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Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of April 28, 2022

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, April 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council Vice President Kline began the meeting until 7:08 p.m. when Council President Hallum arrived.

Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:02 – 0:21)

Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices

Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:22 – 0:40)

ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:45 – 1:25)

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

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

Absent: Council President Christopher Hallum (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:26 – 1:58)

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 6/0

Motion carries to adopt the meeting minutes of the March 24, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 2:00 – 2:12)

4/14/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Request for Ordinance for Fire Chief Gandee Vacation carryover.

04/14/22 email from Mayor Gardner, re: NAC Meeting Report 4/14/2022.

04/14/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Fire Truck/Salt Storage Facility Bond Closing.

04/15/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: City Hall Front Sign.

04/19/22 email from Cami Johnston, re: Meeting Agenda.
04/19/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Amendments to Charter.
04/19/22 email from Patty Fulop, re: Request for Help with Engineering Program Survey.
04/21/22 email from Debbi Semik, re: S.C.R.A.M. apps.
04/21/22 email from Rita Piccin, re: Proclamation for Lupus Awareness Month.
04/21/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Hach-Otis Tours.
04/21/22 email from Ron Graham, re: Thank you.
04/21/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: 2022 Appropriation Revision – Street Resurfacing Program & Bond Projects.
04/22/22 email from John Lillich, re: Hach-Otis Walks.
04/22/22 email from Aaron Reedy, re: Deer.
04/25/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Ordinance 2022-029 Approp for Street Rehab and Bond Issues.
04/25/22 email from Chris Hallum, re: Medical Marijuana Licensure Ordinance.
04/25/22 email from Thomas Lobe, re: Revised Agenda and Legislation for 4/25 and 4/28 meetings.
04/25/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Revised Agenda and Legislation for 4/25 and 4/28 meetings.
04/25/22 email from Frank Cihula, re: Resolution 2022-011.
04/25/22 email from Municipal Publishing, re: 2022 Ohio Municipal Guide.
04/26/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Resolution 2022-011.
04/26/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Spring Garage Sale List.
04/26/22 email from Pat Hopkins, re: District Meeting April 26th.
04/26/22 email from Frank Cihula, re: Resolution 2022-011.

PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 2:14 – 4:43)

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:03pm.

Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094, stated her concern regarding the Resolutions for former council people on tonight’s agenda. She said she hopes that other previous council members haven’t been overlooked and is concerned that some are being acknowledged even when not having the best history. Ms. Bing stated that she’d like for Council to really look into and discuss who will be given Resolutions in the future.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:05pm.

Questions/comments following Public Portion #1 (Audio: 4:29 – 4:43)

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that he will reserve his comments until the Resolutions themselves.

MAYOR’S REPORT (Audio: 4:45 – 12:29)

Mayor Gardner reported the following:

Fire Department activity for the first quarter:

524 runs total

375 rescue/EMS

19 fires

11 hazardous conditions

59 service runs (non-emergency)

27% overlapping runs (call coming in while at another call)

The Police Department has put up six (6) “Lock It or Lose It” signs throughout the City to remind residents to lock up your cars to prevent being victimized.

Asphalt plants opened up last week and the Service Department is busy repairing damage to the City's roads. There were more in-depth repairs to Oak Street. Once more roads are repaired from winter damage, the Department will focus on to other repairs.

Trivia night is coming up on May 17th at 7:00 pm in the O'Ryan Room and will feature a Mayor's Challenge consisting of Mayor's from surrounding cities in Western Lake County.

The Mind Challenge Program will be kicking off next month for anyone interested in becoming a part of the City's Mind Challenge Team. Please contact the Mayor's Office for more information.

The annual "Donate a Flag in Honor of a Service Member" campaign has begun again. Letters were recently sent out to those who previously donated for a flag and marker to be displayed at our memorial across the street during the month of May. If you have someone you'd like to honor, please contact the Mayor's Office for an application or it can be found on our website and at City Hall and the Community Center. Donations can be any amount. In 2020 there were 65 service members honored (\$2,000 donated to VFW) and in 2021 there were 57 service members honored (\$1,880 donated to VFW).

The VFW Post will be returning to hold their Memorial Day ceremony on May 30, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

NOPEC Energy Conservation Grant – Recent Purchases:

- New ice machine for the Community Center
- Security doors that needed to be replaced in the Police Department

Administrative Employees were acknowledged by **Mayor Gardner** for their hard work on Administrative Assistant's Day. "Thank them for all they do!"

