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Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2027 CITY TAX BUDGET

- **Finance Director Bruce Scott:** Welcome to the Public Hearing of the proposed 2027 Tax Budget.
- State law requires that all cities in Ohio adopt a tax budget for the following year no later than July 15 and submit the adopted tax budget to the Budget Commission no later than July 20. Council will be reading Resolution 2026-010 for the second time at tonight's regular Council Meeting and hopefully approving it at the June 25 regular Council meeting after being read a third time.
- The primary purpose of the tax budget is to demonstrate to the County Budget Commission the City's need for property tax revenues. Property taxes account for over 10% of the City's 2026 General Fund revenue budget, and 6% of the total 2026 revenue budget.
- The Tax Budget is prepared in compliance with the old format prescribed by the Lake County Auditor. The final tax budget will be in a new format recently provided, and Resolution 2026-010 will be updated before final passage. We were also informed that the City will be required to present the budget to the Budget Commission in person later this summer.
- The proposed Tax Budget was based on the current 2026 Budget before any adjustments. Please keep in mind that these are estimates only, and the actual results can vary greatly.
- This Tax Budget anticipates no changes to the current property tax rates and anticipates a total of 7.3 mills.
- This public Hearing is required by state law before the Tax Budget can be adopted. Two copies of the Tax Budget have been available for public inspection at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Lake County New Herald 10 days prior to this meeting. The Tax Budget has been available on the City's website since late May. With that, I am open for questions.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked how the tax revenue collections were this year compared to last year?
- **Finance Director Bruce Scott** responded saying the property tax revenues were flat so far, and they haven't received everything or seen the rollback yet. He wasn't sure why, but was expecting this to go down because the passage of the piggybank exemption approved by the Lake County Commissioners. But, otherwise, he noted that they have budgeted a 10-15 percent drop.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked about income tax revenues?

- **Finance Director Bruce Scott** stated the Income Tax Revenue was also down from last year. It was his thought that we were slightly ahead of projections, but he emphasized that we would definitely be down from last year.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if this had to do a lot with people working in an office rather than at home.
- **Finance Director Bruce Scott** responded saying it was hard to get a good answer from RITA. He was at the Regional Council of Government meeting at RITA this afternoon, and upon talking with our representative, a lot of it was large income earners in the City. He noted that residents tended to file and pay estimated taxes on future years. It was somewhat cyclical. It is the same thing with net profits. Government businesses will file, and then do the estimates for the next year. Then, you will see a reduction that next year because they have overestimated.

PUBLIC PORTION (Audio: 4:12)

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

Public Portion opened at 7:04p.m.

- Nobody spoke for Public Portion.

Public Portion closed at 7:04 p.m.

The Public Hearing on the 2027 City Tax Budget was closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Kline** presided.

Call to Order 7:05 p.m. (0:01)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:12)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:35)

Members Present: Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Kathleen Sivo, Council Vice President Tanya Taylor Draper, and Councilwoman Julie A. Belich, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, and Council President Michael Kline

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

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Audio 0:58)

