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## Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2024

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The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Kline presided.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (0:06)**

**Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices**

***Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:26)***

### **ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:48)**

**Members:** Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Kathleen Sivo, Council Vice President Tanya Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Julie A. Belich, Council President Michael Kline, and Councilman Dan Knecht,

**In Attendance:** Law Director Michael Lucas, City Engineer Pete DiFranco, and Finance Director Bruce Scott, and Mayor Hallum

**Absent:** Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz

### **DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:07)**

Motion made by Councilwoman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Belich to excuse Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz from tonight's meeting.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

Motion passes to excuse **Councilman Jarmuskiewicz** from tonight's meeting.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** to approve the July 8, 2024 Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation minutes.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht **NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

**Motion passes** to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2024 Working Committee of Council and Rules & Legislation minutes.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to approve the July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council minutes.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht **NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

**Motion passes** to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council minutes.

### **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

7/22/24 email from Michael C. Lucas Engineering RFQ Ordinance  
7/22/24 email from Jeremy Figoten, Managing Director, Conferences and Sponsorships Lead Your Team's Success at ICMA 2024  
7/22/24 email from Mike Kline Working Committee Agenda  
7/22/24 email from Michael C. Lucas RE: Engineer RFQ - US6 & SR 91 Sidewalks -ODOT HSIP Funding  
7/22/24 email from Michael C. Lucas RE: FEMA AFG Grant Legislation  
7/22/24 email from Michael C. Lucas Ordinance No. 2024-035 mcl revised  
7/19/24 email from Pietro DiFranco Engineer RFQ - US6 & SR 91 Sidewalks -ODOT HSIP Funding  
7/16/24 email from Jeremy Figoten, Managing Director, Conferences and Sponsorships Need a reason to attend ICMA? Here are 5!  
7/16/24 email from Karen Mehollin RE: Award Notification (Application Number: EMW-2023-FG-05000)  
07/12/2024 from Lake Development Authority Lake Development Authority Summer 2024 Newsletter  
07/11/2024 email from Pietro DiFranco 7/11/24 DiFranco Report to Council  
07/11/2024 email from Joe Jarmus RE: INSA  
07/11/2024 email from Mike Kline RE: NAC report - July 11, 2024

07/10/2024 email from Gloria Majeski Draft Minutes  
07/10/2024 email from Tanya Taylor Draper RE: Agenda and Minutes for Thursday  
07/10/2024 email from Tanya Taylor Draper RE: Agenda and Minutes for Thursday  
07/09/2024 email from Mayor Hallum Fwd: Fiscal Year 2024 CDBG/HOME Proposed Projects and Public Hearing #2  
07/09/2024 email from Gloria Majeski Suggested corrections to Draft Meeting Minutes of 6/27/24 (Regular Council Meeting)  
07/09/2024 email from Gloria Majeski Suggested corrections to Draft Meeting Minutes (Working Committee/Rules & Legislation) of 6/24/24  
07/09/2024 email from Pietro DiFranco RE: Ord 2007-56  
07/09/2024 email from Pietro DiFranco Ord 2007-56  
07/09/2024 email from Pietro DiFranco RE: RES 2004-16

**PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 3:51)**

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

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

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 4:17)**

- **Mayor Hallum** reported the Route 6 Paving Project is scheduled to begin on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The paving will be done in 2 phases. Phase 1 is from Bishop Rd to Rockefeller, and phase 2 will be from Rockefeller to SOM Center Rd. The traffic on Chardon Rd will always be West bound during the project, and East bound traffic will be detoured to Eddy Rd. The project is expected to be completed within 60 days. All work is planned to be done during the day Monday – Friday. Resident's driveway and trash pickup will be maintained throughout the project.
- **Mayor Hallum** reported the Police department has been doing fire arm qualifications this week as part of their ongoing standard training protocol. They are also looking at installing microphones at the rear of our patrol cars to increase officer safety. These microphones would enable officers to better communicate with subjects through the cars megaphone instead of shouting commands that may be difficult to hear by the subject depending on location and noise levels during a stop or police operation. The department is also exploring additional patrol rifles mounted in the rear SUV storage compartment that will expand their tactical capabilities when dealing with various threats and encounters. These additions would be funded through the Police Trust Fund that is funded by seized money and other assets confiscated through Police operations and will have a net zero impact on the City's general fund. The Police department took delivery of 3 new vehicles planned to be outfitted and placed into service in 2025.
- **Mayor Hallum** reported we have begun meeting with the Seniors Incorporated and contractors to finalize plans for updating the Senior Center. We are also meeting with contractors to obtain quotes to make necessary repairs and maintenance to the City

buildings and grounds. We are awaiting one additional quote on the masonry work necessary for the installation of our new digital sign that will be located in front of the Community Center on Chardon Rd. We plan to have it installed in the next couple months.

