

City of Willoughby Hills

Agenda

Regular Meeting of Council September 12, 2019

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting of Council Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Members Present: Councilwoman Janet R. Majka, Councilwoman Laura Pizmoht, Vice President John Plecnik, President Nancy E. Fellows, Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Christopher Hallum, Councilwoman Laura Lenz

Also Present: Mayor Robert M. Weger, Law Director James O'Leary, Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco, Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

PRESENTATION

NOPEC Recognition Program: Police Chief Christopher Collins to be recognized by the Northern Ohio Public Energy Council for his work and service to the City.

Lake County News-Herald – June 30, 2019
By Kristi Garabrandt

Willoughby Hills Police Chief Chris Collins says success is a team effort Willoughby Hills Police Chief Chris Collins would appear to have made a successful career for himself, but he sees it differently. In his eyes, it's been his parents, his mentors and those he has mentored combined with his many experiences that have made him successful. Collins grew up in Philadelphia, the oldest of five children, and is grateful to have been blessed through his faith, family and career. "My parents were both teachers, and they instilled very good values in us as far as being good people and being responsible and that help me growing up," Collins said. "They were very instrumental in giving us the ability to basically follow our dreams and make that happen and so those are very important things for me." Collins was an athlete while in school and credits being part of a team to his success as well. While in high school, Collins had his focus on a career in one of four fields: teaching and coaching, the military, firefighting or law enforcement. He was unaware that his career path would lead him through all four of those fields. He started as a volunteer firefighter during his senior year of high school and continued that during college. After graduating, he decided to go into the military instead of teaching and enlisted in the US Air Force where he went into civil engineering. He would however, end up teaching just a short time later when he joined the local fire department as a captain and training officer while stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. It was during his time there that he got to know the police chief who asked him if he would like to work as a police officer and sent him to the police academy. He started his career in law enforcement as an auxiliary police officer for the Spring Lake Police Department while still working part-time as a firefighter. While in the Air Force he ventured further into law enforcement when he was recruited to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, which Collins describes as a combination of the FBI and secret service for the Air Force. "I went from engineering to OSI, and it was during that OSI training that we were focused pretty much on felony

criminal investigations, white collar crime, counter intelligence and counter terrorism," Collins said. "We were often picked to help with foreign dignitaries or if the presidents were coming into our area." During his military career, he deployed all over the world including Kuwait, during Operation Desert Shield, where he was part of a rapid response runway repair team trained to deploy to combat areas and handle the repairs on runways and other major projects. "I have been very fortunate in my career that I have had great mentors," Collins said. "I have had people along the way that gave me the opportunity to go to school. I finished my graduate degree in the Air Force." After leaving the Air Force, Collins, now with a family, needed a job and found one at the Lake County Narcotics Agency, where he worked for almost 10 years. "I was hired after they did a national search. So, I was coming in as an unknown and I had a wide-open platform to pretty much come in and lay that foundation the way I thought it should be," Collins said. "I was fortunate that the prosecutor and the commissioners and the board of directors that I worked for were willing to work with me." Although being a federal agent was in line with his desire for a career in law enforcement, Collins wanted to get back to his roots as a local police officer. "I like local law enforcement," Collins said. "The federal agencies have a lot of red tape. ... with local law enforcement you are more boots on the ground and intimately involved in your local community and I like that." The chief credits some of those he worked with at the narcotics agencies for helping land the position of police chief which he has held for 20 years. According to Collins, the key to his success is due to the fact that every part of his career has been spent as a team player, and it was a team effort that helped him work his way to the top. "The thing that I am grateful for, is that I have worked with a lot of good people," Collins said. "I'm just one part of the puzzle. I have been successful here and in other places I have worked because of the people working with me. You can't do it on your own." "I like local law enforcement. The federal agencies have a lot of red tape. ... with local law enforcement you are more boots on the ground and intimately involved in your local community and I like that." Willoughby Hills Police Chief Chris Collins.