Email dated 06/04/2026 from Naegele, Matthew RE: Police Surplus
Email dated 06/04/2026 from Bobbie Blazy Re: Rezoning/Construction Application Classic Auto Group Public Hearing Thursday, June 4, 2026
Email dated 06/03/2026 from Pat Grebenc PUBLIC HEARING: CLASSIC AUTO GROUP - REQUEST TO TABLE VOTE
Email dated 06/02/2026 from Katherine D. Lloyd Fw: Mailing
Email dated 06/01/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: 6/4/26 Public Hearing and PCABR Meeting - 7:00 PM - THURSDAY
Email dated 06/01/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine RE: Legal for Public Hearing on 6/4/26 Thursday.
Email dated 06/01/2026 from Willoughby Hills Re: Police Department Surplus Legislation
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Naegele, Matthew RE: Surplus Request
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Scott, Bruce RE: Please Publish June 1, 2026
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Willoughby Hills 2027 Tax Budget Public Hearing Notice
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Janice Koehler Re: Please Publish June 1, 2026 Willoughby Hills 2027 Tax Budget Public Hearing Notice
Email dated 05/29/2026 from McFarren, Darlene RE: Information Regarding Sanctioning
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Michney, Sharen FW: WH Civil Service Meeting 4/16/2026 - Wednesday - 4:00 P.M
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Scott, Bruce Tax Budget Hearing
Email dated 05/29/2026 from Tom Elliott Re: Legal for Public Hearing on 6/4/26 Thursday.
Email dated 05/28/2026 from Mehollin, Karen Re: Records Commission Meeting
Email dated 05/27/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine FW: WH BZA Meeting 6/9/26 Tuesday - Not Called
Email dated 05/26/2026 from Jarmuszkiewicz, Joe Thursdays meeting
Email dated 05/26/2026 from Gloria Majeski Re: Document
Email dated 05/26/2026 from Nardo, Celia S. rates
Email dated 05/23/2026 from Jarmuszkiewicz, Joe Re: Agenda, Legislation, and Minutes for Next Week
Email dated 05/22/2026 from Gloria Majeski Re: Denial from Council to be put on Council agenda to discuss concern
Email dated 05/22/2026 from Scott, Bruce TAX Budget
Email dated 05/22/2026 from Gloria Majeski Concern for Council - Request to be put on next Council Agenda
Email dated 05/21/2026 from Lloyd, Katherine 2 Signed Reviews - 260521 PCABR Mtg

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 1:20)

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:06 p.m.

- **Jen Varro 2890 SOM Center Road** commented on the SWAT vehicle. It was her belief that the acquisition of a SWAT vehicle did not represent a judicious investment for our municipality. It was her opinion that this would be an exorbitant and extravagant expenditure. Alternatively, if the objective was to enhance our educational institutions, she believed we should consider implementing improved surveillance systems within schools with direct feeds to the Police Department. Furthermore, she believed we could explore the integration of fog and security lockdown protocols within school systems to bolster safety measures. She emphasized that this is what the school camera money was intended to be used for. At almost \$400,000.00 for the current SWAT vehicle, she thought this was wasteful spending, and pointed out that no other city has one. It was her belief that we certainly did not need it either. She concluded noting that in the case of needing one, the sheriff's department, Geauga and Lake, both have one.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:08 p.m.

- **Mayor Hallum** respected her opinion, and believed, at the end of the day, we wouldn't know when we might need something like this. Other cities do in fact have other vehicles that are shared amongst the communities. He noted that while the Sheriff's department does have one, as well as Geauga, in an incident that might occur requiring a vehicle like this, you may not have an hour and a half to two hours to wait for that vehicle to show up to save lives.
- **Councilwoman Belich** asked if the schools that are currently here in Willoughby Hills were consulted on this. She further asked if we went to all those schools when this idea came about and asked them if they had ideas we could help supplement.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded saying that all of the schools gave letters of recommendation in support of this vehicle.
- **Councilwoman Belich** followed up asking if any of the schools requested more surveillance opportunities for front doors or windows inside of classrooms.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded saying that, to his knowledge, the money was not allowed to be spent in this kind of way. He clarified that we couldn't give them money for stuff on their buildings, as there is very specific language regarding this.
- **Finance Director Scott** clarified that the City is not allowed to spend money on private properties or things the City does not own. This vehicle would allow us to utilize those funds in a way that the Police Chief thinks is best.
- **Councilwoman Belich** made the point that within regard to resource officers, we do not know the future of what our income being generated from the camera tickets is going to look like. In the future, we wouldn't necessarily know what is going to be there in order to supplement and help substantiate paying additional resource officers in those schools.

- **Mayor Hallum** responded saying while that is fair to say, the City does not pay for the School Resource Safety Officers now, the schools do.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** asked if the City could use the funds for better security doors if the schools said that was a need of theirs.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded saying no, as the City could not expend City funds on private property.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** asked why, as this involves school safety, to which **Mayor Hallum** further clarified that this was to be used for programs and equipment that would be put in place for school safety.

MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 6:55)

- **Mayor Hallum** reported the following:
 - Residents are invited to attend a special celebration marking the restoration of the Chardon Road Cemetery on Monday, June 15th at 3:00 p.m. at 29017 Chardon Road. This event will honor those laid to rest in the cemetery while recognizing the dedication and efforts of those who made this important restoration possible.
 - I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Linda O'Brien for her vision and dedication in leading the restoration of the Chardon Road Cemetery. What began as one person's mission quickly grew into a true community effort. Thank you to Linda and the Men of Honor Foundation for their tireless fundraising efforts, and to Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration for their professional expertise in preserving and resetting the historic markers. I would also like to recognize Shannon Fence for their generous donation and installation of the beautiful fence, as well as Road Superintendent Grubiss and his crew for their work maintaining and preparing the grounds throughout the process. It is truly wonderful to see so many come together to restore this sacred resting place for our Revolutionary War and Civil War veterans.
 - To learn more about the journey of this project, you can view the Channel 5 video clip that aired a couple of weeks ago. You will also find progress photos included later in this newsletter. The finished result is absolutely beautiful.
 - Also on Monday, we will be hosting a small ceremony to unveil the newly installed mural at Campbell Park. This beautiful piece was generously designed, painted, and donated by students and staff at the School of Innovation. The ceremony will take place at Pavilion 1 (nearest to City Hall) at 4:30 p.m. We hope you will join us in recognizing this creative and meaningful addition to one of our community's most enjoyed spaces.
 - Other events happening next week include our "Meet the Artists" night on June 16th from 6-8pm at the Community Center. This event will allow you to speak with the artists who have their creations featured in the new collaboration with Stella's Art Gallery. On Thursday, June 18th, all seniors (members & non-members) are invited to the Senior Room for an ice cream social from 2-5pm to learn about our new programs and activities being offered. Both events are free of charge.
 - That ends my report, and I am open for questions.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- No Law Director's report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 9:35)

- **Finance Director Scott** reported the following:
 - Financial statements for May are delayed because I was out of town last week. I am working to try to get caught up as quickly as I can, and I hope to have those out by early next week at the latest. I would like to provide some good news about the budget and City finances. This week, I am happy to report that, speaking of RITA and Income Taxes, we received our annual refund of collection fees from RITA. We have budgeted \$95,000.00 from this year's budget and the actual reimbursement came in at almost \$140,000.00. We had a nice bump in revenue there. Other than that, I am open for questions.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 10:30)

- **City Engineer DiFranco** reported the following:
 - Earlier this week, architects in our office submitted a schematic design package for the service garage. Estimators are currently working on a cost estimate. The schematic designs for the police updates should be done in a couple weeks. We will then work on a cost estimate for that and provide an update to Council shortly. Thank you.
 - **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** noted that he has seen people come down the wrong way regarding the River Road repaving. He asked if there was a way of stopping them from going the wrong way.
 - **Mayor Hallum** responded saying the police are there. There are one way signs at the end of every driveway and at the end of every street. People are going around the cones and around the blockades so that they can save themselves a few minutes of time and put themselves and others at risk. It is really sad to see people taking such a risk just to save themselves 10 minutes.
 - **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** noted that this half seems to be going quicker than the first half.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio 12:07)

PC-ABR reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper (Audio 12:12)

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission Architectural Board of Review. The group met last Thursday, June 4. The group had a public hearing regarding the Classic Dealership redesign and construction of a detail shop that Classic wants to build across the street.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** expressed great appreciation towards the residents who came out, and the residents who emailed and communicated with members of Council. She stated that she respected all the residents' opinions and emotions when it came to things that they felt were going to put their homes and families at risk, or mess with their tranquility and peace.