Questions/comments following Mayor's Report (Audio: 10:10 – 12:29)

Councilwoman Taylor Draper thanked **Mayor Gardner** for responding so quickly to a resident's body camera concerns that were brought up during the District 2 meeting. The resident from that meeting also asked a question pertaining to Gov. DeWine's gun policy that will go into effect in June. He is wondering if the policy would need to be altered or updated at all. She stated that the way the laws are now, it puts everyone (police and residents) in danger. Will the new State Law be looked at?

Mayor Gardner responded that he would pass the question along to Chief Naegele. He also replied that it's his understanding that the body cameras should be on and activated whenever the officer comes into contact with someone unless there are overwhelming circumstances.

(Audio: 17:00 – 17:25) Councilwoman Taylor Draper also asked if there was a policy involving body worn cameras on the City's website.

Mayor Gardner stated that the policy is internal with the Police Department and would not be on the website. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** added that should anyone have questions, to contact the Police Department.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 12:31 – 12:42)

Law Director Lucas stated he had nothing to report but was open to questions.

Questions/comments following Law Director's Report:

No questions/comments.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 12:43 – 12:56)

Finance Director Brichacek stated he had nothing to report but was open to questions.

Questions/comments following Finance Director's Report:

No questions/comments.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 13:00 – 19:08)

City Engineer DiFranco reported that he sent Bridge Enhancement information to all of Council earlier today for consideration should it be something of interest in a couple of years once the Chardon Bridge is repaired.

City Engineer DiFranco stated that he's also working on the City Hall Parking Lot Rehab, the Salt Storage Facility, and the Rodgers Road Slope Slippage.

With regards to tonight's legislation, he gave his support for Ordinance 2022-024 awarding United Survey the Sewer Rehabilitation project and Ordinance 2022-025 awarding Chagrin Valley Paving the Street Rehabilitation project.

He added that they've had a pre-construction meeting with ODOT and Ronyak Paving regarding the Chardon Road Rehab Project. They will be starting soon. **Mayor Gardner** added that it will be done in two phases: Phase I will be Route 91 to River Road and Phase II will be River Road to Worrell Road (City line). During Phase I, eastbound traffic will be detoured to Eddy Road. During Phase II, westbound traffic will be detoured to Rogers Road. They will be watching to make sure the Pleasant Valley Bridge isn't overburdened by truck traffic. Residents and businesses along Route 6 will get notices either from the City or the Contractor. There will be updates on the website, Facebook, and the City Newsletter. Everyone will still have access. It will just be one-way access.

Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report (Audio: 15:29 – 19:08)

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz asked **City Engineer DiFranco** if having cars detour via Rogers Road would be an issue with regards to the Rogers Road Slope slippage. **City Engineer DiFranco** stated that they hadn't gotten that far yet in the planning.

Council Vice President Kline commented and jokingly warned that he would be watching the Pleasant Valley Bridge traffic and photographing any heavy equipment going across the Bridge.

***Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked **Mayor Gardner** a question about body worn camera policies (noted under Questions/Comments following Mayor's Report).*

Council President Hallum asked if the sewer Ordinance could go to three readings or if **City Engineer DiFranco** would like it to go sooner. **City Engineer DiFranco** stated that it could go to three readings as there is no urgency.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper asked about a culling program for the deer issue. **Mayor Gardner** stated that that was done by the MetroParks (North Chagrin, not Lake MetroParks) and it was only within their area. It's since been completed.

Council President Hallum stated that maybe there ought to be a police car with lights on parked at the Pleasant Valley Road Bridge in the beginning just as a precautionary measure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio: 19:11 – 21:52)

Recreation Commission Report by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz (Audio: 19:12 – 19:57)

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz reported that baseball has started. Uniforms will be in and games will be starting.

The Spring Garage Sale is being held on Saturday from 8:00-5:00. There are 25 families signed up and signs are beginning to pop-up in the yards.

PC-ABR – reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper (Audio: 20:27 – 21:13)

Councilwoman Taylor Draper reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission Architectural Board of Review met Thursday, April 21st. During that meeting, there was no business for the Planning and Zoning Commission, but the Architectural Board of Review approved a barn addition at 29303 Eddy Road.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper reminded everyone that on May 24th there will be a Master Plan meeting. All are welcome to attend. If you have any suggestions or questions beforehand, please reach out.

Finance Committee Report by Council Vice President Kline:

No report.

Questions/comments following Committee Reports (Audio: 20:04 – 20:25):

Councilwoman Miller asked **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** when baseball/softball schedules would be available and posted. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated the once they are finalized and become available they can be sent via e-newsletter and on the city’s website.

