

City of Willoughby Hills

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019

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. Council minutes shall be written, and approved by Council.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:07pm in Council Chambers. President Nancy E. Fellows presided.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

PRESENTATION

President Fellows: Our first order of business this evening is a presentation, it's Resolution No. 2019-1 to Officer Shannon Vachet and his former K-9 partner Razor. Could you please come forward?

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING K-9 OFFICER SHANNON VACHET FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DUTY PERFORMANCE WHILE RESPONDING WITH K-9 PARTNER "RAZOR" TO A MUTUAL-AID CALL.

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2018, K-9 Officer Shannon Vachet was working general patrol duty and was requested by the City of Wickliffe for K-9 assistance to track a wanted suspect who had fled on foot during an arrest situation; and

WHEREAS, after arriving on the scene, Officer Vachet initiated a K9 track for the wanted suspect and diligently worked the track with K9 Razor until the suspect was located; and

WHEREAS, Officer Vachet displayed outstanding leadership by taking command of the arrest situation and guiding the on-scene officers during the arrest; and

WHEREAS, the suspect was arrested without incident and Officer Vachet's command presence ensured the safe and successful conclusion to the operation; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which Officer Vachet performed his duties demonstrates his enduring commitment to serving and protecting his fellow officers as well as the communities surrounding Willoughby Hills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of Willoughby Hills hereby acknowledges the heroic actions taken by Officer Shannon Vachet and especially want to extend its appreciation to Officer Vachet and his former K-9 Partner “Razor” for their exemplary service to our community.

So, we want to present this to you.

Members and Administration congratulated Officer Vachet.

INVOCATION/POSITIVE MESSAGE

President Fellows: I always like to do fun and supportive things. And before we start the rest of our business, because I had mentioned it at the beginning of the year, to start our meeting with something positive. Whether it’s an invocation or a pray in working with the religious pastors and priests in the community, but I found something that I had thought, actually it was very important to me, and I had wanted to share it with you. I receive a Lentin message everyday from George Town University and they also do it at advent as well. But this particular pray was presented by a student there at George Town in the International Politics as a major and it says:

“Lord, allow me to serve others with a joyful heart, gentleness, compassion, and tenderness – never diminishing the worth of another, never keeping score, always giving, never expecting to receive. Allow me to give of myself, to give my talents and of my goods, to give of my time and of my energy, to give of my heart and of my soul, choosing to extend mercy to the brokenhearted, like You have repeatedly shown me. Lord, keep a condemning spirit far from my heart and further from my lips. Amen”.

DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL

President Fellows: The next would be the Disposition of the Journal for the Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2019.

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. I would make a motion to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019.

Councilwoman Majka: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Vice President Plecnik and a second from Councilwoman Majka to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: The Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2019 have been adopted.

The next is our Mayor’s report, Mr. Mayor.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR’ REPORT: Thank you. I presented the budget and budget message today and I support this balanced and encourage Council to pass it at the next meeting. We had help from the Council, Staff and the Finance Chair in creating this budget and without their support, we couldn’t have done it.

I want to thank everybody that came to the pancake breakfast this last Sunday, and it went very well. And just a reminder, there's one this Sunday, and it's sponsored by the Willoughby Hills Lions and it's from 8:30 to 1.

Congratulations to Officer Shannon Vachet on his recognition this evening. And I want to give an update on Davis Diggers who is performing Rogers Road Waterline. They progressed from the bottom of the hill; yesterday they were halfway up the hill and they're going to end at the top of hill. So, they have the waterline in but it takes, they have to pressurize it, they have to test it, they have to test the new fire hydrants and tie into all the local people. But they have the majority of the work being completed and I'm very pleased with the progress.

Also, the 6 and 91 Shell Gas Station has started rebuilding that. We approved that last, almost a year and a half ago, but they started on Monday and it takes approximately ninety days to complete. So, that should be done in about ninety days.

Finally, I would like to ask for an Executive Session after everything, for five minutes, to discuss the hiring of personnel in the City.

That's all I have Mrs. President.

President Fellows: Thank you. Are there any questions for the Mayor this evening?

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. Mr. Mayor, you had mentioned at one point that Huntington might be considering, have you heard anything more from them?

Mayor: It's very difficult to get a decision maker in Huntington and I'm still trying.

Councilman Hallum: Thank you.