- She encouraged the residents to listen to all of it because it was her belief that the Master Plan was not explained to everyone. As far as the Master Plan, there were several comments made. The Master Plan took two years for the Commission, along with David Radachy from Lake County, to put together. There were public portions at every meeting, and there were three hearings that talked about everything that was being planned. She noted that a lot of what was going on with the Classic Dealership was addressed in the Master Plan. It specifically talked about, under Section 5.2 *Economic Development Policies* the following:
 - “Economic development, which involves attracting new, high quality, non-residential development to Willoughby Hills and supporting and enabling the expansion and or redevelopment of existing businesses in our City. It is necessary to increase the tax base and minimize the future tax burden on residential property owners.”
 - **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** stated that the City should be creative and think of ways to deal with the expenses that are going to be coming our way in the future. She thought it was unrealistic for the City to just increase taxes or put levies on the ballot that never solved the problem, and emphasized the City should find more opportunities for revenue.
 - **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** urged the residents to read the entire Master Plan and try to get a full understanding of what the intent was. She felt it was very important to be informed totally on everything that it’s about and everything that it entails.
 - **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** noted that there were some questions that came up from the residents that were answered by the gentlemen who were representing Classic here. There were some concerns raised. It was her hope that they would bring back some solutions to some of those questions. She concluded saying this was ongoing and continuing.
 - **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** emphasized that the Master Plan was discussed at district meetings and Council meetings when it was being created, and there have been several opportunities to understand the project. She did not want the residents to think that anything was done behind their backs or not in open session.
 - **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** concluded urging everybody to read it, understand it, and then come to Council with questions and concerns. This is an ongoing process, so hopefully, more information could be gathered to answer the residents’ questions to keep the process moving.
 - **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked about traffic concerns regarding coming in and out onto Rt 91. He asked if there was a plan to put in a new light. **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** explained that there will not be a new light installed and further explained where the proposed Classic dealership will be.
 - **Mayor Hallum** stated that this facility would eliminate the problem of trucks dropping off cars in the middle of 91. Those trucks will now pull into that detail center, pull around it, and drop all the vehicles off at that location. He emphasized that this location would not be a place where people would be looking at cars, rather, dropping off their cars, and getting them detailed. They will then be driven across the street to the lot. He explained this would be the use for this facility; it would not be a customer front.

Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** reported that Dave Walters wanted to get together to see where the disc golf would go in the back of Campbell Park. He suggested around 3:00 p.m. on a week night. Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz noted this time would not work for him.
- **Mayor Hallum** noted he was waiting for Dave to give him a time.
- **Council President Kline** mentioned he also wanted to walk this with him, and stated that he believed two or three people from the City should be involved.

Beautification Committee reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper

No report.

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: 20:50)

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** asked the mayor if there were any updates with the cell tower and with the flooding issues going on in the City.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded that he spoke to Mayor Brunello from Highland Heights, Mayor Bodner from Mayfield Village, and needs to get a hold of Mayor Thomas from Richmond Heights. They are going to create a coalition and start talking to the State Senator and representative to try to move this forward.
- **Mayor Hallum** reported no new news regarding the cell tower. He noted that they were going to try to push this through FirstNet to see if they have the funding to service the Chagrin Valley area. They have not gotten back to him, and he emphasized it is out of our hands until they push this through on their side.

CONSENT:

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL

Approval of the May 28, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the May 28, 2026 Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation Minutes

ORDINANCE 2026-037-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE SIX (6) POLICE SPEED LASERS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI – LEGISLATION, SECTION 6.01 – GENERAL ORDINANCES, SUBSECTION (E) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor Draper to approve the items on the consent agenda.

Roll Call: AYES: Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Jarmuszkiewicz
Vote: 6/0/1

The aforementioned motion has carried to adopt the items in the consent agenda.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2026-036-SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO SECURE THE PURCHASE OF A BALLISTIC ARMORED TACTICAL TRANSPORT (B.A.T.T.) ARMORED RESCUE VEHICLE FOR THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE ARMORED GROUP, 5221 N. SADDLE ROCK DRIVE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85018 FOR THE ESTIMATED PURCHASE PRICE OF \$381,140.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion made by Council President Kline, seconded by Councilman Knecht to adopt Ordinance 2026-036.

