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## Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2022

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The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. **Council President Hallum** presided.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:08-0:17)**

**Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:18-0:35)**

**PRESENTATION OF MAYORAL PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 2022-004 TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY PAPA FOR BEING NAMED THE 2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR.**

### ROLL CALL

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

**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: 5:37-6:22)

**Motion made by Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

### Discussion on the Motion:

None.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Abstain:** Belich.

**Vote:** 6/0/1

### COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 6:25-6:38)

2/10/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Revised 2022 Appropriation Ordinance No. 2021-6 Attach. A.

2/10/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Debt Issuance Plan.

2/11/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: 2022 Salaries – Elected Officials.

2/14/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Signatures – City Engineer Agreement 2022-2025.

2/14/22 email from Council Clerk, re: Tree & Beautification Commission.

2/14/22 email from Mayor Gardner, re: Tree & Beautification Commission.  
2/16/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Request for Motion to go out to bid for a Cab and Chassis for a Plow Truck.  
2/16/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: 2022 Payplan Ordinance Draft for your review.  
2/16/22 email from Republic Services, re: Republic Yard Waste Questions.  
2/16/22 email from Chris Hallum, re: Social Media Risk.  
2/18/22 email from Tanya Taylor Draper, re: Social Media Risk.  
2/18/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Passage of HB 151 and Virtual Public Meetings.  
2/20/22 email from Ryan Callender, re: Bond Authorizing Ordinance Questions.  
2/21/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Bond Ordinances and FOCs.  
2/21/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Archive Social.  
2/21/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Social Media Risk.  
2/21/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Bond Ordinances and FOCs.  
2/21/22 email from Chris Hallum, re: Clerk Hours.  
2/22/22 email from Ryan Sollod, re: Social Media Risk.

### **PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 6:40-8:44)**

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:07pm.

**Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094** asked if all outstanding 2021 bills had been paid – both legal bills and general bills. If not, why?

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:08pm.

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

**Finance Director Brichacek** responded that any outstanding bills for 2021 have been paid or are currently in the process of being paid. As far as the legal bill relative to former Councilperson Nancy Fellows' lawsuit, that payment is still pending as it has yet to be approved by **Law Director Lucas** or **Mayor Gardner**.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 8:45-14:44)**

**Mayor Gardner** started by thanking Gloria Majeski for all of her hard work coordinating Trivia Night last week. There were 36 attendees, both from Willoughby Hills and surrounding cities. Any trivia fans who are interested can plan on attending the next Trivia Night on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Mayor Gardner** continued to thank the staff at City Hall, the Fire, Service, and Police Departments for their hard work last week preparing both departments and residents for the potential flooding in the river valley. He encouraged all residents to register for the WENS system so that they can receive emergency notifications when necessary.

The City welcomed the third graders from the School of Innovation last week for their first ever field trip. We were glad to have them here and talk to them about City Government.

**Mayor Gardner** welcomed Rhianna Kubish to our Building Monitor Staff. In addition, he welcomed Pat Hopkins, the City's new part-time Zoning Inspector. Pat has cleared all of the hurdles and will be starting soon. **Mayor Gardner** also congratulated Officer Joe Fink for ten years of service and Officer Jim Vitale for twenty years of service.

He reminded everyone about the upcoming Pancake Breakfasts and hopes to see everyone there.

**Mayor Gardner** stated that the City did receive bids for asphalt and limestone. They are up 3-4% from last year. Asphalt is about \$2-\$3 more per ton (with prices being \$55-\$65/ton depending on type). Limestone is up about \$1/ton (\$20-\$25/ton depending on type).

He continued to report that with the reconstruction of the Chardon Road Bridge over I-271 in a few years, **City Engineer DiFranco** was asked to obtain some information regarding potential upgrades to the bridge to identify the City. **Mayor Gardner** asked that everyone take a look at their handouts given and would appreciate feedback as to whether it would be beneficial for the City to invest in this kind of upgrade.

He reminded everyone that the best way to keep up with City events is to subscribe to the City's weekly newsletter. Please register your email at [newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:newsletter@willoughbyhills-oh.gov). **Mayor Gardner** mentioned a highlight in this week's newsletter on the City's Republic driver that is in the nationwide running for Driver of the Year along with only 14 others. He was recognized at City Hall by how accommodating he is with the residents and how he goes out of his way to help them.

Please keep the families of Ralph Pizmoht and former Civil Service Commissioner Tom Kicher in your thoughts and prayers.