- **Mayor Hallum** reported the citywide garage sale is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please be sure to register by this Monday in order to guarantee that you'll be listed on the flyer and garage sale map. Music Fest is scheduled for August 17 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be bands playing throughout the event, food trucks, local artisans, a Jeep Jam, Kids Zone, and beer tent. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on this popular community event.
- **Mayor Hallum** reported tonight I support passage of Ordinance 2024-036 to authorize the acceptance of nearly \$100,000 for the installation of a new fire sprinkler system at the Fire Department. Thanks to Firefighter Zach Martin for his work obtaining this grant. The city will be sharing in the cost being responsible for only \$4,762. I also support the passage of Ordinance 2024-037 enabling the city to go obtain quotes from engineering firms to explore adding sidewalks in the Route 6 and Route 91 business corridor.
- **Mayor Hallum** reported lastly, I support passage of Resolution 2024-018 to accept the final plat for the new West Pines Subdivision. I would ask that you waive the final reading and pass on second reading so that the developer can get the financing necessary to begin construction without a nearly 2 month delay due to the August Council recess.
- **Mayor Hallum** opened to questions.

No questions were asked.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 7:59)**

- **Law Director Lucas** commented that Ordinance 2024-033 has been amended to change the name from "Giovanni Avenue" to "Giovanni Court." He urged Council to make a motion to amend this Ordinance before passing this.
- **Law Director Lucas** commented the Ohio General Assembly presented a new Airbnb short-term rental legislation. This is Senate Bill 663. He stated he would do a memo to Council regarding this. This is limited to regulation by local government and eliminates the excise tax for business. He received this information from the Lake County Visitor's Bureau and anticipated information from the Ohio Municipal League.
- **Law Director Lucas** opened to questions.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 10:09)**

- **Finance Director Scott** reported several upcoming events in September including an upcoming tax budget approval which will have to be certified.

- **Finance Director Scott** reported he was expecting the insurance approval soon.
- **Finance Director Scott** reported an appropriations adjustment.
- **Finance Director Scott** reported a sewer rate adjustment that was worked on in June was implemented in the County.
- **Councilwoman Belich** asked when the updated sewer rate adjustments would be available.
- **Finance Director Scott** deferred to **Councilman Knecht** but said this may be in the beginning of the year.
- **Councilwoman Belich** asked if this this information would come from Euclid, and if all the municipalities effected by this would come directly from Euclid. She also asked if this should be expected in January.
- **Councilman Knecht** confirmed.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 12:10)**

- **City Engineer DiFranco** expressed his support for Resolution 2024-018 by waving the Third Reading. The builder has already submitted two sets of house plans and the plot is ready. Therefore, not passing this would delay him about 7 weeks due to the August recess. He also recommended keeping Ordinance 2024-033 on Second Reading due to the name change from Giovanni Avenue to Giovanni Court. He emphasized that their subdivision regulates what streets can be called and he would have to check to see if Giovanni Court would be available.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio: 12:59)**

**PC-ABR reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper**

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Board of Review. She commented in their meeting on Thursday, July 18 during the Architectural Board of Review segment of the meeting, they approved a storage building at 36125 Chardon Rd.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** reported they granted approval for a new single family home at 3041 Andrews Lane. Finally, they approved a new

single family home at 32151 Miller Avenue.

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** reported during the Planning and Zoning Commission segment of the meeting, they approved split lots at 2830 Chardon Rd. She stated that these are the shops at Willoughby Hills, and they are turning the old Block Buster store into a two parcels, one of which will be a Chipotle restaurant.

**Beautification Committee reported by Council Vice President Taylor Draper**

No report.

**Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**

No report.

**WHISPER reported by Councilwoman Miller**

No report.

**Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich**

No report.

**Business Subcommittee reported by Councilwoman Sivo**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Audio: 14:29)**

No unfinished business.

**LEGISLATION: (Audio: 14:40)**

**ORDINANCE 2024-032 – SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ELIMINATE INACTIVE FUND ACCOUNTS WITH A ZERO BALANCES THEREBY REMOVING THEM FROM THE MONTHLY REPORTING STATEMENTS AND REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.**

Ordinance 2024-032 remains on First Reading.

**ORDINANCE 2024-033-SECOND READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND DEDICATION OF**

**GIOVANNI COURT, LOCATED IN THE WEST PINES SUBDIVISION, AS A STREET FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ordinance 2024-033 remains on Second Reading.