Discussion of motion:

- Council Vice President Taylor Draper asked if it is the State that sets the parameters for how we can use this money.
- Mayor Hallum confirmed
- Council Vice President Taylor Draper emphasized that she believes it would be important to use the funds in a way where the schools could enhance their security with their doors and windows or better cameras. She emphasized that schools really need these things. In addition to a truck like this, if we are being preventative, she stated that we need to have doors and windows that are secure where an assailant can't get in.
- Councilwoman Miller stated that her vote tonight does not reflect her commitment to school safety or the work of our Police Department.

Roll Call: AYES: Knecht, Sivo, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline
NAYS: Miller, Taylor Draper
Vote: 5/2

- Ordinance 2026-036 has been adopted.

RESOLUTION 2026-010-SECOND READING

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS

- Resolution 2026-010 remains on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio 27:00)

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** noted that, with regards to the hearing last week, they received a lot of feedback regarding the hearing notice. Council instituted the big yellow sign as a resident notification ability so that people will know what is going on in their neighborhoods. She received a lot of feedback from people that they could not read the sign, and it was very far from the road and facing the wrong place. The residents have mentioned they didn't know what the sign was about. Council has tried to do a lot of promotion and education regarding what comes into neighborhoods in the City. Some of the residents mentioned there were too many words to read as they drive by. She emphasized that Council should update this, reexamine this, and make this easier and clearer to read for the residents.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** agreed, noting that he had driven by this sign two or three times and didn't even notice. He also noted that upon going the speed limit of 40 mph, it has been hard to look at this sign and read it.
- **Councilwoman Miller** suggested that the Council Clerk work with the Communications Supervisor to ensure that notices like this would be posted on social media, especially regarding hearings or things of significance.
- **Finance Director Bruce Scott** noted that there were a lot of people calling and asking about the sign and what it is for. This was generating interest as it was intended to do.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio 30:45)

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:36 p.m.

- **Tonda Diplacido 2910 Istra Ln** stated that she had not been involved with the Council for a long time, but was part of the original Noise Abatement Committee. She expressed her frustration over the fact that all their flowers had been removed from their cul-de-sac and replaced with trees and grass. Upon hearing this was happening with every cul-de-sac in the City, she went over to Lamplight Ln and noticed that their cul-de-sac was still beautiful. She stated that she had the original plans that were approved back in 2004 and paid for by tax-payer dollars, to put this beautiful perennial garden into their cul-de-sac. This also contained a memorial garden for a beloved neighbor on their street, and she wanted to know who removed all of this. She expressed her frustration, and questioned if all the cul-de-sacs in the City were going to turn to grass. If not, this needed to be addressed. She emphasized that a couple of them had made calls to the City to ask to have the weeding done, like every year, along with mulch. They did not receive this, rather, they received a mowed down perennial garden. She noted that there is mulch on Lamplight Ln, and wants to know what happened.
- **Anna Iacovetta 2901 Istra Ln** expressed her frustration that she took time out of her evening to be at the meeting tonight, noting that the Mayor left the meeting early. She emphasized that he was voted in by the residents, but couldn't stay the entire meeting to listen to what the residents had to say. She noted that she has lived on this cul-de-sac and it has been beautiful with shrubs and trees. It has been cleaned up over the years. Upon calling the City in the fall, they requested for cleanup because there were some dead shrubs, yet, they took out the entire tree that was perfectly healthy, the entirety of the shrubs, and left a mess. They decided to wait until the Spring to call, and upon calling, were told they were on the list. She later spoke to the Service Director who assured her she was on the list for the end of June. She stated that she was told that the City was getting rid of all the cul-de-sacs, but not to

tell the neighbors. She expressed her shock, as she had not heard this information before.