Council President Hallum added that the last of the three District Meetings recently took place. He thanked all of the residents for coming out as well as all of Council, the Mayor, the Fire Chief, and the Zoning Inspector.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 21:58 – 23:17)

Councilwoman Taylor Draper requested that discussion of notifications going out to residents prior to a large construction project be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting. She would like to hear others’ thoughts on the subject.

Mayor Gardner added that he’d like the deer issue to be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Also, he’d like for Council to discuss when a good time would be to invite **City Engineer DiFranco** to a Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion of Bridge Enhancements.

LEGISLATION (Audio: 23:19 – 1:09:57)

ORDINANCE 2022-021 – THIRD READING (Audio: 23:20 – 24:22)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 303 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, TITLED “ENFORCEMENT, IMPOUNDING AND PENALTY;” SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 303.10 CAPTIONED “LEAVING JUNK VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH PERMISSION OF OWNER.”

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2022-021.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-021.

ORDINANCE 2022-024 – SECOND READING (Audio: 24:24 – 26:00)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF UNITED SURVEY, INC. OF 25145 BROADWAY AVENUE, OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OHIO, FOR THE 2022 SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-024.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that this has been discussed, bids are in, and he feels it would be best to get this done and get it on the schedule to begin as soon as possible.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-024.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2022-024.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-024.

ORDINANCE 2022-025 – SECOND READING (Audio: 26:02 – 29:57)

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, 17290 MUNN ROAD, CHAGRIN FALLS, OHIO, FOR THE 2022 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-025.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated that, like Ordinance 2022-024, this has been discussed and it's time to move on with it. **Council President Hallum** stated that he believed the only reason it's on Second Reading is because we were waiting on the Appropriation Ordinance, which is on tonight as well.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-025.

*****Meeting paused in order for Council President Hallum to fix the Facebook Live Feed.*****

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2022-025.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-025.

ORDINANCE 2022-026 – SECOND READING (Audio: 29:59 – 30:22)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, TITLED “GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS”; SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 157.03 (b), CAPTIONED “OVERTIME PAY”, AND SECTION 157.18 CAPTIONED “UNIFORM ALLOWANCE FOR SAFETY FORCES” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council President Hallum stated that this would remain on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE 2022-027 – SECOND READING (Audio: 30:24 – 31:03)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1373 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, TITLED “REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS”; SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 1373.01(b) and SECTION 1373.01(e), CAPTIONED “REGISTRATION REQUIRED” AND SECTION 1373.07, CAPTIONED “EXPIRATION AND RENEWALS.”

Council President Hallum stated that this would remain on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE 2022-028 – SECOND READING (Audio: 31:04 – 31:29)

AN ORDINANCE OPTING-OUT OF H.B. 172 AND REAFFIRMING THE BAN ON DISCHARGING, IGNITING OR EXPLODING FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 1511 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Council President Hallum stated that this would remain on Second Reading.

ORDINANCE 2022-029 – FIRST READING (Audio: 31:31 – 33:32)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-065 AMENDED TO COMPLY WITH STATE BUDGETARY LAWS REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY PROVIDING FOR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET REVISIONS; SPECIFICALLY, TO INCREASE CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR ELECTRONIC ROAD SIGNS, THE 2022 STREET RESURFACING AND STREET REJUVENATION PROGRAMS, THE 2022 SALT STORAGE FACILITY, AND FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION BOND PROJECTS, AND REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.

Motion was made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-029.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-029.

Motion was made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2022-029.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-029.

ORDINANCE 2022-030 – FIRST READING (Audio: 33:34 – 36:07)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY POLICE PROSECUTOR ASSIGNED TO WILLOUGHBY HILLS MAYOR’S COURT, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-030.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated that the Mayor expressed an urgency in filling this position due to a resignation. She feels Council should move forward with this.

Mayor Gardner stated that the Police Prosecutor who also does Mayor’s Court informed him that he would be leaving so they’re working to secure a replacement Prosecutor. His name is Mike Kenny and he’ll be meeting up with the Assistant Finance Director to set up his employment. He comes with a lot of experience in Cuyahoga County as a Prosecutor.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-030.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Ordinance 2022-030.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-030.

ORDINANCE 2022-031 – FIRST READING (Audio: 36:09 – 37:54)

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE PART-TIME CITY POLICE PROSECUTOR ASSIGNED TO WILLOUGHBY MUNICIPAL COURT, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-031.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that this Ordinance and the previous one will help put in place a pay scale in order to get a Prosecutor in.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-031.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2022-031.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-031.

