lose it” in business, but may not be the case here and he will wait to hear further from the Law Director.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Councilwoman Fellows** reminded everyone to “Support our Cleveland Browns” and congratulated them on an “amazing season.”

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** reminded everyone to remember Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday tomorrow, one of the great heroes she credits for allowing her “to be where she is today.” There are many free weekend events to honor him, as well as on Monday when his birthday is officially celebrated and urged everyone to take time to attend.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

With the previous motion be adopted, Council went into Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, inviting all of Council, the Mayor, Law Director, Assistant Law Director, and City Engineer, and excusing the Finance Director.

### RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council returned from Executive Session and called the Regular Council Meeting back in session at 8:57 p.m.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Fellows** seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to adjourn.

#### Discussion on the Motion:

None

**Roll Call:** AYES: Kline, Knecht, Taylor Draper, Zegarac, Fellows, Hallum and Jarmuszkiewicz

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 14, 2021.

**The Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2021 at 8:58 p.m.**

APPROVED: January 28, 2021  
Date

ATTEST: Bronie Maysie  
Council Clerk Pro-Tem

  
Christopher Hallum  
President of Council