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# City of Willoughby Hills

## Regular Council Meeting

### Minutes of September 9, 2021

*Policy No. 2: All Council meetings shall be recorded by audio recording device and will be held in perpetuity and shall be part of the official records and minutes. Written minutes of Council shall be shortened whenever possible.*

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. **Council President Hallum** presided.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:03-0:15)**

**Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:15-0:30)**

#### **ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:36-0:55)**

**Members Present:** Councilman Dan Knecht, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie Belich, Councilwoman Nancy Fellows, Council President Chris Hallum, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, and Council Vice President Mike Kline.

**Also Present:** Mayor Andy Gardner, Law Director Michael C. Lucas, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., and City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco.

#### **DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:01-3:20)**

**Motion made by Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt the Amended minutes of the July 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**Roll Call: AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None.**

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to adopt the Amended minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 8, 2021.

**Motion made by Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to adopt the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

**Roll Call: AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None.**

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 22, 2021.

**Motion made by Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to adopt the minutes of the August 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting.

**Roll Call: AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None.**

Vote: 7/0

**Motion Carries** to adopt the minutes of the Special Council meeting of August 11, 2021.

### **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 3:22-3:40)**

7/23/21 email from Pete DiFranco, re: Resident Complaint – 2755 Fowler/Chardon Issue.

7/23/21 email from PC-ABR, re: WH PCABR Meeting 8/5/21 Thursday – CANCELED.

7/26/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: FirstEnergy meeting notes in Word.

7/27/21 email from Will. Hills Council, re: Business Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 072021.

7/27/21 email from Rec Commission, re: WH Recreation Commission Meeting 8/4/21, Wednesday, 7 pm, Council Chambers.

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7/27/21 email from Judy Shrefler, re: Charter Review Intent Paragraphs.

7/28/21 email from Stephanie Kellner, re: Adopted Legislation for July 2021.

7/28/21 email from Will. Hills Council, re: Regular Council Minutes 07-22-21 Draft.

7/28/21 email from Dr. Cara Ogren, re: Charter Review Intent Paragraphs.

7/29/21 email from Will. Hills Finance Dept., re: Election Info.

7/29/21 email from Will. Hills Council, re: Ordinance 2021-047 Amended.

7/29/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Funding for Charter Review Amendments for Ballot to Residents.

7/29/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Council Minutes of July 8, 2021.

7/29/21 email from newsletter, re: City E-Newsletter.

7/29/21 email from newsletter, re: Mosquito Spraying.

7/29/21 email from Ross McDonald, re: Ordinance 2021-047 Amended.

7/29/21 email from Patty Fulop, re: May Economic Dashboard plus May and June unemployment data.

7/30/21 email from Robert Gandee, re: ISO-PPC Correspondence.

8/3/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Draft Meeting Minutes of PC-ABR Master Plan Subcommittee Meeting of July 29, 2021.

8/3/21 email from Council Clerk, re: Ordinance 2021-052 Cleveland Vet Rehab Facility Draft.

8/3/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Ordinance 2021-052 Cleveland Vet Rehab Facility Draft.

8/3/21 mail from Mary Kelly-Hawkins, re: Willoughby Hills Towers.

8/4/21 email from Monica Drake, re: Ordinance 2021-052 CVR Facility Revised Draft.

8/4/21 email from Monica Drake, re: Ordinance 2021-052 Final Draft with Exhibits.

8/4/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Request for Special Council Meeting Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

8/4/21 email from Judy Shrefler, re: Past Resident Mailers.

8/4/21 email from Monica Drake, re: Ordinance 2021-052 Final Revision.

8/4/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Request for Resolution – Mayor’s Court Bank Account Authorized Signers.

8/5/21 email from Council Clerk, re: Willoughby Hills Council Special Meeting Notification.

8/5/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: eNewsletter.

8/5/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Two More Garage Sales that you don’t want to miss.

8/6/21 email from Patty Fulop, re: LCOPEDA August Newsletter.

8/7/21 email from Michael Lucase, re: Opioid Settlement Ordinance.

