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Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 7:19 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Kline** presided.

Call to Order 7:19 p.m. (0:10)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:15)

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS JOSHUA ROBERTS AND JUSTIN BAXLEY
AND AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR VINCE DEUSANIO, JORDAN WARREN,
AND RICK MUIR (Audio: 0:35-17:20)**

Police Chief Matthew Naegele swore in Joshua Roberts and Justin Baxley to the Police Department, as well as presented the Officer of the Year award to Rick Muir, an award for traffic enforcement to Vince Deusanio, an award for OVI enforcement to Jordan Warren and an award for Arrests & Investigations to Rick Muir.

ROLL CALL (Audio: 17:30)

Members Present: Council President Michael Kline, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman Kathleen Sivo, Council Vice President Tanya Taylor Draper, and Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

Also Present: Mayor Christopher Hallum, Finance Director Bruce Scott, and Law Director Michael A. Kenny Jr.

Absent: Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Julie A. Belich, City Engineer Pete DiFranco,

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, to excuse **Councilwoman Belich** and **Councilman Knecht** from tonight's meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Councilwoman Belich and Councilman Knecht were was excused from the February 12, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 18:45)

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Miller
 Vote: 4/0/1

Motion passed to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 ABSTAIN: Miller
 Vote: 4/0/1

Motion passed to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Email dated 2/03/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: WH PCABR Meeting 2/10/26 Thursday
Email dated 2/03/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: WH PCABR Meeting 2/5/26 Thursday.
Email dated 2/02/2026 from Cleveland IronLeague Re: Housing Council 2026 Swearing in
Email dated 2/02/2026 from Naegele, Matthew RE: Swear In
Email dated 1/30/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Exhibit for 2026-004
Email dated 1/30/2026 from Mehollin, Karen 2026-010
Email dated 1/30/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Dispatch Contract 2026-2028
Email dated 1/30/2026 from Stergar, Jeff Aflac Insurance - Chris Murray
Email dated 1/30/2026 from Laurie.Scarmuzzi@dot.ohio.gov RE: PID 105894 LAK SR 174 0.00;
Willoughby Hills; Bid Letting Result - No Additional Due
Email dated 1/29/2026 from Kline, Mike Finance committee Meetings
Email dated 1/29/2026 from Kline, Mike Fw: Finance Committee Mtgs- Budget Review
Email dated 1/29/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Ordinance for Feb 12th Council Mtg
Email dated 1/29/2026 from Nardo, Celia S. Rentals and Sanctioned Groups