President Fellows: Thank you, Mayor. The next is our Law Director's report. Mr. O'Leary.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Thank you, Madam President. Just a couple of things in addition to my normal office hours, and the Mayor's Court, I've been involved in numerous discussions during my office hours. It seems like in the last two weeks, there's been a great deal of personnel matters that I've had to spend quite a bit of time on and I can (sneeze) about it, unless anyone has any questions.

President Fellows: Thank you. Any questions for the Law Director this evening? Thank you. Next is the Finance Director's report. Mr. Brichacek.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: In addition to the budget, the State Auditor, this week, the local government branch, the Finance Division, started compiling our 2018 financial statements and we will be having a pre-audit conference with the State Auditor regarding the 2017 & 18 audit, next week.

President Fellows: Thank you. Any questions for the Finance Director? Thank you. And Mr. Di Franco, City Engineer's report.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT: Thank you, Madam. President. We received bids on the Dodd Bank Stabilization Project last Thursday. The apparent low bidder was Nerone Construction and their bid was about 8% higher than our estimate or about \$30,000, but they're a good contractor. We're happy with their bid and we'll have legislation for you to approve at the next Council meeting. That completes my report.

President Fellows: Thank you. Any questions for the City Engineer this evening? Seeing none, thanks, Pete. The next is our Council Committee Reports.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/ OTHER COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. Since most were in attendance for the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening, immediately preceding our Council meeting, I'll be brief. But as the Mayor shared, he presented his budget and budget message in final form today, shortly before the meeting, we were able to see a few days before, a substantially complete budget, so that was our first discussion of the budget. To hit the high notes, it is as the Mayor shared a balanced budget. The debt will be reduced further under this budget and as the Finance Director shared, roughly half of what it was in 2008, so the City is standing on fiscally responsible grounds. This budget does include some changes. We are going to be hiring three additional firefighters and paving several roads, but by and large, the expenses are relatively similar to last year's budget. I would only note that immediately prior to the Finance Committee meeting we were grateful that the Mayor was able to swear in Christina Luciano-Welsh, her second term on the Willoughby Hills Income Tax Board of Review. My understanding is that the Mayor is working to swear in the other two members as soon as possible, Keith Martinet and Gerry Wolanin. This Board hears any disputes that residents have with respect to their income taxes and we both congratulate and thank Christina as well as her colleagues for their service. They are not paid for it, so we're grateful to them to continue in those roles for a second term. I certainly stand open to questions.

President Fellows: Any questions for the Finance Chair? Seeing none, Councilman Fiebig, any comments on Planning and Zoning?

Councilman Fiebig: No.

President Fellows: Thank you.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Madam President. I filled in as the Council Representative at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last week and I had the privilege of helping to approve a beautiful covered deck on Eddy Road and that was the only project on the agenda that night.

President Fellows: Thank you. Are there any questions then for Councilwoman Pizmoht? Thank you.

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. So, as the Mayor had indicated, the pancake breakfast was held last Sunday and it was very well attended. And just as a reminder to anybody who purchased tickets for that, those tickets are also good at the Lions pancake breakfast this coming Sunday. So, if you missed and you still have tickets, you can still use them this coming Sunday. If you missed and you don't have any tickets, please consider getting tickets for the Lions breakfast this coming Sunday and attend another pancake breakfast here in Willoughby Hills. And also, the Commission Chair asked that we consider passing the NOPEC grant because they would like to know that they have those funds available to utilize for planning, budgeting, for events this year for the community.

President Fellows: Thank you. Any questions for Councilman Hallum on Recreation?

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President. Chris, did they get enough candy donated? I thought I saw something that thanked everybody for that, is that finale?

Councilman Hallum: Yes. Actually, I was at St. Noel last night and several families donated a lot of candy as well as what was supplied by the Commission donations that they got through the City and St. Noel and the families there did, I think, close to 4,000 eggs that we stuffed last night. And then also, Monday, the 18th, thank you for asking, because Monday, the 18th at 6pm there is another egg stuffing over at the Community Center in the O'Ryan Room, so if you don't have anything to do, and would like to help stuff eggs, that would be great.

President Fellows: Thank you. The Rules and Legislation Committee meeting was cancelled this past Monday for lack of a quorum. Any other Committee or Council Representative Reports this evening?

PUBLIC PORTION

Section 107.08 – Public Meetings of Municipal Bodies

(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.

