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DANIEL KNECHT  
VICKI MILLER  
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## Special Meeting of Council Minutes of December 29, 2025

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The Special Meeting of Council was called to order on Monday, December 29, 2025 at 6:11 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:** Council Vice President Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie A. Belich, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, Council President Michael Kline, Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, and Councilwoman Kathleen Sivo

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

**Absent:** City Engineer Pete DiFranco

### **PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 1:00)**

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 6:12 p.m.

No one spoke.

Public Portion #1 closed at 6:12 p.m.

### **LEGISLATION: (Audio 1:20)**

#### **RESOLUTION 2025-019 – AMENDED-FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2025-017 CAPTIONED “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR THE YEAR 2026 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”**

**Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to wave the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2025-019-Amended.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Motion passed to wave the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2025-019-Amended.

**Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to adopt Resolution 2025-019-Amended.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Resolution 2025-019-Amended was adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2025-020 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR THE YEAR 2026 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, to wave the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2025-020.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Motion passed to wave the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2025-020.

**Motion** made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** to adopt Resolution 2025-020.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Resolution 2025-020 was adopted.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio 5:25)**

- **Mayor Hallum**: I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a good Christmas with families and friends. We look forward to a prosperous new year in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT (Audio 6:00)**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

APPROVED: Jan 22, 2026  
Date

  
Michael Kline  
President of Council

ATTEST: Nicholas Aiello  
Nicholas Aiello  
Clerk of Council