Email dated 1/28/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Re: Ordinance Violation
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Thomas Lobe Re: Meeting Time Ordinance
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Vicki Miller Re: MEDIA RELEASE - Willoughby Hills Fire - 2026 Jan 27 - Electrical Fire in a High-Rise Apartment building - 27600 Chardon Road
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Fw: Bowen Proposal - LAK SR 091 00.00 Multi Modal (SR91 Path)
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Pietro DiFranco RE: Grocery Outlet Liquor License Part 2
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Regan Packowski RE: Grocery Outlet - 28241 Chardon Rd.
 Email dated 1/28/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Teamsters Contract
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine FW: WH PCABR Meeting 2/5/26 Thursday - 7:00 PM
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from Scott, Bruce RE: Public Records Request - City of Willoughby Hills Purchase Orders
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from Novak, Alisa Willoughby start time
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine FW: Help with printing maps from Pete
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from McFarren, Darlene RE: 2026 SANCTION LETTER AND APPLICATION
 Email dated 1/27/2026 from Scott, Bruce RE: Public Records Request: Purchase data
 Email dated 1/26/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine PC Letter 7-21-25 to Council
 Email dated 1/26/2026 from Michney, Sharen 1/26/26 MAIL HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED!!
 Email dated 1/26/2026 from Nardo, Celia S. RE: Sanctioning Willoughby Hills Re: Part 1 of Legislation for Review for the February 12 Meeting
 Email dated 1/26/2026 from Hallum, Chris Mayor's Report to Council - January 22, 2026
 Email dated 1/24/2026 from Pauline Jackson CPA for Tax Preparation
 Email dated 1/23/2026 from Mehollin, Karen AFSCME Contract
 Email dated 1/23/2026 from Pietro DiFranco RE: Working Committee Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
 Email dated 1/22/2026 from Taylor Draper, Tanya Re: Form I mentioned on Tuesday
 Email dated 1/22/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: Swearing in of Nate Birtley and Jeff Planisek Tomorrow at 7:00 P.M.
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Willoughby Hills Michael Kenny's Resume for the Position of Law Director
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Thomas Lobe Re: Liquor Motion Language
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Scott, Bruce CBA Cost Worksheets
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: Commission members whose terms have expired
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Computer Owner Fwd: Swearing in for caretaking at the Maplegrove Grange
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Naegele, Matthew Resolution Request
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Pietro DiFranco RE: Liquor License Transfer (TRES) - Grocery Outlet - 28241 Chardon Rd
 Email dated 1/21/2026 from Aiello, Nicholas Agenda Amended to Include Additional Liquor License Transfer
 Email dated 1/20/2026 from Aiello, Nicholas Ordinance 2026-003
 Email dated 1/20/2026 from Nardo, Celia S. FW: Thoughts on the frequency of use
 Email dated 1/20/2026 from Aiello, Nicholas Sanctioning List
 Email dated 1/20/2026 from Miller, Vicki Thursday's meeting
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Thomas Lobe Re: Regular Council Meeting 1/22/26
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from JAB Supply Re: Packets by Mailboxes
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Jarmuszkiewicz, Joe Re: 2026 Budget Books
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Michael C. Lucas Re: Rental Agreement - Replacement Copier in "old" Law Director's Office
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Michael C. Lucas Red line contract
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Bushman, Lindsey Liquor Permit
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from JAB Supply Re: Minutes for Next Week
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Willoughby Hills Fire Prevention Bureau Re: Fire Code Violation Help
 Email dated 1/16/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Union Contracts - Final

Email dated 1/16/2026 from Pietro DiFranco Automatic reply: Minutes for Next Week
Email dated 1/16/2026 from Scott, Bruce RE: Ordinance 2026-001 - 2026 Budget
Email dated 1/15/2026 from Katherine D. Lloyd Re: WH PCABR Meeting 1/15/26 Thursday - 7:00 PM
Email dated 1/15/2026 from Michney, Sharen 1/15/26 MAIL HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED !!!
Email dated 1/15/2026 from Hallum, Chris FW: Red Lined Contract
Email dated 1/15/2026 from Tom Elliott Re: WH PCABR Meeting 1/15/26 Thursday - 7:00 PM
Email dated 1/13/2026 from Gandee, Robert MEDIA RELEASE - Willoughby Hills Fire - 2026 Jan 13 - Commercial Building Fire - Block of 28300 Chardon
Email dated 1/13/2026 from Pietro DiFranco Zoning Verification - 28101-28131-28151 Chardon - WillHills
Email dated 1/13/2026 from Naegele, Matthew PD Awards
Email dated 1/13/2026 from Tanner Stewart RE: Fire Code Violation Help

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 20:20)

An opportunity for the public to address Council concerning anything pertaining to tonight's agenda.

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:39 p.m.

Nobody spoke for Public Portion.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:39 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 21:00)

- **Mayor Hallum:** Good evening! Construction signs were recently posted east and west of the Chardon Road bridge over I-271, indicating that the road would be closed beginning February 23. Upon seeing these signs, the City immediately contacted the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to clarify the situation, as we had previously been informed that work would not begin until March at the earliest.
- ODOT confirmed that the signage was posted in error by a contractor. The actual closure date is now scheduled for **Monday, March 2, 2026**. Detour routes will be posted prior to the closure to assist motorists.
- This week, the Finance Committee met with the Police Chief and Road Superintendent to review their respective budgets for 2026. Ken Emling of Bowen & Associates attended the meeting to present the next stage of planning for the **Police Department renovation** and the construction of a **new Service Garage**.
- Mr. Emling explained that the proposed project will follow a **three-phase design process**, as outlined in the current ordinance authorizing a contract of **\$2 million** with Bowen & Associates:
 1. **Phase 1 – Schematic Design**
Development of conceptual drawings and sketches for the entire project.
 2. **Phase 2 – Design Development**
Detailed engineering and refinement of the design.
 3. **Phase 3 – Construction Documents**
Preparation of final drawings and specifications for both facilities.