8/7/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Opioid Settlement Ordinance.  
8/9/21 mail from Lake County Board of Elections, re: Receipt for Resolutions.  
8/9/21 mail from Karen Haberecht, re: July Court Revenue.  
8/10/21 email from Ross McDonald, re: Notice of Defect of Petition.  
8/10/21 email from PC-ABR, re: WH PCABR Meeting August 18, 2021 Thursday IN-PERSON.  
8/10/21 email from Friendsfor Armen, re: Urgent Public Records Request.  
8/11/21 email from Friendsfor Armen, re: Urgent Public Records Request.  
8/11/21 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: Renewal of Liquor License for Nirankar Group, dba 7 Eleven, Inc.  
8/11/21 mail from Ohio Department of Commerce, re: Liquor License Renewal for Nirankar Group, dba 7 Eleven, Inc.  
8/12/21 email from Friendsfor Armen, re: Urgent Public Records Request.  
8/13/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: City e-newsletter.  
8/13/21 email from Nancy Fellows, re: Meeting and Residents.  
8/13/21 certified mail from Board of Elections, re: Julie Belich Notice of Defect of Petition.  
8/13/21 email from Dept of Commerce/liquor licensing, re: AutoReply for Permit 80036070360.  
8/13/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Rogers Road Power has been restored!  
8/13/21 email from Dante Lewis, re: Draft Ballot Language.  
8/13/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: 2019/2020 Audit Report Release Date.  
8/16/21 email from PC-ABR, re: PCABR Meeting on Thursday, 8/19/21 at 7:00 PM Council Chambers.  
8/16/21 email from Michael Lucas, re: Public Records Request.  
8/18/21 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: FW: Post-Flood Substantial Damage Assessment.  
8/20/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: WHISPER Deed – Work Session Set for Sat. 8/28 9:30 til noon at the latest.  
8/20/21 email from Judy Shrefler, re: Past Resident Mailers.  
8/20/21 email from PC-ABR, re: WH PCABR Meeting 9/2/21 Thursday.  
8/23/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Request for Resolutions Adopting 2021 Property Tax Rates and 2022 Property Tax Advances.  
8/24/21 email from Kerri Kautzman, re: Willoughby Hills election stuff from 2018.  
8/25/21 email from Ohio Dept. of Commerce, re: Permit 80036070360 Extension.  
8/26/21 email from Michael Lucas, re: FW: Draft Ballot Language (Willoughby Hills).  
8/26/21 email from Dante Lewis, re: Draft Ballot Language (Willoughby Hills).  
8/26/21 email from PC-ABR, re: PCABR Meeting 9/2/21 Thursday, Council Chambers.  
8/27/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: City E-Newsletter 082721.  
8/27/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: WHISPER Deed – work session set for Sat. 8/28 9:30 til noon at the latest.  
8/30/21 email from BZA, re: WH BZA Meeting 9/14/21 Tuesday – In Person.  
8/31/21 mail from Ohio Dept. of Commerce, re: 7 Eleven Liquor Permit extension.  
8/31/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: FW Faithful Performance Coverage – request for resolution for 9/8.  
8/31/21 email from Global Equipment Co., re: Invoice from Global Equipment Company.  
8/31/21 email from newsletter, re: Bishop Road – Road work advisory for Thursday 9/2 and Friday 9/3.  
8/31/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Donation Notification – Margaret Skove SOM Center Cemetery Maintenance.  
8/31/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Donation Notification – 2021 Mind Challenge 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize.  
8/31/21 email from Judy Shrefler, re: Charter Amendment “Intent” Paragraphs.  
8/31/21 email from Mike Kline, re: Charter Amendment “Intent” Paragraphs.  
9/1/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Application for PEP Faithful Performance (Employee Dishonesty) Coverage.  
9/1/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: MOU.

9/1/21 email from Mayor Gardner, re: RE: Application for PEP Faithful Performance (Employee Dishonesty) Coverage.  
9/2/21 email from Joe Jarmus, re: FWD: MOU verbiage from Joe J.  
9/2/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: FW: Request for legislation of emergency body repairs for Engine 1214.  
9/3/21 email from Michael Lucas, re: Ordinance 2021-054.  
9/3/21 email from Patty Fulop, re: June Economic Dashboard and June & July unemployment data.  
9/3/21 mail from WH Recreation Commission, re: Agenda for 9/1/21 Meeting.  
9/3/21 mail from Clerk of Court, re: Mayor's Court Revenue (August).  
9/3/21 email from Judy Schrefler, re: Charter Amendment "Intent" Paragraphs.  
9/3/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Charter Amendment "Intent" Paragraphs.  
9/7/21 email from Monica Drake, re: CVR Final Community Investment Area Agreement.  
9/8/21 email from Mike Kline, re: July 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting minutes as amended.  
9/8/21 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Last Night's Audio.  
9/8/21 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Intent Statement for Amendment #5.  
9/8/21 email from Jenna Bing, re: Airbnb Inaction.  
9/8/21 email from Michael Lucas, re: Intent Statement for Amendment #5.

**PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 4:07-18:08)**

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:04 p.m.

**Gloria Majeski, 2717 Graylock Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094**

Gloria Majeski stated the following: Later in tonight's meeting, you will be voting on the Charter Review Commission's request to add the intent of nine proposed charter amendments to the mailer that's going out to 5042 households. While the intent has never been included in the prior mailings, which only contain the ballot language and a before and after display for each amendment, the Charter Review Commission feels that the intent will better inform the residents of their proposal. That being the case, I would like you to consider a more descriptive helpful line to the intent of Amendment Number Five concerning Civil Service. The intent paragraph currently reads "The intent paragraph clarifies of the state of Ohio defines the Civil Service Commission as responsible for specific tasks related to classified positions." I have spoken with **Assistant Law Director Lobe** and emailed all of Council and **Law Director Lucas** concerning the addition of the following words to the intent paragraph so residents can better understand what this Amendment will do. The words are "In reassigns, the review and confirmation of all credentials of unclassified positions to the mayor and department directors." In reality, this Amendment removes the action of Civil Service to review the credentials of all proposed hires and limits them only to full time police and firefighters. It takes away the process that was put in place as a result of the last Charter Review Commission's work and Council's adoption of Ordinances 2015-37 and 2017-47. Civil Service does not choose candidates or recommend anyone for hire. Instead, they review the credentials to make sure all are intact to avoid any issues down the road, as was the case in the past with our full time Fire Chief, and many other inconsistencies in the past. The residents need to know that taking away this procedure will present a burden on the part time Mayor and department directors who will then have the credentialing duties added to their roles. You need to be fair and honest to the residents if you decide to allow the additional 20,000 pages to print and mail to totally educate them. Explain why if they don't have Mark available to plow their snow, he

may be sitting in his office vetting an employee. Finally, please consider adding these words to the Intent and Amendment Number Five should you decide to print and mail the additional 20,000 pages. Thank you.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:07 p.m.