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

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked for the Republic driver's name. **Mayor Gardner** responded, "Alan." **Council President Hallum** commented that all of Administration, Safety Forces, and Service Department did a great job communicating and keeping residents aware during the flooding.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 14:46-19:20)**

**Law Director Lucas** reported that he followed up on the communications received from Archives Social regarding retention of certain social media records that may be subject to the Public Records Act. He initially contacted one of the clients identified, the City of Painesville, and that company is performing record retention services of social media for the City of Painesville, mainly council meetings. He added that it was suggested to talk to the Assistant Clerk of Council for the City of Painesville so he will follow up with her. In addition, **Law Director Lucas** contacted Archives Social directly and asked for the contracts of the three municipal corporation references they had provided initially. Archives Social asked to have a meeting with the Law Director, but **Law Director Lucas** stated that he would like to talk with the Assistant Clerk of Council in Painesville before meeting with the Archives Social representative. **Law Director Lucas** confirmed that Archives Social is a real entity providing services. He went on to say that he'll find out more information next week after he speaks with the Assistant Council Clerk in Painesville then follow up with us in a memo.

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

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if there's been any response to the letters sent out to the AirBnBs. **Law Director Lucas** stated that there has not.

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked how long the City of Painesville has been with Archives Social. **Law Director Lucas** commented about two to three years.

**Councilwoman Belich** asked what, since there's been no response to letters, will be the game plan moving forward with AirBnBs. **Law Director Lucas** stated that ultimately a lawsuit will be filed. **Councilwoman Belich** asked how long of a process that would be and **Law Director Lucas** reported that he'd like to have a Zoning Inspector in place as a witness before anything. **Councilwoman Belich** asked what would happen if the Zoning Inspector falls through. **Law Director Lucas** stated that the responsibility would fall onto **City Engineer DiFranco**.

### FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 19:25-24:12)

**Finance Director Brichacek** reported that there are two Ordinances (2022-012, 2022-013) on tonight's agenda. One is for the Fire Truck Bond Issue and the other is the Salt Storage Facility Bond Issue. He requested that they both be passed tonight on First Reading due to the uncertainty of the financial market. **Finance Director Brichacek** went on to read each of the two Fiscal Officer's Certificates prior to Council voting.

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

Regarding the Fire Truck Bond Issue, **Councilwoman Belich** asked for clarification on the outline memo where it states that the primary sources of revenue are from non-resident EMS fees and the fire services contract with Waite Hill. **Finance Director Brichacek** stated that technically the City is pledging its inside property tax millage through retirement of both of these bonds. The City has the option where it can pay for the bonds from another source and reduce the amount of property taxes that would be dedicated to that purpose. We're issuing these as General Obligation Bonds to give the City the lowest possible interest rate. For the fire truck and equipment, we plan to use the revenue stream from non-resident EMS fees and the Waite Hill Fire Services Contract that's dedicated to Fire Capital. The City will use that revenue source rather than property taxes. The same thing will be done with the salt storage facility, pledging inside property tax revenue, but plan on using the road levy to make the annual debt service payment. Should either of these revenue sources fall short, then the City's General Fund would be responsible for making up the shortfall. Property taxes are the surest and most predictable way of investors getting paid which is why it's being done this way.

### CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 24:15-26:10)

**City Engineer DiFranco** reported that, as the Mayor was saying, the City has an opportunity to include bridge aesthetic enhancements in the upcoming ODOT project for the Chardon Bridge over I-271. Anything that the City wants to add (i.e. sign) would be at the City's cost.

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

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked what kind of aesthetics are included and what the City would be responsible for. **City Engineer DiFranco** responded that there is a wide variety of things such as color schemes (other than the white that ODOT provides), texture, concrete forms, special lighting, special fencing, etc. and that **Mayor Gardner** has a packet of information for viewing with additional information on the ODOT website. **City Engineer DiFranco** stated that the City would be responsible for everything. **Council President Hallum** asked if the packet gave any information on material or pricing. **City Engineer DiFranco** responded that the packet only gives the sign options, but the complete manual (several hundred pages long) covers everything and lists cost ranges.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio: 26:18-32:28)

#### Recreation Commission Report by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz:

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** reported that the Pancake Breakfast is coming up on Sunday and the Commission is still looking for volunteers for both March 6 and March 13 (Lions Club). Sign-up on Sign Up Genius or give Mayor Gardner's office a call. He stated that they are still looking for raffle baskets for anyone who would like to contribute or solicit for baskets. Proceeds will be split. There will be both a sit-down breakfast as well as orders to-go at the door. Set up will be Saturday evening (4-7pm) and the breakfast will be from 8:30-1:30 on Sunday.

There are plans to have a Pickleball Subcommittee meeting sometime next month. The courts are close to being completed but Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz will talk to the Service Department to find out what else needs to be finished and when the earliest would be to open up.