- Each phase will be reviewed by the City and adjusted as necessary to remain within budget. Progression to the next phase will require formal approval and sign-off by the City. Payments to Bowen & Associates will be made upon completion of each phase. According to Mr. Emling, the process from beginning to end will take between two and three years to complete.
- If Council approves moving forward with the contract, updates will be provided regularly. Residents are encouraged to submit questions to the Mayor and Council or attend public meetings to learn more. Both the Police Department and Service Garage facilities were constructed in the 1970s and have undergone numerous modifications to accommodate growth in personnel and equipment. These buildings are now in critical need of modernization to ensure operational functionality, efficiency, and safety. For additional details, you may view the recent Finance Committee meeting on the City's Facebook page. To hear Mr. Emling's presentation, skip to the **1 hour and 13-minute mark** in the video. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 16, at 6:00 PM** in Council Chambers. This session will focus on reviewing the **Fire Department and Administrative budgets**.

Tonight, I support passage of the following ordinances:

1. 2026-003 amended to allow the City to move forward on the purposed improvements to the police department and new service building
2. 2026-009 for the engineering of the new multi-use path extension from Mayfield Heights to the corner of SOM Center Rd. and Chardon Rd.
3. 2026-010 to correct a clerical error in the AFSME union contract

- That ends my report and I stand open for questions.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** Are there any updates regarding cell towers?
- **Mayor Hallum:** We haven't forgotten about it. It is continually being marketed by tower companies. That is their role, and they are looking for it. At the end of this last year, I was trying to schedule a meeting with the tower company that Mr. Styles is involved with. I actually have a meeting scheduled with him for next week. Hopefully, after that, I will have an update on this.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **No report.**

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 24:40)

- **Finance Director Scott:** January financial statements have been completed. Unfortunately, we are still having a glitch with the website. Only some of the reports have been updated. The website keeps freezing but I did confirm that the budget was uploaded for 2026. Otherwise, I have nothing else to report and I am open for questions.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **No report.**

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio 25:15)

PC-ABR reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** I would like to report on Planning and Zoning Commission Architectural Board of Review. The group met last Thursday, February 5. During the Architectural Board portion of the meeting, there were two projects:
- A new single-family house approved at 34285 Giovanni Avenue. This has been approved prior, but a new owner bought the property and changed a few things so they had to bring it before the group to review it.
- A second floor addition to an existing structure was also approved by the Board at 2518 Chagrin Drive.
- There was no business for the Planning Commission portion of the meeting.

Beautification Committee reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper

No report.

Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** Tomorrow night, we are having a photo contest reception from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the community center. There are eighteen submissions this year being judged. Come out and see the photos.
- The pancake breakfast is coming up on Sunday, March 8. The SignUpGenius is online for volunteer opportunities. For anyone willing to help out, please check this out on our website. All the options for what is available is listed on the website.

Finance Committee Report by Council President Kline

No report.

WHISPER reported by Councilwoman Miller

No report.

Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich

No report.

Business Subcommittee – reported by Councilwoman Sivo

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Audio: 27:22)

No unfinished business.

LEGISLATION: (Audio 27:30)

ORDINANCE 2026-001 - SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CITY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF 2026; REPEALING ALL LEGISLATION INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

- This ordinance remains on second reading.

ORDINANCE 2026-003 – AMENDED - SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO AND RICHARD L. BOWEN + ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ACCEPT THE ARCHITECTURAL FEES PROPOSAL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT AND THE SERVICE GARAGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- This ordinance remains on second reading.