**Questions/comments following Public Portion #1:**

**Council President Hallum** asked **Law Director Lucas** if Council has the ability to make changes to the Intent or anything within the Charter Amendment Proposals. **Law Director Lucas** replied this is an informational packet and as **Assistant Law Director Lobe** mentioned, depending on the language, you can't have an advocacy in sending out the package to the voters with public funds. It's got to be neutral. You can't advocate for this public dissemination, but you can modify it for that purpose if the Council deems it necessary. **Council President Hallum** stated that, for the purposes of the mailing, if Council feels that that might be advantageous and informative to the residents and doesn't seem to be advocating for it, just making sure that they're aware of what that change would affect. **Law Director Lucas** replied, "Right, it's Council's decision." **Council President Hallum** asked if that is something that Council would need to do as a matter of making a motion, or is it something that can be done as we're creating and editing the mailer. **Law Director Lucas** responded that you need to approve before the mailing goes out, because you're spending public monies. He further states, "I'm hesitant with Council to suggest a blanket passage in that where changes are going to be made without specifically identifying those changes for purposes of the passage because, by way of example, let the law department modify it accordingly. One man's advocacy is another man's non-advocacy, and that creates problems." I think you would need to either amend that, for instance, hypothetically, as Gloria indicated, for Number Five. I know for Number Seven that **Council Vice President Kline** had mentioned, I talked to Judy Shrefler and she had no problem with what he suggested by way of Amendment. There was a portion that **Council Vice President Kline** wanted deleted. Judy Shrefler and the Committee had no problem with that.

**Council President Hallum** raised the question again that if Council were to make changes, would a motion be needed? Or is it a verbiage thing that we're trying to put together a mailer similar to a newsletter that we put out where we just make sure that it makes sense to all of us and approve it that way rather than having to do it in an official way.

**Law Director Lucas** replied that a motion would be made similar to a newsletter. **Council President Hallum** stated that Council doesn't do motions for newsletters. **Law Director Lucas** said this is different because that's a lot of money involved. It also involves an issue in an election where the newsletter doesn't. It should be made official want to make this official have the Council's sanction for this expenditure and the formatting of it.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked **Law Director Lucas** if this was possibly why, in the past, residents were only provided with the verbiage that would be on the ballot along with the current and change? While it looks to be helpful for additional information, it could become more convoluted.

**Law Director Lucas** responded that it depends on how it's presented. He doesn't know why the intent was not put in with prior mailings. He tends to suspect it's because of the cost. He also recognizes that he's aware that in the past it has not been done.

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that she needs some clarity as to whether or not the law department was involved in the crafting of the intents or if the law department oversees, drafts, or helps with the intents.

**Law Director Lucas** said that the intent was a final product of the Charter Review Commission members. He was asked to occasionally review language or grammar to make sure there was consistency and some of the language. He met with the Charter Review Commission members also the chairman of the Charter Review Commission to review the language of the Ordinances and the different Charter Amendments. The intent, he had no input on that. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** thought it would be safe to say the law department didn't ensure that the intents were "vanilla" so there was no swaying of one viewpoint or another. **Law Director Lucas** replied that he did not, at any point in time, look at the intent language from the perspective of it being "vanilla."

**Councilwoman Belich** asked **Law Director Lucas**, in reference to Mrs. Majeski's concern at a prior meeting, if there has been any dialogue that's occurred that he's aware of between she as well as the Charter Review Commission to discuss including some of the language that Mrs. Majeski is speaking of that would be in vanilla terms, but at least with the referencing of the concern that she may have as well as perhaps some other residents? **Law Director Lucas** responded that he did not know.

**Council President Hallum** stated that it is his understanding that a motion would need to be made under New Business to include the intents with the Charter Amendment mailing with Council and Law Director approved Amendments to the intent statements effectively. "For the purposes of the publication, yes," replied **Law Director Lucas**.

**Council Vice President Kline** stated that from a timing standpoint, we're not going to sit here tonight and go through each of them. He asked that since this has to get to the press, what type of a timeframe are we going to be working in to get comments in to make the changes to get them approved?

**Council President Hallum** stated that if we make a vanilla motion, to add the intents to the publication of the Amendments going out to the residents with Council and Law Director approved Amendments as necessary, that that would enable us then to, if that motion passes, make whatever changes are necessary with the approval of Council and Law Director so we don't have to go through here now.

**Law Director Lucas** added that the need to have this sent out is literally this week, as he's been told. Unless there is another meeting, he doesn't know how that's going to happen this week. This is only mentioned as an information point.