Baseball and softball registrations are still ongoing. Any kids ages 6-18 who might be interested can sign up on the Boys League website and the link is also in the e-newsletter.

**Finance Committee Report by Council Vice President Kline:**

No report.

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

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** reported that there was no business to be discussed so the meeting was canceled. However, **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** wanted to state that there will be a Master Plan Meeting held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00pm. David Radachy, Director of Lake County Planning & Community Development, has been invited to attend. They are planning to put finishing touches on their work thus far. Residents are welcome.

**Questions/comments following Committee Reports:**

**Councilwoman Miller** reported that she contacted Brian at the Cuyahoga County Airport about a noise issue on Tuesday evening (around 8:00pm) and was told that engine run-off/testing had occurred. This is normal and within the allowed parameters. **Councilwoman Miller** asked why it had seemed so loud this time and the airport representative stated that snow and atmospheric conditions tend to affect how loud the noise is. There was no snow to muffle the sound and wind conditions were just so making for the noise to seem much louder than usual.

**Councilwoman Belich** asked **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** if the Master Plan meeting would be broadcast on Facebook Live for anyone who can't attend. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** wasn't sure but stated that she would look into it and let the residents know.

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if there were still plans for some type of development on SOM Center Road close to Marcum. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** said that she had received something from **City Engineer DiFranco** and they'd be discussing it at the next Planning and Zoning meeting. **City Engineer DiFranco** stated that discussion would happen at the following meeting, not the next. He added that there is a small development planned called a conservation development. It would have smaller lots than the one acre, but it's still in the very preliminary stages. They are only having working sessions but not actually reviewing it for approvals, only for feedback.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 32:30-32:37)**

No Unfinished Business reported.

**LEGISLATION (Audio: 32:28-45:54)**

**ORDINANCE 2022-010 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MODIFY THE EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-010.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that this is basically housekeeping. The Ordinance that Council passed in November 2020 that was approved for the Service Department didn't include some probationary matters but are included now. Otherwise there are no other changes.

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

**Motion Carries** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-010.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2022-010.

**Discussion on the Motion:**  
No discussion.

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

**Motion Carries** to adopt Ordinance 2022-010.

**ORDINANCE 2022-011 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2022 FOR CITY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022.011.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** commented that this is a 2% raise increase for all part-time employees which is deserved. **Mayor Gardner** added that this includes all employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement and anyone who is not an elected official.

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

**Motion Carries** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-011.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2022-011.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if **Mayor Gardner** had the option of pulling individuals from the Ordinance based on reviews. **Mayor Gardner** stated that none were pulled this year.

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

**Motion Carries** to adopt Ordinance 2022-011.

**ORDINANCE 2022-012 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,030,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING A FIRE TRUCK, AND ALL RELATED EXPENSES THERETO.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-012.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that with the uncertainty of rising interest rates and the work that Chief Gandeel has put into researching for a replacement, this would be the opportune time to provide this bond for financing. He feels that it's important to pass this quickly so it won't be affected by changing interest rates.

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

**Motion Carries** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-012.

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2022-012.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion Carries** to adopt Ordinance 2022-012.

**ORDINANCE 2022-013 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$620,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY SALT STORAGE DOME AND RELATED FACILITIES, AND ALL RELATED EXPENSES THERETO.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-013.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Knecht** stated that this is also in the interest of trying to save before interest rates go up to get this project moving and also finished up so that it can be used for the winter season.

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** added that it's also a necessity of our City as the current salt storage facility is falling apart. This would be an asset to the City for years to come.

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

**Motion Carries** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-013.

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2022-013.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Mayor Gardner** thanked everyone and stated that this is the culmination of a lot of work. This will enable assets to be put in place for the City that are needed.

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

**Motion Carries** to adopt Ordinance 2022-013.

**RESOLUTION 2022-005 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RON GRAHAM, LAKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT'S HEALTH COMMISSIONER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AND INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-005.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that Mr. Graham has done an exemplary job in providing information and support to Willoughby Hills and all of Lake County. This recognition is well deserved.

**Council President Hallum** commented that during the pandemic he received numerous updates and emails from the Mayor who was in constant communication with Mr. Graham. He did a great job of keeping everyone aware of what was going on and updated with changes. Ron is very deserving.

**Councilwoman Miller** also commented that this is well deserved for all of the challenges Mr. Graham faced when meeting the needs of the Community during the pandemic.

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

**Motion Carries** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-005.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Resolution 2022-005.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion Carries** to adopt Resolution 2022-005.

