

City of Willoughby Hills

Special Council Meeting

Minutes of December 30, 2013

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.

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 p.m. by President Nancy E. Fellows

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Members Present: Councilman Christopher L. Biro, President Nancy E. Fellows,
Councilman David M. Fiebig, Councilman Frank A. Germano,
Vice President Raymond C. Somich

Also Present: Mayor Robert M. Weger, Law Director Thomas G. Lobe,
Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr., City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco,
Clerk of Council Victoria Ann Savage

PRESENTATION

President Fellows called for former Councilman Kevin D. Malecek to present the following Resolution to former Councilman David A. Reichelt and his wife Denise Reichelt.

Resolution No. 2013-24

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FORMER COUNCILMAN, VETERANS MEMORIAL CHAIRMAN, AND LONGTIME WILLOUGHBY HILLS RESIDENT LARRY O'DONNELL THROUGH THE NAMING OF THE LARRY O'DONNELL AMPHITHEATRE AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK AT THE WILLOUGHBY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX.

President Fellows presented the following Resolution to former Councilman David A. Reichelt.

Resolution No. 2013-26

A RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMEMBER DAVID A. REICHELDT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.

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.

Public Portion was opened at 6:47pm

1. Linda Fulton

2990 Marcum Boulevard

Re: City Permanent Appropriations; City will be beginning the year with a \$92,000 deficit. How much was the deficit in January of 2013? If the City continues to go the way it's going, she can see the possibility of bankruptcy in the near future

Public Portion was closed at 6:49pm

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-43 – THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN CITY SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SOMICH, seconded by Councilman Biro to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-43.

President Fellows wanted to clarify that Council does not create the Budget; the Budget is created with Administration, the Mayor, the Finance Director and Department Heads. After the Budget is completed, Council reviews it, questions are asked, concerns are voiced, and because Council being the legislative body, then votes on it. President Fellows wanted to make sure that the public is aware that Council does not create the Budget.

Roll Call: 5 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Fellows declared that Ordinance No. 2013-43 has been adopted.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-54 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-13 TO COMPLY WITH STATE BUDGETARY LAWS REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES TO MAINTAIN POSITIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; REPEALING CONFLICTING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Germano to suspend the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2013-54.

Roll Call: 5 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Fellows declared that the Three Reading Rule for Ordinance No. 2013-54 has been suspended.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GERMANO, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to adopt Ordinance No. 2013-54.

Councilman Fiebig thanked the Finance Director for providing a memo clarifying the appropriations movement from the previous legislation and for the work on the Budget. Councilman Fiebig further stated that we are putting forth this budget, that's not reflective of where we would like to it to be; he is committed, as he is sure all of Council is to see what we can do in the coming months ahead to see that we can sure it up, making sure that we do have a balanced revenue and expenditure budget for the next year. Councilman Fiebig stated that he is sure that we will all be working on it with the Administration to come up with a budget that makes sense, that serves the needs of the residents; being as fiscally responsible as we can be. Thanks for the work and being committed to moving forward in a positive way.

Roll Call: 5 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Fellows declared that Ordinance No. 2013-54 has been adopted.

APPOINTMENT

President Fellows stated that she would entertained a Motion to appoint Christopher Hallum to serve in the position of Councilman District III with the Oath of Office to be administered January 3, 2014.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN SOMICH, seconded by Council Biro to appoint Christopher Hallum to the position of Councilman District III, with the Oath of Office to be administered January 3, 2014.

Councilman Fiebig mentioned that there were many great applicants; he believes that all of Council were impressed with the dedication that we had with the people who had applied. The Committee did come to a consensus and made the recommendation that Mr. Hallum join Council and are very happy to have

him. Councilman Fiebig publicly thanked, along with all of the Members Council, all who had considered serving on City Council and hope that they will consider serving in the future.

Roll Call: 5 AYES – unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Fellows declared that Christopher Hallum has been appointed to serve in the position of Councilman District III; said appointment to commence upon taking Oath of Office on January 3, 2014.

President Fellows stated that when Special Council Meetings are called, Committee Reports are not given, only the business for which the Special Meeting is called r is addressed; however, to Councilman Fiebig's point, the Working Committee of Council did meet on January 18th, January 21st, and on January 23rd in Executive Session for the purpose of this Council Appointment.

President Fellows wanted to take a moment to thank those who did step forward and submit an application to be considered for this position, those were: Dr. Stephen Atkins, Michael Barth, Dominic Dorazio, Chris Hallum, Anne Hassoldt-Fenof, Greg McCarthy, Frances Reddick, and Sue Roseum.

These applicants represented over 96 years of residency, spanning 3 years to 28 years; advanced economic education, a business owner within our own City, banking knowledge, experience in developing business plans, representing our school system and also a Rotary Citizen of the year. Represented was service on city commissions, task force and committees, just to mention a few.

We thank you for your commitment and wiliness to serve, and encourage you to continue being involved by attending community events, council meetings and to consider to run for a city office in the future.

President Fellows personally and cordially invited all of Administration and all Department Heads to the City's Inaugural Ceremony on Friday, January 3, 2014 at 5:30pm. Ceremony to be held in Council Chambers for the swearing in of: Council at Large III David Fiebig, Council at Large, IV John Plecnik, Council at Large II Nancy Fellows and just appointed Councilman District III Christopher Hallum. Judge Bartolotta will be presiding.

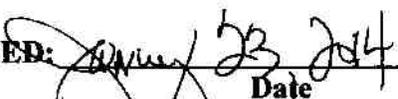
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BIRO, seconded by Councilman Fiebig to adjourn the Special Council Meeting of December 30, 2013.

Roll Call: 5 AYES - unanimous

MOTION PASSES

President Fellows declared the Special Council Meeting of December 30, 2013 to be adjourned at 6:57pm

APPROVED:  _____
Date


Raymond C. Somich
President of Council

ATTEST: 
Victoria Ann Savage, CMC
Clerk of Council