**ORDINANCE 2024-035–FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF FIREARMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI – LEGISLATION, SECTION 6.1 GENERAL ORDINANCES, SUBSECTION (e) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** to waive the Three Reading Ruled on Ordinance 2024-035.

**Discussion of Motion**

**Councilwoman Miller** commented that by adopting this, the City would not have to hold on to these firearms until September.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht**  
**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 6/0**

Motion to waive the Three Reading Rule passed.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor** to adopt Ordinance 2024-035.

**Roll Call:** **AYES: Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht**  
**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 6/0**

Ordinance 2024-035 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCE 2024-036–FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY’S (FEMA) ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to waive the Three Reading Ruled on Ordinance 2024-036.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 6/0

Motion to waive the Three Reading Rule passed.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to adopt Ordinance 2024-036.

**Discussion of Motion**

- **Vice President Taylor Draper** commented that there is a deadline for this grant to be accepted. By the time Council would meet next, this deadline would have passed so it is important for this to be passed tonight.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 6/0

Ordinance 2024-036 has been adopted.

**ORDINANCE 2024-037–FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DISTRIBUTE REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO ANY PERSON OR FIRM EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN PROVIDING CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING FOR WORK RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS IN THE AREA OF US RT. 6 AND STATE RT. 91, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** to waive the Three Reading Ruled on Ordinance 2024-037.

**Discussion of Motion**

- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** informed the residents that the City is interested in putting sidewalks in on Rt. 6 and Rt. 91. She mentioned that this was part of the Master Plan and emphasized the importance of giving the Mayor the permission to look for consulting firms to make achieve this goal.

- **Councilwoman Belich** wanted clarification as to whether money would be spent here, or if this was simply giving the allowance to speak with consultants and engineers.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded saying other than advertising, this is correct.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

Motion to waive the Three Reading Rule passed.

Motion made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Council Vice President Taylor** to adopt Ordinance 2024-037.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

Ordinance 2024-037 has been adopted.

**RESOLUTION 2024-018 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT FOR WEST PINES SUBDIVISION, A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON S.O.M CENTER ROAD, WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo** to waive the Three Reading Ruled on Resolution 2024-018.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote: 6/0**

Motion to waive the Three Reading Rule passed.

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Sivo** to adopt Resolution 2024-018.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 5/0

Resolution 2024-018 has been adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS: (Audio: 24:45)**

Motion made by **Council Vice President Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht**, for Council to go into recess for the month of August.

**Discussion of Motion**

**Council Vice President Taylor Draper** reassured the public that if there were any urgent issues or a need to meet they would be here in Council chambers.

**Council President Kline** commented that there is a good chance Council would be here in August.

**Roll Call:** **AYES:** Miller, Sivo, Taylor Draper, Belich, Kline, Knecht  
**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 6/0

Motion passed for Council to go into recess for the month of August.

**PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 26:06)**

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:26 p.m.

- **John Wazney 3861 Dodds Landing Dr.** commented that he was an engineering and dental school graduate from Case Western Reserve and has been a member of the City for 41 years. This was his first chance to come to a Council meeting. He expressed his deep concern for police, fire, and emergency care regarding cell phone service. 7 years ago, he had fallen and was able to call EMS via landline. He was taken good care of and all was well. He stated that because most of the City has no cell phone reception, there

might be situations where citizens cannot call for help. He said he has been calling about this issue for 20 years, and have been told that the City would be building cell phone towers in the near future, yet, this never happened. He stated that this has improved, because now you can make calls via Wi-Fi, but this does not work in the yards, only inside homes. He stated that when he is making phone calls to friends, the calls will drop around Rivera Rd. He stated for 50 years, he had an AT&T landline, and the landline would be connected to the home security system. AT&T ran copper to everyone's homes and had its own power supply. In the case of a fire, carbon monoxide poisoning, etc, residents would be able to call for help. He said that currently, this no longer works, and he has tried to restore this with a Generac Generator but even with power restored, the landline will not work. He emphasized that he was now without cell phone service and a working landline.

- **John Wazney 3861 Dodds Landing Dr.** expressed his deep concern over a neighbor that he had who had fallen off a tractor and cut his foot, and questioned what would happen if a situation like this were to occur and a resident could not call for help. He mentioned that he had heard of the park fighting with people over putting up a cell phone tower. Recently, a resident was there, and had a heart attack and died. He was unable to call for help. He expressed his frustration and confusion for this situation not being resolved 5 years ago. Recently, a tornado came through and he was without phone service for three days.