**NEW BUSINESS (Audio 45:55-49:40)**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, to go out to bid for a Cab and Chassis for a Plow Truck.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Knecht** stated that the sooner this gets moving, the better because of supply chain uncertainty.

**Council President Hallum** added that this truck would need to be outfitted as well and could take quite a while just to get in which is why this is being done way in advance.

**Councilwoman Belich** stated that, speaking from experience, it could take over a year to get this truck – especially in a commercial setting - so making the motion now is a good call.

**Mayor Gardner** stated that there will be an Ordinance for a one ton truck, which is also in the budget, for the next meeting. The plow is a five ton truck.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

**Motion carries** to go out to bid for a Cab and Chassis for a Plow Truck.

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked for an update on the previously discussed Evolve system upgrade.

**Council President Hallum** responded that he is still in the process of getting information from Evolve to find out the exact pricing and if the upgrade would be worth the price. There are advantages and disadvantages for the price, but he stated he will update this once he has more information to bring to Council.

### PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 49:42-1:00:33)

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:49pm.

**Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094** raised concerns about Phil Savelli, who is now sitting in jail for 60 days for killing a puppy, and is also the owner of the Beech Hills AirBnB “party house.” Ms. Bing and her neighbors have been wondering what will happen after 60 days and paying his fine. Will he be back with the nicer weather and running parties out of the AirBnB again? She asked what she and her neighbors are to do should he return and start throwing parties again? The only reason he was shut down the first time was because of Governor DeWine’s 10 person rule. The police were able to shut him down only for everyone to return again. How can this be stopped without a rule set in place?

**Frank Cihula, 35060 Dixon Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094** shared his appreciation for getting the Finance Director’s microphone fixed since the last meeting. He also complimented Council on “cleaning house” the last two meetings. It shows accomplishment. For **Law Director Lucas**, he asked if there was a difference between an AirBnB and a BnB.

**Mark Belich, 37200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094** asked if **Law Director Lucas** could opine on the AirBnB and the new Zoning Administrator. If he is understanding it correctly, the Zoning Administrator would have to declare that AirBnBs are not within the zoning code and if he doesn’t do that, there couldn’t be a lawsuit. Mr. Belich also asked if the lawsuit that the City would venture in to would cost additional money in the budget for the residents.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:54pm.

### Comments following Public Portion:

**Law Director Lucas** responded to Mr. Belich stating that any litigation outside of contractual services would be set on an hourly basis. He said that he believes there is money in the budget for extraordinary services as such. He went on to say that the Zoning Inspector would be witness in the Common Pleas Court for zoning code and violations made. The process would start with a restraining order being issued, followed with a temporary injunction then a permanent injunction. Having a Zoning Inspector is key to this process. AirBnBs are not a residential use, but a business and as such shouldn’t be in residential districts. **Council Vice President Kline** notified **Law Director Lucas** of a Business Subcommittee meeting that will be held to discuss just this topic.

As far as the difference between AirBnBs and Bed and Breakfasts. **Law Director Lucas** stated that AirBnBs are a different mode of advertisement and solicitation over the internet as opposed to a Bed and Breakfast which is an established business.

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked **Law Director Lucas** if there was a warrant out for Mr. Savelli's arrest. **Law Director Lucas** stated that there is and the City specifically requested that he be turned over to legal counsel for our particular outstanding warrant. The request was declined by the court and he was sent to jail.

**Mayor Gardner** added that residents should continue to report disturbance of peace to the Police. The City is still pursuing Mr. Savelli to the fullest extent of the law and everyone who was cited and arrested at the Beech Hills AirBnB that night has been charged to the fullest extent.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 1:00:35-1:03:19)**

**Council Vice President Kline** encouraged all residents to sign up for the WENS program that Mayor Gardner mentioned in his report. It offers a lot more warnings than just flooding (i.e. weather alerts, radioactive spills, civil unrest). It can benefit everyone in the City. It's another level of assurance to have in your daily life.

**Council President Hallum** mentioned that baseball/softball sign ups are going on. He stated that the word is getting out about how good our program is and we're getting registrants coming in from other cities. Please get the word out that sign ups are happening in Willoughby Hills for those who might be interested.

**Councilwoman Belich** added that she signed up for the WENS program as well and it was very easy to do. Not only can you sign up for alerts from your community, but you can get alerts from the outskirts and surrounding communities as well. It's a very valuable program.

**ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 1:03:25-1:04:10)**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, to adjourn.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

None.

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

**Motion Carries** to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of February 24, 2022.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.**

**APPROVED:** March 10, 2022  
Date

**ATTEST:** [Signature]  
**Karen Mehollin**  
**Clerk of Council**

[Signature]  
**Christopher Hallum**  
**President of Council**