ORDINANCE 2022-032 – FIRST READING (Audio: 37:56 – 42:59)

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE STIPULATION AS SET FORTH IN PART ONE – ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE FIVE – ADMINISTRATIVE, CHAPTER 157-GENERAL EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS, SECTION 157.05(f) VACATIONS - OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO ALLOW FIRE CHIEF ROBERT GANDEE TO CARRY OVER SIXTY-SIX AND THREE-QUARTER (66.75) HOURS OF VACATION TIME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Gardner stated that it's not urgent that this Ordinance pass. And while approval doesn't have to go through Council, with the times and economy as they are, it should. Fire Chief Gandee has been working incredibly hard this year. **Mayor Gardner** is hopeful that Council will agree that Fire Chief Gandee is deserving of time being carried over.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** to waive the forty-eight (48) hour notice rule.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the forty-eight (48) hour rule on Ordinance 2022-032.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-032.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper stated that this is time the Fire Chief has earned and he hasn't had the opportunity to take it. For everything he does with the Fire Department, Community Outreach, and Council, he is definitely deserving of this time he's earned.

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

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Ordinance 2022-032.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Ordinance 2022-032.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

Motion Carries to adopt Ordinance 2022-032.

Meeting paused in order for Council President Hallum to fix the Facebook Live Feed.

RESOLUTION 2022-011 – FIRST READING (Audio: 45:32 – 48:18)

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ROBERT WEGER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AS A COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-011.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that he has no problem passing Resolutions for past public servants as Resolutions are a way to say "thank you" and recognize formerly elected officials. All former elected officials should get Resolutions for their service. It shouldn't be Council's job to decide who does or does not get a Resolution. All should be included with personal feelings aside.

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

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

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Resolution 2022-011.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-011.

RESOLUTION 2022-012 – FIRST READING (Audio: 48:20 – 51:26)

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING CHRISTOPHER BIRO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

Motion was made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-012.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Miller stated while she understands Resolutions for Council people, she doesn't feel it's in the best interest of Council and residents to push through Resolutions without properly vetting each individual.

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

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

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Resolution 2022-012.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Gardner stated that he served on the 2008 Charter Review Commission with Mr. Biro and he always admired his work ethic, especially with a very demanding day job. He really gave his all to the City while he was in office, both on Council and through Recreation. Mayor Gardner stated that he felt Chris is long overdue in being recognized for his service to the community.

Councilwoman Miller stated that she will be abstaining from voting due to being uncomfortable.

Roll Call: AYES: Belich, Hallum, Kline, Knecht, and Taylor Draper.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Jarmuszkiewicz and Miller.
Vote: 5/0/2

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-012.

RESOLUTION 2022-013 – FIRST READING (Audio: 51:28 – 1:01:03)

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING FRANK GERMANO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-013.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated he agrees with **Councilwoman Miller** in going about vetting each person and having the Resolutions go Three Readings in order to have more discussion and understanding of why a Resolution is being given. **Council President Hallum** explained to **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** a few reasons as to why Mr. Germano was being given a Resolution. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that he understood who Mr. Germano was and all he's done, but still felt that each person should be vetted properly before being given a Resolution.

Roll Call: AYES: Belich, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, Miller, and Taylor Draper.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Jarmuszkiewicz.
Vote: 6/0/1

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

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Council Vice President Kline** to adopt Resolution 2022-013.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Miller stated that there were comments made previously about potential issues with some of these people, but she feels that some of that was not warranted. She respects each of these individuals.

Council Vice President Kline revisited the past pertaining to Mr. Germano and the videos online of three former members of Council trying to remove him from Council. They were unsuccessful. No ethics rules were violated by Mr. Germano. For fact-checking, **Council Vice President Kline** gave references to the April 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, page 2, Law Director's Report as well as the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2014, page 7, Law Director Lobe's response to a Council member. **Council Vice President Kline** stated that he supports this Resolution and is glad Frank Germano is finally getting recognition.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper explained her reasoning behind supporting these Resolutions. These people did not have the opportunity to bow out of Council gracefully. They were treated terribly and it's time to right that wrong.

Mayor Gardner added that while Frank Germano was a Council person and up until the last Breakfast with Santa, he continues to show up and do what it takes to make things happen. He continues to be a great volunteer at events.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that he has no problem with a Resolution for Mr. Germano and agrees that he deserves a recognition for his service. He just feels that all Council members should be considered.