ORDINANCE 2026-007 - FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, PART 1 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE THREE-LEGISLATIVE, CHAPTER 121 COUNCIL BY ADDING SECTION 121.04 TITLED “CONSENT AGENDA” AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

- This ordinance remains on first reading.

ORDINANCE 2026-008 - FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE - STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE FIVE - OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES, CHAPTER 941 - USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- This ordinance remains on first reading.

ORDINANCE 2026-009 - FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED BY RICHARD L. BOWEN & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE LAK-SR-091-00.00 MULTI MODAL PATH (PID 125062), IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, IN THE YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Council Vice President Taylor Draper, seconded by Councilwoman Miller, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2026-009.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** This fee has been budgeted in the upcoming budget that we are looking at voting on now. There is a grant that is connected with the completion of the project. I would like us to get started so we can move forward with the project.

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

The Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-009 has been waived.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to adopt Ordinance 2026-009.

Discussion on the Motion:
No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Ordinance 2026-009 has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2026-010 - FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2026-004 INVOLVING THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 3058-2 CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2026-010.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Councilwoman Miller:** This is just a correction to the previous Ordinance, so I would like to move forward with it.

Roll Call: **AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz**
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

The Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-010 has been waived.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, to adopt Ordinance 2026-010.

Discussion on the Motion:
No discussion.

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

Ordinance 2026-010 has been adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-001 - FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A POLICE SERVICE WEAPON AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SAID SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY UPON SUCH TERMS AND AT SUCH PRICE AS ARE DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor Draper, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2026-001-Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2026-001-Amended has been waived.

Motion made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor Draper, to adopt Resolution 2026-001-Amended.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** For the record, this is Smith & Wesson Model 1911 Serial Number: UCV1460
- **Mayor Hallum:** I have two resolutions. One says “amended” and the other does not. I am not sure what the difference was between the regular and the amended version.
- **Council Clerk Nicholas Aiello:** The amendment was made because the caption said, “an ordinance declaring” instead of a “resolution declaring.” I just changed the word “ordinance” to “resolution.”

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

Resolution 2026-001-Amended has been adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-002-FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS OPPOSING FIRST ENERGY

CORPORATION'S REQUEST TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO TO LET CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING CO. EXTEND THE TIME IT TAKES TO RESTORE SERVICE AFTER AN OUTAGE AND REQUESTING THAT FIRST ENERGY'S REQUEST NOT BE GRANTED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2026-002.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** I think it is in the best interest of the City to get this to the Public Utilities Commission as soon as possible, stating our objection to the extended time of outages.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

The Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2026-002 has been waived.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to adopt Resolution 2026-002.

Discussion on the Motion:

- **Mayor Hallum:** Is there a deadline as to when we need to put this in?
- **Council President Kline:** Yes. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio will be starting their hearings on February 26.
- **Mayor Hallum:** Thank you.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
 NAYS: None
 Vote: 5/0

Resolution 2026-002 has been adopted.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio 39:00)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, authorizing the Clerk of Council to confirm with the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, that no objection and need for hearing is requested by the City regarding the liquor license transfer of location from Sheffield Road LLC 128 E Front St. STE B Perrysburg OH 43551 to Fischer Family Markets LLC Willoughby Hills Grocery Outlet 28241 Chardon Road Willoughby Hills OH 44092 under transaction number OCT TFOL 10011041-1.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The aforementioned motion has passed.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo**, to go out to bid for asphalt.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The aforementioned motion has passed.

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo**, to go out to bid for limestone.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The aforementioned motion has passed.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, to declare Music Fest 2026 in Willoughby Hills a public purpose on August 15, 2026.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

Roll Call: **AYES:** Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The aforementioned motion has passed.