President Fellows: Public Portion, an opportunity to come forward. We ask that you try to keep your comments to three minutes and please state your name and your address for the record and I will open **Public Portion at 7:23pm.**

Doris Dodge – 37881 Milann Drive. I found an article in a magazine this week and I made copies for those of you that I think would be interested in a project like this. It's just a one paragraph thing and I will read it. It says "Police officers take shelter dogs on patrol and find them homes. It's all in the line of duty for officers from the La Vista Police Department. They're now finding forever homes for shelter dogs by making them K-9s for a day. In partnership with the Nebraska Humane Society, the program pairs an officer with a shelter dog for a ride-along as they visit schools and businesses on their daily patrol. It gets dogs visibility so that they can be adopted, says Chief Bob Lausten. So far, every dog that's gone on patrol has been adopted. It's a win-win says Lausten and our officers are arm wrestling so see who gets the ride along with the next dog." I think that this would be a wonderful thing for Willoughby Hills to do with the Lake County Humane Society and I think the Fire Department could also be involved because I know that former Police Chief Harmon is involved with the Humane Society and also Laura Pizmoht is involved with the Humane Society and I will give you copies of this article. And the dog in the article actually looks just like Bimmer Plecnik.

Jenna Bing – 36951 Beech Hills Drive. I want to talk about the pancake breakfast. It was a nice event. I've never been, I thought it was great fun. It was really well attended. There were tons of people and the food was great. What I'm confused about is, when I look at the materials that advertise the pancake breakfast, it looked like it was kind of a community event. Just come meet your neighbors, say hi and have fun. And then I was at the library and saw, wow, there's some raffle thing, or something and I realized, oh it must be a fundraiser and I thought, well, that's part of the Recreation Committee, so it must be fundraising for the Recreation Committee, but I was a little chagrin that most of the communication that's out there, unlike what you had said today, it was very unclear what this was raising money for. And then, I think it's a great idea that we have that as a fundraiser for Recreation and our kids, for baseball things or whatever we need, but I think that you would probably get better attendance if you tell people it's a fundraiser for us because they might really support it even more. The problem that I start to have is when I find out that the second weekend is actually a fundraiser for and all the baskets are for a fundraiser for the Lions Club. The Lions Club is a nonprofit organization that happens to be in Willoughby Hills. It is not Willoughby Hills, it is not a Willoughby Hills community thing. I mean, so I'm very confused about why we are promoting a fundraiser for them and as equal to a fundraiser for our Recreation Commission and that really starts to bother me. I mean, if they want to have a fundraiser or a pancake breakfast, they should rent the place, they should advertise it themselves, spend the money to advertise it and because they're part of our community, we could have people that would probably want to support them. But it shouldn't be presented as Willoughby Hills is having two weekends of pancake breakfasts; one of them happens to be for a nonprofit organization, I don't think so. That's not right. That's like "good old boy" in it and not being really responsible. And then I got really concerned because I was going to ask how much money we made on it and I figured it's been enough time for somebody to count the money and it would be interesting to know how much money we made off of that Sunday pancake breakfast but then I get a little nervous like how's the money being counted because Chris Hallum says if you bought a ticket but didn't actually use it, you could just use it for the Lions Club one. But they're raising their own money, so how is this money being sure to be separated? Because it's bad enough that we're really kind of supporting the Lions Club like probably giving the free rent and a lot of free publicity and not really saying it is for them. It's like on the download, we're really raising money for them. But we've got to make sure that the money raised for us, is raised for us. And that accounting is really critical. And that's what a City does, it accounts for its money properly. So, I'm

hoping if you don't know it tonight, that the next meeting you'll have a very clear accounting of how much money was raised, how many people were there, it shouldn't be that hard to do. It should have been done by now. But I don't count that it's really been done by now. The other thing that really concerns me about is, I harken back to the Corn Fest. When we moved here several years ago, the Corn Fest was a community event. Now all of a sudden, the Corn Fest got taken over and we don't really own the Corn Fest, somebody owns and trademarked the Corn Fest name and I would hate somebody to trademark Willoughby Hills pancake breakfast as a name and take that away from us. These things have value. The Corn Fest use to be a community event from my understanding and now it's not, it's a nonprofit. And they have all the right to rent the place and say that it is a nonprofit and what they're raising money for and people in the community can go and attend just like they would some event at St. Noel which is a nonprofit. But we have to be very careful that we are keeping control over what are our events and we are actually asking people to pay appropriately for theirs. The only other question, a change of topic is, where's the BAT team. I signed up for it and I haven't heard anything about a meeting, so curious about that. Thanks.