- Upon coming back from being out of town, the whole thing was gone. When she had asked what was going on, she was told that they had come to spray weeds and put down mulch, and they didn't know what happened. They planted grass seed, put hay on it, and returned one time, (to their knowledge) to water it. She feels this is atrocious, and wants to know what could be done about this. She wants to know if they could replant, and questioned why they decided to plant grass when all they had asked for was mulch. She expressed her disappointment, and noted that when they plowed their street, they also cracked the edging of the garden bed. She questioned what would happen in the winter time, and concluded saying that if they were going to plant the grass, they would need to take care of it, and they had not done so thus far.
- **Al Fangzhou 2900 Istra Ln** stated they used to have a very beautiful garden at the cul-de-sac, and the whole garden was wiped out, except for one tree, about two or three weeks ago. He noted that they used to have a lot of bushes, grass and flowers, and it was beautiful. Now, there is only one tree and hay on top of seeds. He also mentioned that it is very hot outside and the seeds were only watered once, concluding that the seeds may be dead. He expressed his frustration because they were not notified and had no idea why this was wiped out. He emphasized that they were not here just for an explanation, but also actionable items, a timeline, and a promise to bring back the beautiful things that they removed in the community. He concluded saying he wanted the garden to be brought back.
- **Jen Varro 2890 SOM Center Road** thanked the Planning and Zoning Commission for the town hall meeting held regarding the Classic proposal for a detail shop on Chardon Road. It was her opinion that the Commission did an excellent job facilitating the meeting, listening to the residents, and providing an opportunity for everyone to share their thoughts and concerns. She was particularly interested in the comments made by Mr. Lillich regarding the possibility of the City acquiring a buffer area similar to the amount of land it currently owns on the east side of Classic. Such a buffer could provide the City with greater control over future development and help prevent aggressive commercial expansion from gradually moving farther south along SOM Center Road into residential areas.
- She expressed her disappointment that the Mayor left, as she wanted his clarification regarding comments he made about a proposed cell tower that was discussed for this property. It was mentioned that it would be located at the rear of the property if the project was approved. She asked if the cell tower would be owned by the City, Classic, or a cell tower provider. She also questioned how any ownership maintenance and any associated lease agreements would be handled. She stated that in changing to Zoning E, she felt that this proposal had a disturbing amount of parking spaces (288) and that the design, based on the building size, basically stated 25 spaces. She concluded, based on this information, that this would become a storage lot. She stated that she is not opposed to something going in there that would help generate income in our City, but noted the exorbitant number of parking spaces seemed like this would become a storage lot. She asked whether this was permitted in Zoning E, and why they couldn't build it and also leave some trees in that area to make it appealing if it was truly going to be a detail shop.
- **Shu Weng 2900 Istra Ln** expressed that she does not feel that the current cul-de-sac is better than the bushes and flowers they had because grass takes maintenance such as watering and mowing. She stated that it would be better to bring everything back.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:48 p.m.

- **Finance Director Scott** stated that the Mayor apologized and excused himself. He had to leave because of a family emergency.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked who made the decision to remove these cul-de-sacs, and why and when this decision was made.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** thanked the residents for speaking on this tonight. She stated that the Mayor was not aware of this, and she spoke with him twice today about this. He will be speaking to Mark Grubiss about this. She assured the residents that they will look into this.
- **Councilwoman Miller** thanked the residents for speaking on this tonight. She expressed that she was sad to hear of this happening, and assured the residents that they will find out what happened and will see what they can do going forward.
- **City Engineer DiFranco** stated, regarding the Classic project, parking is a permitted accessory use, and the code doesn't limit the number of parking spaces they can have. This is something the Planning Commission could try to reduce. He recommended to the Planning Commission and Council a condition on any approval of the property where it cannot be converted or used as a car sales lot.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio 44:50)

- **Councilwoman Miller** mentioned that the repaving of River Road is underway, and encouraged the residents to take alternative routes if they can, because this does slow down the workers. She pleaded with everyone to make sure they are not driving the wrong way. This has occurred on numerous occasions and the police have caught several people doing that. She urged everyone to be patient.
- **Council President Kline** wished City Engineer Pete DiFranco a happy belated birthday.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio 46:55)

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

Roll Call: **AYES:** Knecht, Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline
NAYS: None
Vote: 7/0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED: JUNE 25, 2020
 Date


 Michael Kline
 President of Council

ATTEST: Nicholas Aiello
 Nicholas Aiello
 Clerk of Council