NEW BUSINESS: (Audio 42:25)

- **Council President Kline:** There is a need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the Teamsters Local 436 contract. This is in conjunction with a job offer. We were not able to have the ordinance ready this evening, so I am going to schedule a Special Council Meeting for Monday. I think the best time would be at 5:45 p.m. before our second Finance Committee meeting so we can pass this without having to come in for an extra visit. That information should be out tomorrow. If anyone has a time conflict, please get that information in as soon as possible.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio 43:40)

An opportunity for the public to address Council with any comments, issues or concerns.

Public Portion #2 opened at 8:02 p.m.

- **Jenna Bing 36951 Beech Hills Drive:** First, I want to thank Nicholas for getting me information about the proposed police and service project and all the steps associated with it. The mayor keeps referencing the budget and saying this is in the budget. Could you please explain what the budget is that you all are working with in this next phase?
- I also had questions about the funding of it. When I was looking at this, I believe the new traffic camera ticket revenue was determined to go into the Capital Fund. These are capital projects. Does that mean that money is going to be used to help build the police station? Is that where the money is coming from in regard to that? Are there restrictions on what our traffic camera ticket money can be used for? Thanks.
- **Rodd Schroeder 7807 Overton Drive Mentor Ohio:** Monday, January 26 at 7:27 p.m. I was on my way to work going from Mentor to Beachwood. One of your city trucks threw snow over the Route 6 bridge on my vehicle and smashed my windshield. I waited for an officer and had to get towed. I couldn't make it into work. I've had to fight with insurance. Mayor, we have had correspondence. I work the evening shift. I have worked for the City of Beachwood for 27 years and the Mentor Tree Commission as a volunteer for 10 years.
- I come from a long line of municipal workers in my family. I understand how this stuff works. I was wondering if you all could find it in your heart to help me out with what insurance did not cover including my rental car and loss of overtime wages. I have been working between 55 and 60 hours a week since Thanksgiving. I was just trying to go to work, and now I am \$1,200 in the hole. I am out doing the right things and trying to provide for my family. I feel like I am getting the short end of the stick. I was wondering if you all could help me out. I have the bills right here. I can send you the pictures. It could have been a lot worse. I got a bit of glass in my hand and a broken windshield. I plow the Chagrin bridge every night for twelve hours. I know what it is like to take a five ton truck over an interstate. I know the difference between the recklessness and safety. I practice safety every day. I started our safety committee at work. I understand what goes on and how things work. Can you please help me with this? Thank you.

Public Portion #2 closed at 8:10 p.m.

- **Mayor Hallum:** To respond to Ms. Bing, correct, the funds from photo enforcement will be used for these capital projects. As far as restrictions, this is a layered question because the school zone tickets do have restrictions on how those funds can be used, but the handheld tickets do not other than what Council has illustrated in the ordinance.
- As Mr. Schroeder mentioned, he contacted me, as well as spoke to Road Superintendent Mark

Grubiss. The issue is that the bridge in question normally has a doubled sealed fencing against it. ODOT either did not do it or it failed. I am not sure which. As a result of the failure of that item on the bridge, there was the ability for ice and snow to fall down on to the highway below. We are not responsible for the maintenance of that bridge. This is ODOT's bridge. We do not have anything to do with it other than clear it. I did suggest to Mr. Schroeder that he reach out to ODOT, as they are ultimately responsible for that bridge, the maintenance of that bridge, and the poor design of whatever fencing they put up there.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio 50:00)

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** wished everyone a happy Valentines Day.
- **Mayor Hallum:** I run a charity event every February in downtown Willoughby. It is on February 28 this year. We are raising funds for the USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation. This is a group that is helping the families of enlisted men and women aboard the USS Cleveland that is coming here in May, to be commissioned. This is to help their families come up here and be with their enlisted person during that event. If anyone is interested in attending the event, sponsoring, or providing a raffle item, we would be happy to have that so we could raise funds for our armed services personnel and their families.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio 51:45)

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: AYES: Kline, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Jarmuszkiewicz
NAYS: None
Vote: 5/0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED: FEB 26, 2026
Date


Michael Kline
President of Council

ATTEST: Nicholas Aiello
Nicholas Aiello
Clerk of Council