**Council President Hallum** stated that we'll wait to see if the motion passes to get the intents added before trying to figure out if we'll have to make changes.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 18:20-25:05)**

**Mayor Andy Gardner** stated that he was hoping we were past needing to leave the report off with COVID matters, but, unfortunately, we've come back to that. COVID-19 does continue to affect our community this month. Countywide, we're still averaging around 70 new cases a day being reported with some hospitalizations and a fatality in the county this month already. He continues to encourage residents to visit

the Lake County General Health District's website ([www.lcghd.org](http://www.lcghd.org)) for the best source of information and to help answer your questions on COVID and your safety. The Health District is planning to have boosters available this fall. Currently they would begin in October for anyone interested in getting the vaccine booster. Information will be available on the Health District's website. The City will also share that information through the newsletters, website, and City social media when they are available.

Pickleball - all of the materials are finally in. We will start to use some volunteers that will help get the pickleball courts in line. The hope was to have them ready in the next two to three weeks.

Police activities for August: The police department handled 1114 calls, taking their total through the first eight months of the year to 9,118. Traffic and motor vehicle related matters were at 528; 31 of the calls were suspicious persons, vehicles or condition investigations; 69 calls were for public assistance or welfare checks, lockouts, or other non emergency matters. **Mayor Gardner** added his congratulations to Sergeant Greg Leonbruno for receiving the Lake County Association of Chiefs of Police Lifesaving Award for his efforts in administering first aid to the victim of a motorcycle accident last Spring. Sgt. Leonbruno and several other officers from other departments in the County received their awards last week. Mayor Gardner welcomed Officer Joe Fink to full time. Officer Fink was sworn in about a month or so ago taking the place of one of our full time officers who went to another department. Officer Fink had been with the MetroParks and part time here and agreed to come over full time. **Mayor Gardner** went on to thank Officers Vitale and Continenza who offered an excellent program at the Community Center last month on senior safety. They highlighted the many potential ways that seniors, and frankly others, are targeted by potential criminals and how to recognize some of the new scams that are out and going around. We appreciate their efforts in educating our seniors. It was a great turnout. We can always hope for more but we're grateful that we had a number of people come out. The unavailability of police vehicles has continued to delay the delivery of the three cars we ordered this year. **Chief Naegele** spoke to our supplier. They're currently expected, hopefully, by the end of November. We've been told to expect them three other times before that. We will keep our fingers crossed.

This week's newsletter features some great information about back to school safety. If you'd like to read the article and get our newsletter send an email to [newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov). Fire Department hydrant flushing is continuing through the City. Please make sure that if you have a fire hydrant on your property it's free of debris and overgrowth so the Fire Department can get easy access.

Sewer rehab is continuing. The initial stage is complete and they'll be evaluating where repairs are necessary. The Dodd Road project was also completed with more from the City Engineer in a few moments.

Our Part Time Recreation Coordinator started last month. She was here to meet with the Recreation Commission last week and we are hopeful that we'll be able to have many events that she can coordinate. Touch-a-Truck is coming up on September 18th. We'll begin the day with a short parade honoring retired Chief Chris Collins at 9:30 followed by the traditional event at 10. There will be some modifications to the event format to accommodate safety of residents and our employees. The parade will start at the School of Innovation and come to City Hall. We hope everyone will take time to see the parade. The Police

Department is usually set up immediately east of the Council Chambers and that's where Chief Collins will be. We hope that everyone could take a minute to stop by and thank him for his two decades of service. We couldn't do it back in his retirement. Council did present him with a lovely Ordinance. The Mayor's Office issued a Proclamation. **Councilwoman Fellows** had it framed. It was very nice and I know he appreciated it very much. It would be great if we could get our residents out there to thank him in person as well as well as all of Council.

Congratulations to the following city employees who celebrated anniversaries this August: Sylvia Carter for five years; Jake Foster, Steven Drop, and Tom Panichi at the Fire Department each with five years.

Sympathies to the Herrera family on the passing of Mary Kay's mother and to the Palmisano and Federico families on the passing of Lisa Palmisano. Everyone will keep them in our thoughts and prayers. And as we approach the 20th anniversary of 9/11, **Mayor Gardner** asked that all residents take a moment to reflect on how all of our lives change that morning. Offer a prayer for those who were taken that day or injured and their families. Also when you have an opportunity to take a moment to thank those who have been called to the military or government service, including our city workers and first responders. You'll see them, hopefully, at Touch-a-truck or sooner.

**Questions/comments following Mayor's Report:**

None.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 25:26-30:00)**

**Law Director Michael C. Lucas** stated there was some discussion at Tuesday's meeting regarding Resolution 2021-016, which basically entails the provision for providing an appropriate surety for the performance of public employees within the City. He's had several discussions with **Finance Director Brichacek** in regards to that. One of the questions that came up was the question of whether, by indicating, historically in the past, the City using a bond that was limited and restricted to just simply the use of a bond to provide that insurance coverage. Number one, it's not limited exclusively to a bond. Number two, it's my understanding from the coverage being reported to that public entities pool, it's really a win for the City independent of the fact that they're authorized legally to do that because it's greater coverage in the amount of the bond and provides for greater incidents that are subject to the coverage as well. In terms of depending on how you vote, the fact of the matter from a legal standpoint as to whether that's available as an option in lieu of a bond, it is.