- **John Wazney 3861 Dodds Landing Dr.** commented that he had heard of a proposal that had been before the Mayor and City Council regarding cell phone towers. In this proposal, the City would be given property to build a tower. The City would not have to pay for this, and it would gain income over a 9-year period (around \$3,000,000) that would go into the coffers for free.

**John Wazney 3861 Dodds Landing Dr.** asked **Law Director Lucas** if the City would be liable to for residents who could not call for help in the case of an emergency. He concluded by expressing his frustration for nothing being done about this in the last 5-10 years, and proposed getting a variance.

**Bob Nowak 38580 Dodds Landing Dr.** also commented on the cell service and cell phone tower topic. The last time he was here was more than 40 years ago asking if he could build his home. He stated that he has not had to come back until now. He is 78 years old, and is deeply concerned for his own safety as well as the safety of the residents, especially senior residents. He expressed his desire for an explanation as to what is holding up the cell phone tower building process. He stated that the life alerts do not work in his neighborhood. He stated he believed this was a moral liability and urged Council to act on this.

**Warren Lory, 38621 Eagle Nest Rd.** commented that he had lived in the City for 41 years. Because he had lost his wife 10 years ago, he is living alone and is worried about

his safety. He stated that he had triple bypass, 3 aneurysms, and bad knees and is deeply concerned about the possibility of something happening to him while he is doing light yard work. He said for safety reasons, he would like to have cell service. In the past, when he would go up on his roof, he would wear a whistle to alarm people if something were to happen to him, but he lived far from his neighbors.

- **State Representative Daniel Troy 31600 Lake Shore Blvd.** commented that he wanted to make sure that the City has been in contact with ODOT and had been given a road map to be able to get assistance for sidewalks.
- **State Representative Daniel Troy 31600 Lake Shore Blvd.** commented that when it comes to issues such as requesting ODOT for sound barrier walls along I-271 to let him know because he might have influence with ODOT to help out. He mentioned that he is a member of the Finance and Appropriations Committee and the transportation budget will be introduced in January of next year and passed by March 31 2025.
- **State Representative Daniel Troy 31600 Lake Shore Blvd.** commented that he has introduced House Bill 600 in this current General Assembly as a request from the City. This Bill would amend Section 733 of the Ohio Revised Code. This is intended to prevent frivolous and abusive actions and removal officials from office who engage in this behavior. If a case goes to trial and is dismissed, this bill would make the compliant and the parties that initiated the action responsible for all legal fees and costs. This is on First Hearing and he gave a testimony under the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee last month. He emphasized that the bill is not intended to stifle legitimate actions by citizens, but rather ensure that there are consequences for accusations that lack merit. He said it does not look like this will be passed until after the November elections, but they will get a lot done in the months following this. He stated that there are other measures to pass this through the legislature.
- **State Representative Daniel Troy 31600 Lake Shore Blvd.** commented on senior citizen funding from the County. He stated that the funding stops at the County level. There is a senior citizen levy, which was initially five-tenths of a mill, and he worked on renewing it. They added three-tenths of a mill back in 2017, so now its eight-tenths of a mill for senior citizens. He believes that Willoughby Hills should be entitled to some of this money because the citizens do pay the property tax. There was a study that showed this was a rapidly aging county compared to other counties in Ohio. Because of this, they concluded there were issues with senior centers that needed to be addressed. He understood their frustration and talked with the County administrator Mr. Boyd about this. He said that because this is a county-wide approved property tax levy, the dispersal of those dollars is solely in the hands of the County Commissioner. He concluded by saying that he will do what he can to help on this issue, and he believes that Willoughby Hills deserves a lot more when it comes to the senior citizens levy.

- **Linda Fulton 2990 Markham Blvd.** thanked **Mayor Hallum** for the extended handrail in City Hall.
- **Linda Fulton 2990 Markham Blvd.** expressed her concern and frustration with delivery trucks speeding in the City and parking in the road, holding up traffic. She expressed her concern for bad accidents occurring due to people trying to get around these trucks, and her frustration for not being able to get around them sometimes.
- **Linda Fulton 2990 Markham Blvd.** stated that she has attended a church festival the weekend prior and said there were some issues. She wanted to make sure that that safety measures were put into place for the Music Festival.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:45 p.m.