Roll Call: AYES: Belich, Hallum, Jarmuszkiewicz, Kline, Knecht, and Taylor Draper.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Miller.
Vote: 6/0/1

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-013.

RESOLUTION 2022-014 – FIRST READING (Audio: 1:03:03 – 1:04:43

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF JENNIFER GREER AS COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Council Vice President Kline** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-014.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-014.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Resolution 2022-014.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Miller stated that she recalls Councilwoman Greer being mistreated during Council meetings and that was an issue.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper recalled her being a great “step-in” person when needed.

Council President Hallum commented that while he and Councilwoman Greer sometimes didn’t see eye-to-eye, he had a lot of respect and admiration for her.

Mayor Gardner responded that he chaired the 2015 Charter Review Commission with her and she did a wonderful job.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Miller.

Vote: 6/0/1

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-014.

RESOLUTION 2022-015 – FIRST READING (Audio: 1:04:45 – 1:06:48)

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING MICHAEL GERMANO FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AND ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR AND CITY PROSECUTOR.

Motion was made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-015.

Discussion on the Motion:

No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-015.

Motion was made by **Councilman Belich**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to adopt Resolution 2022-015.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz stated that he has known both Frank and Mike Germano for a long time and Mike has done a great job serving the community.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Miller.

Vote: 6/0/1

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-015.

RESOLUTION 2022-016 – FIRST READING (Audio: 1:06:50 – 1:09:57)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR MAYPINE PARK, A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 32700 WHITE ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Council Vice President Kline** to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-016.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Taylor Draper this is strictly being done per our Charter because of the split plat and being split in accordance with zoning rules.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to waive the three reading rule on Resolution 2022-016.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt Resolution 2022-016.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Miller stated that she realizes there were some residents who were disheartened, but everything has been zoned correctly. She thanked City Engineer DiFranco for making sure all concerns were addressed.

Councilwoman Taylor Draper added that she brought plans with her to the meeting should any residents like to look at them.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adopt Resolution 2022-016.

NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 1:10:00 – 1:10:05)

No New Business reported.

PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 1:10:07 – 1:19:58)

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 8:11pm.

Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills Drive, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094, thanked **Councilwoman Miller** and **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** for stating their feelings concerning the Resolutions recognizing former Council people. She stated that she put a public records request in with Council Clerk Mehollin asking for the last 25 years of Resolutions pertaining to Council people. She asked that there be several reminders to residents that fireworks are NOT allowed in the City – and follow through with reinforcing this. Also, please reinforce that Air BnBs are also illegal – even in-law suites.

Frank Cihula, 35060 Dixon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094, commented on the former Council who continually passed illegal Ordinances – and they were illegal from the moment they were put on paper, not when distributed to be voted on.

Mark Belich, 37200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094, commented that he appreciated **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz's** opinion on honoring all of the former councilmembers. He recalls some council members being recognized by someone who is now a County Commissioner, which is great. He didn't, however, hear anyone from Willoughby Hills moaning that others who served during that time weren't honored as well.

Public Portion #2 closed at 8:17pm.

Questions/comments following Public Portion #2 (1:16:52 – 1:19:58):

Councilwoman Taylor Draper said she respected both Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz and Councilwoman Miller’s opinions, but she doesn’t agree with them. She continued to state her belief in what kind of person should be honored for their service to the Community.

Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz reiterated his beliefs in recognizing Councilmembers for Resolutions. He further stated that he hopes to continue being part of a more peaceful Council and moving forward in the Community.

Council President Hallum stated that he witnessed first-hand the difficult times with the former Council. He feels that a Council who bullied residents and divided the City should not be recognized.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 1:20:10 – 1:24:54)

Councilwoman Taylor Draper publicly acknowledged all administrative assistants and clerical people on Administrative Assistant’s Day.

Councilwoman Miller also thanks all of the clerical people and acknowledged the work they do. She also reminded everyone to head out to the Willoughby Hills’ Garage Sales this weekend.

Council Vice President Kline made mention of a recent Plain Dealer article titled, “The Cost of Spending Money.” It explained how many towns and cities are paying consultants to advise them on how to spend the American Rescue Plan money they received and continue to receive. He is proud of Willoughby Hills for taking such a conservative approach in how to spend the money we have and what we will be spending.

ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 1:24:58 – 1:25:25)

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

Discussion on the Motion:

None.

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

NAYS: None

Vote: 7/0

Motion Carries to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of April 28, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

APPROVED: 5-12-22

Date

ATTEST: [Signature]

**Karen Mehollin
Clerk of Council**

[Signature]

**Christopher Hallum
President of Council**