**Questions/comments following Law Director's Report:**

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked **Law Director Lucas**: "In terms of the availability for more collection, if that's the right term, my understanding is that this coverage then would allow the City to go after an individual's assets, like their 401K or their property, to recoup payment, is that correct?"

**Law Director Lucas** responded: "I don't know the answer to that to be honest with you. I just know that the afforded coverage that's being provided from the PEP is an excess of \$20,000, which a bond would otherwise be. It's a form of insurance. I would tend to think it would not enable. If there's a shortfall, you can always go up to the personal liability. So hypothetically, let's say the bond was \$20,000 and at some point in time, it's discovered that the City Employee has absconded hypothetically with \$45,000. Well, the

bond buys a \$20,000 pay back, but the remaining amount, you can always go after the employee who is dishonest for that amount of money. That's why you see these cases. Two are rather prevalent in the Plain Dealer over the last month where they're seeking restitution from the employee independent of whatever the insurance coverage goes into effect. In one instance, with the Clerk that was in Chagrin Falls, they got an immediate payback from her without having to invoke the insurance, which is actually the idea of win-win for everything.”

**Mayor Gardner** stated to **Law Director Lucas** that he believes **Councilwoman Fellows** was asking if the insurance company is subrogated to the City's claim by making the payment and would they have access to those personal assets? **Law Director Lucas** stated that, yes, they're allowed under subrogation to pursue just as you would in a motor vehicle accident.

**Councilwoman Fellows** responded that she did talk to an agent from the insurance company. What was shared with her is that this particular individual is covering 170 city accounts and there isn't any other city that is doing this other than us seeking to do it. That doesn't necessarily mean that it's bad as there's always options, but if 170 other cities are not doing it, what would be the pros for us to do it? Our deductible will go up, doubled, from 500 to 1000. She further stated that we have public official liability anyway but she personally just hasn't had enough time to really digest it. She would need to do that to see if she had any more questions that come up. She also asked the agent when our bond was up and the date given to her was October 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 30:05-34:35)**

**Finance Director Frank Brichacek** reported that the State has reviewed and accepted the City's single audit of 2020, as well as 2019-2020; received clean opinions from the auditors, no citations; finances fairly stated and with no recommendations for improved performance. The audit can be found either on the City website along with our other audit reports or, if you prefer, you can go to the State Auditor's website and the audits are listed there. Procedurally, the State made the decision to farm our audit out to a private accounting firm for type, which is perfectly acceptable, but the State still has to review the work and accept it in order for it to be the State Auditor's statutory responsibility. That was the reason for the delay when it was finished back in back in May when it was released in August. **Finance Director Brichacek** stated that he's really happy to report that we received clean audit opinions going back to at least 2009/2008. We also received the first allotment from the American Rescue Plan that the City was awarded. This was basically a million dollars that would be received in two payments. We have up to four years to obligate the money and five years to spend it. Along the same lines, the Coronavirus grant that we received last year will probably be expended by October. Lastly, he pointed out the passage of Resolutions 2021-014 and 2021-015 which are adopting the property tax rates for 2021 to be collected in 2022. There is no change to the property tax rates as a levy by Council since 2009. It continues to be 7.3 mills. Property taxes are collected in one year in the rear. This is based on the beginning valuation of the county is assessing in properties as of January 1, 2021, but they're collected in 2022. The second Resolution is authorizing myself as Finance Director or the Mayor or the Assistant Finance Director to request next year for the county to advance property tax revenues as the property taxes have been collected and identified to the credit of the City rather than waiting until they're completely settled. Basically, this is a cash flow issue and is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Questions/comments following Finance Director's Report:**

**Council Vice President Kline** commented that, as a retired auditor, being able to get a clean report/clean opinion and no comments is an exceptional accomplishment. Getting it for as many years as the Finance Department has gotten it is really outstanding, showing the quality of our Finance Department. **Council President Hallum** agreed and added that they also had the additional challenge of managing the CARES Act money which had to be accounted for separately. Kudos to the Finance team.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 34:40-37:15)**

**City Engineer DiFranco** reported that the construction of the Dodd Road slope repair is complete and the road has been completely opened. Once construction started, besides some rain delays, it was finished promptly and no surprises. He thanked the resident who allowed us to use his property for construction and endured a little inconvenience. The sewer rehab project field work is also complete. The only remaining item is a report. The contractor cleans and inspects a portion of sewers and if they find any issues, we include them in the following years project for repairs. So we're just waiting for that report. And then finally, we're putting finishing touches on design of the Chardon Road east resurfacing project. We'll be submitting plans to ODOT by the end of this week, and as a reminder, that's for construction on next year.

**Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if the contractor repaired the homeowner's yard after the construction. **City Engineer DiFranco** said that it was absolutely repaired to equal or better condition.

**Council Vice President Kline** added that he had an eye on the project throughout since it was diagonally across from his property. He talked to the homeowner throughout to make certain they were not having problems with the construction company. He had no problems and spoke well of the work that was done. It was a fairly good size, disruption to their property and their family. They didn't mind. They were very cordial about it so it worked out well in the sense that there were no problems.