Cheryl Ota – 2960 Marcum Boulevard. On the government channel we have, we're advertising bidding for road striping; however, we have the bids opening on the same day that they're closing; at the same time. So, I would appreciate it if you looked at that because I think that's incorrect.

Linda Fulton – 2990 Marcum Boulevard. I along with everybody else probably noticed that Shell finally started their renovation and I'm very glad about that, but I want to know how long are the plans good? Or how long will they be approved? Is it ongoing? Can it be 10 years? 5 years? Whatever? But the major thing that I think the City should have and it probably should go into Planning and Zoning, is that on applications that are doing renovations to their home, that there be a completion date. And I don't know if on a new building if there is a completion date on it, but also on the other, there should be a completion date. I know two houses, especially right now, that are ongoing for years, just years, and they look awful. So, I think that's something the City should look into. Thank you.

Ed McKenna – 2963 Lamplight Lane. I did ask some questions at the Finance Committee but I don't believe that they were really answered, okay, I would like to know the total wages, of the back wages were, how much did that cost us, but the total of the lawyer fees or the legal fees that we have spent for the last year. I would like to know if these charges will be in last year's budget or this coming year's budget and also, if a report of this information could be put plainly on the website some place, okay. Thank you.

Christina Welsh – 38801 Chardon Road. So, this question is kind of inline with Linda's about things that are not done on people's properties. So, say for instance, there's a building and house that have cars without licenses plates, just piled up junk and I mean, is there any recourse that can be done, I mean, you know, some are neighbors, some are friends, but you still want to protect your own property value because you don't want to live next to a junkyard or down the street. I mean, there are quite a few properties. I don't know if we regular inspections, do we send people out? I know that years ago, when I leaved in Mayfield Heights, God forbid you had, like, you know, landscaping truck in your driveway. They're like, all over you, so move it, or put it in another location. So, there's at least 10 properties that really need to kind of, you know, I don't want to be a whistleblower, but really need to be concerned about, you know, may be kind of, it's bringing the neighborhood down. So, anyway, I don't know what the protocol is for that but if you could let us know, okay.

President Fellows: Anyone else this evening? **I will close Public Portion at 7:34pm.**

Next is Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Fellows: Doris, thank you for the article and the idea. I think that would be really awesome moving forward with the Police and the Fire Departments.

Jenna, concerning the pancake breakfasts and how they've been delineated before between the City and the Lions, I know that there are reports, I'm not sure if the Recreation Department has all that information yet to provide for how many attendees, how many tickets were sold, how much money was brought in. I do know from helping in the past, a lot of the supplies are also shared with all the pancake breakfasts, I'm not sure how that breaks out to, Rec just bought this and used it; Lions just bought this and used that as well. I do think that the Lions Club has, as an organization in our community, is looking for the community to support their endeavors, so I think that's why they present having a basket raffle at this event as they do at other events as well. I don't know, Chris did you want to weigh in on any of the Rec stuff or does anybody else want to weigh in on that? Or Mayor?

Mayor: The supplies are bought by each individual organization. They don't share supplies. The tickets, there's a ratio. If you use a Recreation ticket at the Lions Club or you use a Lions Club ticket at the Recreation, so much goes for the selling of it and so much goes for the pancake breakfast itself. So, it's divided out. We won't have final results on, maybe a month but when it's all over we do have a report and we will share with everybody.

President Fellows: Okay, let's see. Government channel, Mayor, you'll check on that? About the striping.

Mayor: Yes.

President Fellows: Linda had a question about approvals from Planning and Zoning and how long they are good for.

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. I understand the question which is, once you get a permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission, is it good forever, or is there an expiration date?

City Engineer: There's an expiration date. I believe there's a six-month expiration date on the Planning Commission approval where they have to apply for a permit and then once they receive the permit, there's an additional six months before they have to start construction. As far as a completion date, I'll have to check on that.

Resident Fulton: I don't think there is one.

City Engineer: Okay.

Councilman Fiebig: And then Madam President, if I could just add to that, Shell came back to us and asked for extensions, so they did have to go through a process to renew it and we granted them an extension because they had some extenuating circumstances. That's why it was pushed off for a little while.

President Fellows: Mr. McKenna, I know you've asked these questions repeatedly. These are questions that need to come from the Finance Department and the Administration. Council doesn't have the answers to those questions.