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL Regular Council Meeting of July 25, 2019

MAYOR'S REPORT – Robert M. Weger

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT – James O'Leary

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Frank J. Brichacek, Jr.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT – Pietro A. DiFranco, P.E.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: All matters concerning and affecting revenues of the City including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the receipt and expenditure of funds, salaries of City employees, budgetary matters, tax administration and policy and matters concerning Municipal indebtedness.

Chair: John Plecnik

Committee Members: David M. Fiebig, Nancy E. Fellows

Planning & Zoning: All matters concerning the Planning and Zoning of the City and the Chairman of the Committee shall be a Member of the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair: David M. Fiebig

Committee Members: Laura Lenz, Laura Pizmoht

Recreation: All matters concerning the development, maintenance and management of public playgrounds and public recreational activities in and for the City.

Chair: Christopher Hallum

Committee Members: Nancy E. Fellows, Janet R. Majka

Rules and Legislation: All matters concerning the screening, coordination, form and substance of all proposed

legislation and requests therefore, including coordination with the Law Department concerning the preparation of Ordinances and Resolutions and referral of legislation to Standing Committees or presentation to Council for consideration.

Chair: Nancy E. Fellows

Committee Members: David M. Fiebig, Laura Pizmoht, John Plecnik

Safety: All matters concerning the general safety of the inhabitants of and the property within the City including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, matters concerning the safety forces, equipment for safety forces, fire prevention matters and matters concerning regulation of conduct.

Chair: David M. Fiebig

Committee Members: Janet R. Majka, Laura Pizmoht

Service: All matters pertaining to the services of the Department of Public Service such as maintenance and repair of streets and other public property.

Chair: David M. Fiebig

Committee Members: Janet R. Majka, Laura Pizmoht

Utilities: All matters concerning the installation, use and regulation of public utilities within the City.

Chair: Janet R. Majka

Committee Members: David M. Fiebig, John Plecnik

Personnel Relations: There is hereby established a Personnel Relations Committee of Council which shall be a Standing Committee organized and chosen as provided herein, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (c)(1) hereof. Not later than January 31st, of each even numbered year, Council shall appoint a Personnel Relations Committee composed of such members as Council shall, by Motion determine. Persons not members of Council may be appointed to serve as members of the Personnel Relations Committee. The members of the Committee may be changed by Motion of Council from time to time as Council shall determine. Subject to the provisions of the City Charter, the Personnel Relations Committee of Council shall consider all legislation concerning relations with City Employees.

Chair: Laura Pizmoht

Committee Members: Chris du Laney, Greg McCarthy, John Plecnik, Kathy Strancar

Working Committee of Council: The Working Committee of Council shall be comprised of all Members of Council. A meeting of the Working Committee of Council may be called, and shall be subject to, the provisions of Subsection (b) hereof. The Working Committee of Council shall determine its own rules. The Working Committee of Council may consider any matter referred to it by a majority of the Members of Council or by a majority of its Members.

Chair: Nancy E. Fellows, President of Council

OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

PUBLIC PORTION

Section 107.08 – Public Meetings of Municipal Bodies of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills: (a) All meetings of any municipal body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times. All meetings shall provide a reasonable opportunity to hear public opinion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-54 – THIRD READING

1ST Reading: July 11, 2019

2ND Reading: July 25, 2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO AND CLEMANS, NELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-60 – SECOND READING

1ST Reading: July 25, 2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COM DOC FOR THE LEASING OF TWO NEW XEROX COPYING DEVICES AND THE MANAGEMENT OF PRINTING SERVICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-63

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE CITY VEHICLE(S) AND/OR EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO SELL SAID SURPLUS VEHICLE(S) AND EQUIPMENT ON THE OPEN MARKET UPON SUCH TERMS AND AT SUCH PRICES AS ARE DEEMED MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-64

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 186.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS TO CORRESPOND WITH DEFINITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN AMENDED IN CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-65

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1379.05 AND 1379.07 OF CHAPTER 1379 – SMALL CELL FACILITIES AND WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURES WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY, OHIO AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND THE CERTIFICATION THEREOF TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

NEW BUSINESS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

ADJOURNMENT