**Finance Director Brichacek** stated also that the Chardon Road resurfacing project that was referred to, 80% of that cost will be funded by federal grants.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOARD & COMMISSION REPORTS (Audio: 37:20-41:40)**

**PC-ABR – reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee met twice since our recess. They met first on August 19<sup>th</sup>, where they approved, conditionally, a new single family home at 27665 White Road. They also approved a storage shed at 2784 Lareto Drive. Also they conditionally approved an attached garage addition at 2837 Orchard Drive. At that meeting, there was no business for the Planning and Zoning portion. One week ago, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, they approved a detached garage addition at 35960 Maple Grove Road as well as a new single family home at 26731 White Road. For the Planning and Zoning portion of that meeting, they conditionally approved the Cleveland Vet Rehab at 28915 Chardon Road.

### **Recreation Commission Report by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that the Recreation Commission welcomed the new Recreation Coordinator Diana. We're looking forward to working with her in organizing some of the volunteers and some events we've got coming up. The Touch-a-Truck will be September 18<sup>th</sup>. That'll be the one of the first big events back together and the parade. The Fall Craft Show will be on October 9<sup>th</sup>, conditions on whatever the COVID restrictions are for time, but right now it looks like we're still ago. Flag football practices have been going on Thursdays and Saturdays. Games are going to start the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 and 10:30 are game times for the flag football and the season is over six weeks. Pickleball courts are going to be finished up and hopefully they'll be done to at least play a couple games before the snow flies, but it's getting close.

### **Questions/comments following Committee Reports:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked if there were girls allowed to play flag football. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that there are, two girls and four boys.

**Councilwoman Fellows** asked if Council would receive a revised Memorandum of Understanding from the Boys League before we look to pass that Ordinance. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** confirmed that it was on hold for the time being and that he was meeting with members of the Sports League for review, rewording, and redesigning. It should be ready for the next meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 41:50-44:45)**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that, in regards to the District Meetings, she and **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** met with the Pastor and parishioners at First Covenant Church. They're very interested in becoming more part of the community. There are about 35 members at the Church and they suggested hosting one of our District Meetings when we were letting them know about it. She didn't know if that was something that the group could consider but thought it would be a great opportunity for everybody to know there is another church in our community.

Council President Hallum agreed and stated that it will be discussed before we put notices out.

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked about the status of the AirBnB/rental issues.

**Law Director Lucas** responded that he anticipated Ms. Bing bringing this up, who he talked to today about it. We left it in the summer session and wanted to synchronize with the anticipated Higher Revenue Zoning Inspector. That is actually still a work in progress. The reason he wanted to align with the Zoning Inspector is because when we go to court, the Zoning Inspector historically is the one that testifies and part of the weight of testimony is based on our experience as a Zoning Inspector. He's not lessening in any way what **City Engineer DiFranco** has done stepping in to fill this void at the present time but we like to have some heft if it's possible, in an ideal legal world, to have almost an expert witness testifying as to why this is a violation of that. **Law Director Lucas** confirmed this week that the Zoning Inspector candidate is still a work in progress. There's been some feedback provided that still needs to be considered from her end to us and it requires the administration to look at it again. However, because of the fact that this has come up on multiple occasions, **Law Director Lucas** will meet with **City Engineer DiFranco** to get synchronized then

go forward including the issuance of a Notice of Cease and Desist at this point regarding the one property in particular, as it's being brought to his attention.

**LEGISLATION (Audio: 44:55-57:45)**

**ORDINANCE 2021-015- as Amended July 22, 2021 – LEFT ON THIRD READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, AND THEREBY INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING CURRENT CHAPTER 157 AND ANY PRIOR CONFLICTING LEGISLATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this will remain on Third Reading once more because of all of the changes that have been made throughout the process. There's no hurry with this – just want to make sure it's right.

**ORDINANCE 2021-052 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND 28915 CHARDON ROAD (PROPERTY OWNER), CLEVELAND VETERINARY REHABILITATION, LLC (OPERATOR) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Councilwoman Fellows** seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-052.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion Carries** to waive Three Readings on Ordinance 2021-052.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Fellows** seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to adopt Ordinance 2021-052.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that The Community Reinvestment Act as explained to us the other day in a meeting is what this community needs to beautify some blighted areas, and I think the buildings have been presented to put in place will be a great asset to our community.

**Council President Hallum** replied that he agreed and it's a way to get new businesses in which is what we certainly want to do. The owners of this business actually are also Willoughby Hills residents so we're happy that they've chosen our community to put their business in. They're going through all the Zoning and Architecture Board Review meetings as well to get all their final approvals through there. The School

Board, who has the lion's share of the property taxes that come through on our properties, were the major stakeholder and approved the percentages that are in the Ordinance. It's only on the improved value of the land that's affected by the CRA so the current property taxes that are being received on that property will continue. **Mayor Gardner** added that for waiving the three readings they can't commence work until this has been approved so this would give them a chance to start some field work.

**Roll Call:**     **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**  
                  **NAYS: None**  
                  **Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to adopt Ordinance 2021-052.

**ORDINANCE 2021-054 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS BOYS LEAGUE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SPORTS PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH RESIDENTS OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this will remain on First Reading as there are some changes that still need to be made to the Memorandum of Understanding as discussed Tuesday evening.