And Christina, I don't know how to, I'll pass that on to....

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President.

President Fellows: The Engineer, first.

Councilman Fiebig: Okay, go ahead.

City Engineer: So, the best I could say is to get the information to me or the Building Department. An email is best. We don't have a designated Zoning Inspector. So, Mark Grubiss and myself do it as time allows. So, there is no guarantee when we can do it, but we have been addressing some of these issues.

President Fellows: I'm sure too, after the winter months, things are going to look a whole lot worse when spring comes so, we can all get things cleaned up in our yards and things like that, so...

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President. Just to add to what Pete had said to Christina and to anyone interested, there is a section in our code, 941 that I helped, extensively review and write for residential side of things for the exterior only, we do have a pretty extensive code. But it's not something that we patrol around and are looking for things, so it does help when a resident contacts our Zoning Inspector Pete or our Road Superintendent Mark Grubiss. Now, he will notice some things, certainly those of us who are on Council, listening to residents, addressing their concerns, anyone of us can also address any concerns that you have and obviously this has happened many times for me as I'm sure for my other colleagues as well, so if you do have any concerns about a specific property you can just email or call anyone of us or Mark or the Mayor's office, we certainly would go after, you know, anybody that's violating the code, who is bringing down property values. That was the main thrust of it, was to make sure that the property values are upheld in the neighborhood. So, thank you.

President Fellows: Any more Unfinished Business? All right, moving on to legislation.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18

AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Fellows: And this ordinance is on 1st Reading. We now have the ordinance, we have Lt. Gandee's packet, put those two together, if you have questions please reach out to him. He is open to talk to anybody and also the Mayor if you have any questions.

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. A couple of things on this ordinance, real quick, I don't know if anybody noticed, but in Section 3, the very last line there is a "with" and I think it's suppose to be "which". And then also on the last sentence there are several comas and after it says "employed Chief of the Fire Department, the Chief of the Fire Department shall be gainfully employed solely by the City of Willoughby Hills. I'm guessing that's probably supposed to be a period and then a capital "T" and then "The Chief of the Fire Department shall be gainfully employed solely by the City of Willoughby Hills". I guessing that it should be a standalone sentence.

President Fellows: Thanks, you could have brought those to Vicki's attention.

Councilman Hallum: I just saw it.

President Fellows: Yes, we all just got it, so...

Councilman Hallum: Thanks.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-19

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CITY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF 2019; REPEALING ALL LEGISLATION INCONSISTENT HERewith.

President Fellows: And this is the budget ordinance and this will be on 1st Reading as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2 – THIRD READING

1st Reading: February 14, 2019

2nd Reading: February 28, 2019

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OBTAINING A GRANT THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR THE PURCHASE OF 22 NEW SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President. Move to adopt Resolution No. 2019-2.

Vice President Plecnik: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilman Fiebig and a second from Vice President Plecnik to adopt Resolution No. 2019-2. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: Resolution No. 2019-2 has been adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-5 – SECOND READING

1st Reading: February 28, 2019

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NOPEC 2019 COMMUNITY EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. Move that we waive the 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-5.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilman Hallum and a second from Councilwoman Pizmoht to waive the 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-5. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. As Councilman Hallum shared our Chairwoman of the Recreation Commission requested that we waive the 3-Reading Rule on this resolution and we certainly want to be supportive of her, as we're grateful for her hard work volunteering for residents on that commission, in particular, the pancake breakfast.

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: The 3-Reading Rule has been waived on Resolution No. 2019-5.

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. Move that we adopt Resolution No. 2019-5.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilman Hallum and a second from Councilwoman Pizmoht to adopt Resolution No. 2019-5. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: Resolution No. 2019-5 has been adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PEP+ GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

President Fellows: I will say that in reading the information on this, it is pretty much first-come-first serve in terms of monies that come from this grant. So, I don't...

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Motion to waive the 3-Reading Rule for Resolution No. 2019-6.

Councilman Fiebig: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilwoman Pizmoht and a second from Councilman Fiebig to waive the 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-6. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Madam President. If this is first-come-first-serve, we would want to get a jump on this and this would give our Fire Department money for a lot of fire training.

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: The 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-6 has been waived.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Madam President. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-6.

