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Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation Meeting

Minutes of October 20, 2025

Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation Meeting was called to order on October 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Kline** presided.

Call to Order 6:00 p.m. (0:01)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:25)

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

Also Present: Finance Director Bruce Scott, and Law Director Michael C. Lucas

Absent: Mayor Hallum, City Engineer Pete DiFranco, and Councilman Dan Knecht

BEGINNING DISPOSITION: (Audio 1:00)

ORDINANCE 2025-052-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. FOR CITY ENGINEERING SERVICES AND REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** Why was this Ordinance amended and what was amended within it?
- **Council Clerk Nicholas Aiello:** That was one of the ordinances that the Law Director had to look at. Nothing substantive changed, just some of the wording.
- **Law Director Lucas:** That is correct. There were some clerical modifications I made, but nothing that was substantive.

ORDINANCE 2025-056-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE POLICE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO PCS FOR PEOPLE, A CLEVELAND-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** What exactly is PCs for People? Is there any more information about who they are and how we came to donate with them?
- **Council President Kline:** I would have to ask Mr. Scott if he is familiar with them.
- **Finance Director Scott:** Unfortunately, I am not. I know Chief Naegele put some research into this and felt this was the best option.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** I did look it up because I was curious as well. This is based in Cleveland and over the years, they have donated here within Lake County as well. This is a nonprofit. They take old computers, refurbish them, and distribute them to lower income circumstance families who need them.

ORDINANCE 2025-057-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) PROJECT NO. 105894 PROVIDING FOR THE RESURFACING OF RIVER ROAD (SR-174) FROM THE COUNTY LINE TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LINE IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Council President Kline:** In anticipation of questions on this ordinance coming from Council, I contacted the mayor and he deferred me to City Engineer DiFranco with my questions. I did get some information. The River Road repaving is going to start, weather permitting, sometime in March of next year and it will run through October. This is going to be an almost eight month project.
- The paving will be done in two sections: north and south of Route 6. The south section will be done and then the north will be done once that is complete. It is going to be done the way that Route 6 was done. One lane will be closed down where work will begin. The other lane going the other direction will be open. When that side is paved they will reverse and do the other side. When that section is done, the north section will be paved. There will be two major detours next year for River Road.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** Isn't that the same time next year when the Chardon Road Bridge is going to be replaced?
- **Council President Kline:** I am not sure exactly when, but yes that bridge will also be shut down next year as well.
- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** There should probably be more traffic control on River Road. I know a lot of people complain about speeding down River Road.
- **Councilwoman Miller:** I remember from an earlier discussion that River Road will be north bound throughout the entire project, correct? Do we know at this point?
- **Council President Kline:** When I spoke with Mr. DiFranco, he said one side will be done and the other side will be open. I assume if they are working on the side going south, then

the north side will be open and vice versa. I did not ask him if it will be the same line of traffic for both sides.

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** Are they going to widen it at all or just repave it?
- **Council President Kline:** I do not know.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** In terms of police presence and speed presence, Maple Grove would be another one that is taking a big hit based on what is happening on Route 6. We should be thinking ahead on that and what we are going to do to ensure that there is presence there other than the flashing speed signs. This should be another road to consider based on what we have seen in the City going on with our bridges.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** Can this go three readings or is this something that needs to get passed sooner?
- **Council President Kline:** I do not know, I did not ask the City Engineer but we will find out Thursday.

ORDINANCE 2025-058-FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-070 TO COMPLY WITH STATE BUDGETARY LAWS REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Council President Kline:** I will ask Finance Director Scott if he would like to comment.
- **Finance Director Scott:** We will need to make some adjustments. Most of this is for the photo enforcement. It is increasing the cost associated with the running of the program.
- Police have been down a couple of staff members and they just hired two new patrolmen so that is going to help them get caught up by adding them to the overtime budget. I made a mistake last time. I thought the insurance premium was for the rest of the year but it was only for the third quarter. We made this five thousand dollar adjustment last time. It is just another one of those.
- Finally, Mark is continuing to have issues with various sanitary sewer issues in the City so I just want to give him a bit of breathing room between now and the end of the year.

RESOLUTION 2025-016-FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE GULICK FAMILY FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS ISOLATED SENIOR PROGRAMS FOR EVERY DAY RELIEF (W.H.I.S.P.E.R.).

- **Council President Kline:** We are hoping that we can present this Resolution to the members of the family at the first meeting in November. The mayor will also have a mayoral proclamation to correspond with this.

PUBLIC PORTION: (Audio 11:33)

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

- Public Portion opened at 6:11 p.m.
- No one spoke.
- Public Portion closed at 6:11 p.m.

LEGISLATION: (Audio 12:10)

No comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT: (Audio 12:40)

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

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

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

APPROVED: Nov 13, 2025
Date


Michael Kline
President of Council

ATTEST: Nicholas Aiello
Nicholas Aiello
Clerk of Council