**RESOLUTION 2021-013 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS MIND CHALLENGE TEAM WHO, THROUGH THEIR COMBINED KNOWLEDGE AND PERSERVERANCE, BROUGHT HOME THE SECOND PLACE PRIZE OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) AND ACCEPTED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 135.30 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY'S SENIOR CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-013.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that the \$1,500 that our team won for doing a great job will be applied to the Senior Center over at the Community Center. We should be proud of the people we had in our community that stepped up and did a great job in this Mind Challenge Competition.

**Council President Hallum** asked **Mayor Gardner** to state the names of the residents on the Mind Challenge team. Mayor Gardner obliged: Sandy Falck, Mary Melvin, Gloria Majeski, Mike Kline, Dave Reichelt, Denise Reichelt, and himself.

**Roll Call:**     **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**  
                  **NAYS: None**  
                  **Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-013.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Resolution 2021-013.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Council Vice President Kline** reported that as a member of the Mind Challenge team, it was enjoyable and extremely nice meeting these people. He got to meet people in the community that he hadn't met before. The fact that they took second place helped a lot. For those that thought about coming out, changed their mind, and now see what they've missed, this will be ongoing. There's next year and we can field more than one team if we have more people come out. We can put together a number of teams. Some cities did just that. **Mayor Gardner** added that we are working on a test program to bring a trivia night to the City. It should be a lot of fun. We're doing a test run next week with a small group and figure out how to structure it and we'll be off and running.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to adopt Resolution 2021-013.

**RESOLUTION 2021-014 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR THE YEAR 2022 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 **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-014.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-014.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Resolution 2021-014.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to adopt Resolution 2021-014.

**RESOLUTION 2021-015 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES IN 2022.**

Motion made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-015.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to waive Three Readings on Resolution 2021-015.

Motion made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to adopt Resolution 2021-015.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to adopt Resolution 2021-015.

**RESOLUTION 2021-016 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO PURCHASE AND USE “EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY POLICY” THROUGH PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL (PEP) INSTEAD OF INDIVIDUAL SURETY BONDS FOR OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND APPOINTEES WHO ARE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ACQUIRE A BOND BEFORE ENTERING UPON THE DISCHARGE OF DUTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this will remain on First Reading. **Mayor Gardner** said to answer a previous question from **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** as to whether or not we'd be meeting claims under the bonds or policy and, checking with the Finance Director – at least since 2008 – we certainly haven't.

**NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 57:46-1:04:00)**

**Motion** made to approve a liquor license renewal for the 7-11, Inc. at 2481 SOM Center Road by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Fellows**.

**Discussion on the motion:**

**Mayor Gardner** stated that it would be better phrased that the motion would be that Council is not going to request a hearing regarding the renewal of the liquor license at that address. The notice is whether or not the Council is requesting a hearing for this. **Law Director Lucas** agreed and added that the only action that's going to be initiated by Council addressing this particular subject matter would be to request the hearing in the absence of that it goes through the automatic approval process so the City doesn't weigh in one way or the other on the approval.

**Councilwoman Fellows** retracted her second. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** retracted the motion to approve the liquor license renewal for the 7-11 at 2481 SOM Center Road.

**Council President Hallum** stated that we will now need a motion that we are not going to request a hearing for this permit.

**Motion** made that we will not be requesting a hearing for the liquor license renewal for the 7-11, Inc. at 2481 SOM Center Road by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Fellows**.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Passes.**

**Motion** made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to approve the acceptance of a \$300 donation to the Service Department from Margaret Skove for SOM cemetery projects. Because the amount is under \$500, Finance Director Brichacek has already documented and deposited the donation but I think we have to make a motion to accept it. **Motion** seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Mayor Gardner** stated that the Scove Family asked that they have four relatives in the SOM Center Cemetery. They asked to place a small plaque there. After consulting with the Road Superintendent that it wouldn't interfere with our maintenance there, as Public Service Director, I advised them they could. In their gratitude for this, they made this donation to the City and we appreciate it.

**Roll Call:**     **AYES:** Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.  
                  **NAYS:** None  
                  **Vote:** 7/0

**Motion Passes.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that if we were planning on added Intents to the Charter Amendments, this would be the place to do a motion. **Councilwoman Fellows** responded that she's really not sure. She understands and supports transparency and communication and education but she just doesn't know. She believes we're going to grapple with the Intents on creation and approval and obviously there's a cost aligned with the two which shouldn't overshadow that, but it's still part of the equation. Because **Councilwoman Fellows** isn't sure, she probably would not support it.

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that she agreed with **Councilwoman Fellows** and added that she was under the impression that all of the Intents had been reviewed by our Law Directors. She stated that she was uncomfortable and wouldn't want to vote for something that the language is insisting on maybe swaying one way or the other. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** agreed that she also would not want to support it right now.

**Council President Hallum** stated that he just wanted to be sure before moving on and no motions were heard.

**PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 1:04:05-1:09:45)**

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 8:04 p.m.

**Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094**

Ms. Bing thanked Law Director Lucas for talking to her today and helping her understand she needs to make sure and clarify. It is two pieces of property owned by two different people. Her understanding that they are boyfriend and girlfriend, but they are two different properties, two owners, and one of the properties has two rental units on it. They are also definitely listed on VRBO now, which they were not before that I could find, but they are actively promoting on both the main sites for AirBnBs. She also stated that she knows we're going to start doing some District Meetings. It was decided at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting that very clearly this is a violation of our charter, violation of our law. It's illegal, it's not allowed. Ms. Bing continued that it has been two months and nothing was done and the only reason anything was done was because she wrote a note today. She said that it is not very good representation of citizens' concerns. She added that she's not the only citizen but happens to be one that's very vocal and has the time to come. The person that lives on the street that's very upset about this has a couple of small children and is working and does not have the luxury to come. That should not be how things are taken care of. Two months have passed where we know something is illegal in this city and nothing was done about it. Ms. Bing stated that if it was on your street, and somebody was doing something illegal, you would be on it and all over it like butter on hot popcorn. You would just be throwing a hissy fit. If it was somebody that you knew and it was a drug house going on, she would hope that it would be shut down. Yes, it sounds like it's a very nice quiet little business, but it is disruptive. There is potential for these to be disruptive and this is why she thinks it is very shameful that no one on Council has taken this up as an issue to help the residents of this City. She stated that she believes

that's probably District Three and would hope that that District Person would have taken care of this. She didn't get any support from her District Person when she had the issue on her street. **Councilman Jarmuszkiwicz** was helping on that. She stated that she thinks that this is really, really ineffective Council behavior. You wonder why no one comes up here and asks for your help on anything is because this is what they see - nothing happening.

**Mark Belich, 2476 Parsons Drive, Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094**

Mr. Belich stated the following: "It appears that the Charter Review Commission speaks as a body to you. You then interpolate that or write Intent or they come together with Intent. I think it's important that Intent is published for all of us to understand. It stops one individual from the Charter Review Commission to later say what the Intent was or wasn't or testify as to what the Intent as a past Charter Review Commissioner or our party member was. So whether we publish it, it should be a record here so that we all know what that Commission came together to decide. Not one individual from the Charter Review, in a public meeting saying I was on the Charter Review Commission and I know what the Intent was."

Public Portion #2 closed at 8:08 pm.

**Comments following Public Portion:**

**Council President Hallum** stated to Ms. Bing: "Administration has been well aware of the issue and they're handling it as best that they can. This is not really a Councilmatic issue. The law is already in place. It is the administration that handles how they are going to discipline or handle those laws. I am confident that that is going to be done based on the conversations here. Sorry that it has not been done to the satisfaction of you and some other residents, perhaps, but clearly from the comments made by the Law Director, it is being addressed or will be addressed." **Council President** continued to respond to Mr. Belich: "Yes, the Intents are published. They are on our website so residents can go out and look at the Charter Review minutes and comments and Intent. They're all online so it is there, as record."

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** comments that she appreciates the residents who cannot come to every meeting. She appreciates their continued texting and calling her. That's also acceptable. She stated that there is no right or wrong way and she just wanted to make that clear.

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

**(Audio: 1:09:50-1:13:20)**

**Councilwoman Fellows** commented that she asks for the Community to keep former Councilwoman Laura Pizmoht in your prayers and thoughts. Ms. Pizmoht started chemotherapy treatments last night. She's in her 40s. Cancer is just not fair for anybody of any age. But as a vibrant young woman - a brilliant young woman - a mother of three small children and a husband, I implore you to pray, whatever methodology that you have, and keep Laura and her family in your thoughts so that we can have her beat this and come back to our community, and provide all the energy that she's always had in the past.

**Councilwoman Belich** stated that several meetings back, Ms. Bing brought up the subject of human trafficking, which unfortunately, is very prevalent, not just within our country, but clearly within our state

and even our community. **Councilwoman Belich** wanted to make our residents and people of our community aware of an upcoming fundraiser that is going to be happening at Nelson's Ledges Quarry. It's being led by an organization called the Harriet Tubman Movement. They are nonprofit but very specifically out there to support and take care of victims of human trafficking. It's going to be on that Saturday afternoon. It is a \$25 fee that comes with it and all proceeds will go to that organization to help with all of the efforts as they move forward, and there's a lot of it that goes on. There's volunteer opportunities as well, that can be learned about there. There's going to be a picnic, some entertainment, some games, and there will be some human trafficked victims that will be there to speak and to give information about what's happened to them. It's one of those kinds of events that you want to be careful, of course, about who it is that you bring. Children of various ages may not be appropriate for that circumstance depending on the timing that you may be there. If anybody's interested, you can certainly get in contact with **Councilwoman Belich** so that we can make sure that if you'd like to buy tickets and you'd like to support that. Even if you're not able to be a part of that event, if there's something that you'd like to have information on with reference to volunteering and helping with that cause, it's a big deal. She stated that she really hopes that people get out and support that. Again, that Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Council President Hallum** stated that, in regards to Touch-a-Truck, we have it that Mary Jo Young, who was on American Idol (she finished in the top 24), is currently on the schedule to sing at the Touch-a-Truck event, assuming that her schedule doesn't change and she doesn't get called out to do some recording in either California or Nashville. We hope that she will be here for that. Please join us to cheer on one of our own and hear her sing.

**ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 1:13:25)**

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Fellows** seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to adjourn.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Knecht, Taylor Draper, Belich, Fellows, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, and Kline.**

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion Carries** to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of September 9, 2021.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

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**Christopher Hallum**

*President of Council*

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Karen Mehollin**

*Clerk of Council*