Councilman Fiebig: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilwoman Pizmoht and a second from Councilman Fiebig to adopt Resolution No. 2019-6. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: Resolution No. 2019-6 has been adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-7

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING SERGEANT BRIAN JACKSON FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. Motion to waive the 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-7.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Vice President Plecnik and a second from Councilwoman Pizmoht to waive the 3-Reading Rule on Resolution No. 2019-7. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President. Mayor, is Sergeant Jackson still with us, until the end of, he's still with us, right?

Mayor: No, he is not with us anymore, but his last day is April 21st. He is using up his vacation.

Councilman Fiebig: That's what it was, yeah, yeah. So, he's still on the books until April 21st. Thank you for clarifying.

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: The 3-Reading Rule has been waived for Resolution No. 2019-7.

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-7.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Vice President Plecnik and a second from Councilwoman Pizmoht to adopt Resolution No. 2019-7. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. I would just say that we are deeply grateful to Sergeant Jackson for his service and we wish him well going forward.

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: Resolution No. 2019-7 has been adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. I would make a motion for an Executive Session, inviting all of Council, the Mayor, the Law Director. Do we need the Finance Director?

Mayor: Uh, no.

Vice President Plecnik: Okay. So, about hiring an employee, specifically our incoming Fire Chief Robert Gandee; to not exceed 30 minutes.

Mayor: Five.

Vice President Plecnik: Even better, to not exceed 5 minutes.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

Vice President Plecnik: Are we inviting Mr. Gandee, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor: Yes.

Vice President Plecnik: So, let me restate the motion for clarity sake. I make a motion for an Executive Session, not to exceed five minutes for the purposes of hiring an employee, specifically Lt. Gandee for the position of Fire Chief. Inviting Lt. Gandee, the Mayor, all of Council and the Law Director, excusing all others.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Vice President Plecnik and a second from Councilwoman Pizmoht to go into Executive and I won't repeat the motion...

Vice President Plecnik: After "For the Good of the Order" and "For the Good of the Community".

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

President Fellows: We will adjourn into Executive Session after for the Good of the Order and the Good of the Community.

I do have another item for New Business to bring forward. So, we have received information from the Mayor's office about the Grange and the procuring of the keys for the Grange for the Girl Scouts and also information about the gate that's on Campbell. It is so noted that Council Office has received this information. Right now, the budget is paramount, the Fire Chief is paramount, so we will get to these in a timely fashion. Any other New Business?

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE COMMUNITY

Vice President Plecnik: Madam President. I certainly encourage residents to attend the next Lions Club pancake breakfast, but I do think that it's worth noting that there's another Lions matter to note. Our Willoughby Hills' resident, former Planning and Zoning Commission member Mike Tyler is going to be honored for a successful year, for successful term as Governor of the Northeast Ohio Lions at their District Convention in Canton. I'll personally attend, I know that many Willoughby Hills residents will as well. So, it will be a big weekend for Lions. But we certainly want to make note and honor Mike Tyler for his service to Willoughby Hills and all of Northeast Ohio in the Lions Club.

Councilman Hallum: Madam President. Just a reminder that April 13th is the Willoughby Hills Eggstravaganza, so put that on your calendars and again, Monday at 6pm at the Community Center, if you want to help stuff candy and eggs for the kids.

Councilwoman Pizmoht: Madam President. Councilman Hallum, people can get the coloring contest sheet too, as well.

Councilman Hallum: Yes, thank you. I think that it's at the Community Center if you want to get a jump and your kids need a little bit of extra time or grandkids to color, they can do that. It's also on facebook, I think. And it's also out there on the Recreation Community page.

Councilman Fiebig: Madam President...

President Fellows: Thank you everyone. We'll adjourn into Executive Session at 7:51pm.

Councilman Fiebig: I just want to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day.

President Fellows: Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:51pm.

The Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:03pm. (Note: Councilman Hallum, Councilwoman Lenz, Councilwoman Majka, Councilwoman Pizmoht, Vice President Plecnik, Councilman Fiebig were present as well as the Mayor and the Law Director).

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Fiebig: Move to adjourn.

Vice President Plecnik: Second.

President Fellows: I have a motion from Councilman Fiebig and a second from Vice President Plecnik to adjourn. There is no discussion on an adjournment.

Roll call: YEAS: Hallum, Lenz, Majka, Pizmoht, Plecnik, Fellows, Fiebig
Motion PASSED.

The Regular Council Meeting of March 14, 2019 was adjourned at 8:03pm. Happy St. Patrick's Day.

APPROVED: March 14, 2019
Date

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ATTEST: Victoria Ann Savage
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