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# City of Willoughby Hills

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JOE JARMUSZKIEWICZ  
DANIEL KNECHT  
VICKI MILLER  
KATHLEEN SIVO

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## Special Meeting of Council Minutes of October 28, 2025

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The Special Meeting of Council was called to order on Thursday, October 28, 2025 at 6:03 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Kline** presided.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (0:02)**

**Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices**

***Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:17)***

### **ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:37)**

**Members Present:** Councilman Dan Knecht, Council Vice President Tanya Taylor, Councilwoman Belich, Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz, and Council President Michael Kline

**Also Present:** Mayor Christopher Hallum, Law Director Michael Lucas, City Engineer Pete DiFranco, and Finance Director Bruce Scott

**Absent:** Councilwoman Vicki Miller and Councilwoman Sivo

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

### **Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 5/0

**Motion passes** to excuse **Councilwoman Miller** and **Councilwoman Sivo** from tonight's meeting.

### **PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 1:45)**

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 6:05 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion #1 closed at 6:05 p.m.

**LEGISLATION: (Audio 1:55)**

**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.**

- **Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht**, to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-057.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** This is to allow us to get the signed paperwork back to ODOT to keep the River Road project on schedule.

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

Motion passed to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-057.

- **Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht**, to adopt Ordinance 2025-057.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

- Ordinance 2025-057 was adopted.

**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.**

- **Motion** made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht**, to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-058.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Motion passed to wave the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2025-058.

- **Motion** made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2025-058.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

- Ordinance 2025-058 was adopted.

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

- **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:** At the next Working Committee meeting, we should talk about the Bishop Road interchange again north and south bound. I have received some complaints from the same resident. Nothing has really been done about it yet. Can we place police there to monitor it?
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper:** Thank you for bringing that up. The residents are not feeling safe and when that happens, it needs to be addressed immediately. I am all for discussing this at our next Working Committee.
- **Councilwoman Belich:** I have spent a little time sitting over at that intersection just to watch it and look at the traffic pattern. I sent an email to the City Engineer with questions that I have with regard to the traffic pattern itself and the ways that the lanes are set up. I have questions on how those decisions are made. I looked up some other larger intersections to see if there was something that matched up and I saw that. I am going to reach out to him before our next meeting and ask some questions. That might be a bullet point that we can talk through.
- **Mayor Hallum:** I want to thank Council for holding a special meeting to get these taken care of for administration so that we can get on the schedule for ODOT as well as make sure we are staying in budgetary compliance.
- I want to encourage you all stop by the open house tonight for Perrino homes. It is a beautiful home the lot is almost all built out.
- **Council President Kline:** Next Tuesday is the election. I encourage everyone to take a look at what is on the ballot and study it before you go into vote. There are some important issues on this ballot and they should be addressed accordingly.
- **Mayor Hallum:** Expanding on this point, I want to encourage residents to call one of the Council members or administration if you have any questions. We are all very transparent here. We welcome phone calls and want to make sure you have an understanding of what is happening. We are happy to do that.

**ADJOURNMENT (10:11)**

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

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**

**APPROVED:** Nov 13, 2025  
**Date**

Michael Kline  
**Michael Kline**  
*President of Council*

**ATTEST:** Nicholas Aiello  
**Nicholas Aiello**  
*Clerk of Council*