- **Mayor Hallum** responded to the residents who came concerned about the cell towers. Back in 2018, there was a grange picked for a cell tower. However, Council had changed their mind about the location of this, and there were zoning issues with placing a cell tower in this designated spot. The towers are very tall, specifically 200 ft. A requirement for these towers is to have a 200 ft. fall range, so that the towers do not fall onto anyone's property or the road. He had assured the public that he was been looking for efficient spots to build the cell towers, and is on his fifth location. He emphasized that the location they were speaking of was only 50 ft. from the road, and if this were to fall, it would do significant damage to people's homes. Another location **Mayor Hallum** looked at was a resident's property who owed several acres of land, but they declined to allow their property for use. Another location belongs to residents who own 16 acres of land, but they have not gotten back to the City. **Mayor Hallum** emphasized that he is working on this, and may have found a workable location. Being sworn in in January, he is already on his fifth location for this project.
- **Bob Nowak** asked if **Mayor Hallum** looked into 5G towers, as they are much smaller towers.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded that they are looking into many options, but first and foremost, they have to find a safe location that abides by the zoning codes. He said he always has a topographical map of the City up on his laptop, as well as a map of where cell towers could be. He emphasized that he promised he would address this issue when he was elected and he is working on it.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded to **State Representative Daniel Troy**, stating that they did receive his help from ODOT, and they contacted him and **City Engineer DiFranco**. Council passed an Ordinance tonight allowing **Mayor Hallum** to go out and get quotes from engineering firms for the installation of sidewalks.

- **Mayor Hallum** responded to **Lina Fulton** saying that the City has been frustrated with issue of delivery trucks parking on the road for a while. He made the point that if you try to call the police, they would be gone by the time the police would arrive. He urged the residents to have patience and to not go around these trucks for safety reasons. He agreed with her frustration, and urged residents to wait until these trucks move because many times they are parked on hills and it is dangerous to try to go around them.
- **Mayor Hallum** responded to **Lina Fulton** reassuring her that there is a safety plan being discusses for Music Fest.
- **Councilwoman Miller** commended **Mayor Hallum** for working diligently on the installation of cell phone towers. She recognized that this was not an easy project that required much back and forth and research. She mentioned that there are members of Council who do live where cell phone service does not work so she understands the frustration and assures the public that Council will continue to work to solve this issue.
- **Bob Nowak** inquired about satellites and if the City could use satellites to generate cell phone service.
- **Mayor Hallum** stated that they would look into this.
- **Councilwoman Miller** stated that satellites were a very difficult issue. She stated that where she lived, there were many hills around her property making it impossible to get a satellite for even a TV. She concluded saying they would look into it.
- **Councilwoman Miller** thanked **State Representative Daniel Troy** for updating Council and multiple issues.
- **Councilwoman Miller** thanked Mark Grubiss and **Mayor Hallum** for the installation of the handrails in City Hall.
- **Councilwoman Belich** asked **Mayor Hallum** if the park district has been part of the discussion of the construction of cell towers, since there are areas of the park not being utilized.
- **Mayor Hallum** stated that they had not been involved. One place he thought could work to build a cell phone tower was in Hach-Otis but this has been declared 100 year wood, so this will not happen at this point. He spoke to some people at the dedication, and

spoke with Mr. Lillich and concluded that they would not be interested in the building of a cell phone tower in that area.

- **Mayor Hallum** stated that they are not interested in building cell towers that to the area, but stated that they are interested in building cell towers around the grange area and Eagle Rd. Because this area is so specific, this is why it has taken a while to find the exact precise location.
- **Councilwoman Belich** if the parks have engaged in conversation about this, and if not, whether it would be at all possible.
- **Mayor Hallum** stated it could be possible if they found a spot, but there is no other area other than Hach-Otis.
- **Council Vice President Taylor Draper** thanked the residents in public portion who spoke about the cell phone service concern, and stated that Council understands the significance of this issue, as they also experience calls dropping. She reassured them that they are very supportive of this.
- **Council President Kline** agreed with Linda Fulton about the parking situation. He stated that many vehicles who are involved in this are landscaping vehicles, and it is hard to see what is coming in the other direction. He had thought of the idea of an Ordinance enforcing these vehicles to be parked in the homeowner's driveway.
- **Council President Kline** agreed with the concerns over the cell towers and the lack of cell service. He stated that the issue has worsened because you can no longer get a landline from AT&T. These landlines would never go down, but they do not sell these landlines anymore. They have computer-based landlines but this would be inaccessible when you lose power. He emphasized to the public to keep their landlines if they still have them.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY (Audio: 58:54)**

- **Councilwoman Miller** urged the residents of the City to go to the Lake County Fair in Painesville and enjoy those activities, as well as to come to Music Fest on August 17.
- **Councilwoman Belich** urged the residents to come out to Music Fest and support all the events and projects that have been put together. There are a lot of kids who worked on several projects and these will open up opportunities for them as well as help them develop their public speaking skills.

