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# City of Willoughby Hills

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TANYA TAYLOR DRAPER

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2023

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The Regular Council Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Council President Hallum presided.

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m. (Audio: 0:00 – 0:09)**

**Cell Phone Reminder to Turn off Devices**

**Pledge of Allegiance (Audio: 0:10 – 0:28)**

### ROLL CALL (Audio: 0:30 – 1:38)

**Members Present:** Council President Christopher Hallum, Councilman Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, Council Vice President Michael Kline, Councilwoman Vicki Miller, Councilwoman Tanya Taylor Draper, and Councilwoman Julie Belich.

**Also Present:** Mayor Andy Gardner, Law Director Michael C. Lucas, and Finance Director Frank J. Brichacek, Jr..

**Absent:** City Engineer Pietro A. DiFranco.

**Motion made by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz,** seconded by **Councilwoman Miller** to appoint Karen Mehollin as Council Clerk Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

### Discussion on the Motion:

None.

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

**NAYS: None**

**Vote: 7/0**

**Motion carries** to appoint Karen Mehollin as Council Clerk Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

### DISPOSITION OF THE JOURNAL (Audio: 1:40 – 2:20)

**Motion made by Council Vice President Kline** seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to adopt the minutes of the December 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

### Discussion on the Motion:

None.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Jarmuszkiewicz.

Vote: 6/0/1

**Motion carries** to adopt the meeting minutes of the December 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.

**COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS (Audio: 2:24 – 2:36)**

- 12/7/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Credit Card Usage Policy.
- 12/7/22 email from Joe Jarmuszkiewicz, re: Agenda for Thursday Council Meeting (12.8.22).
- 12/8/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: 2022 Cleanup Appropriation.
- 12/8/22 email from Frank Brichcek, re: Council Clerk ad.
- 12/9/22 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: Signed Agreement – iWorQ & Willoughby Hills Ohio.
- 12/9/22 email from Finance Dept., re: Classified ad for Council Clerk for Sunday, 12/11/2022 NH Publication.
- 12/9/22 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: FW: Signed Agreement – iWorQ & Willoughby Hills, Ohio.
- 12/10/22 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: Welcome to iWorQ Systems – Willoughby Hills, Ohio.
- 12/12/22 email from Laura O'Donnell, re: WHYSA.
- 12/12/22 email from Brittany Banford, re: Welcome to iWorQ Systems – Willoughby Hills, Ohio.
- 12/12/22 email from Matthew Gray, re: RE: Breakfast with Santa.
- 12/14/22 email from Finance Dept., re: Printers after Migration.
- 12/14/22 email from Finance Dept., re: PCABR Agenda for 12.13.22.
- 12/15/22 email from Sandi Racic, re: WHYSA.
- 12/15/22 email from Rec Commission, re: Audio from last night.
- 12/15/22 email from Shantelle Walker, re: iWorQ – Kickoff Call Summary.
- 12/16/22 email from Laura O'Donnell, re: RE: Parade Pictures.
- 12/16/22 email from Mayor Gardner, re: FW: Request Ord.
- 12/20/22 email from Finance Dept., re: FW: Update on NOPEC Electric Recertification Status.
- 12/20/22 email from Julie Belich, re: Deer Mgmt. Call.
- 12/20/22 email from Laura O'Donnell, re: Microphone.
- 12/21/22 email from News Herald, re: New application for Council Clerk.
- 12/21/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: FWD: Carrington Mortgage Services v Shawn Palmer, Cuy Common Please Court, Case No. CV 22972362.
- 12/21/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: FWD: Theodore Dellas, et al v Christopher Hallum, et al.
- 12/21/22 email from Pietro DiFranco, re: FWD: Theodore Dellas, et al v Christopher Hallum, et al.
- 12/21/22 email from News Herald, re: New application for Council Clerk.
- 12/21/22 email from Frank Brichacek, re: FWD: Carrington Mortgage Services v Shawn Palmer, Cuy Common Please Court, Case No. CV 22972362.
- 12/21/22 email from News Herald, re: New application for Council Clerk.
- 12/22/22 email from Jace Kartchner, re: RE: Initial Data for Setup – Willoughby Hills / iWorQ.
- 12/22/22 email from David Dao, re: F250 Landed, PO VT002459.
- 12/22/22 email from Mike Kline, re: City Scrapbooks.
- 12/25/22 email from News Herald, re: New application for Council Clerk.
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- 12/26/22 email from News Herald, re: New application for Council Clerk.
- 12/27/22 email from David Dao, re: F250 Landed, PO VT002459.
- 12/28/22 email from Michael Lucas, re: Evolve – June 2022 Invoice.

12/28/22 email from Robert Gandee, re: FW: ETA Request / Purchase Order.  
12/28/22 email from David Dao, re: Willoughby Hills F250 Billing NEG14616.  
12/28/22 email from Mike Kline, re: Draft of meeting minutes – 12.08.22.  
12/28/22 email from Finance Dept., re: Evolve – June 2022 Invoice.  
12/28/22 email from Gloria Majeski, re: Evolve – June 2022 Invoice.  
12/29/22 email from Finance Dept., re: Ordinance for Evolve Upgrade.  
12/29/22 email from Laura O'Donnell, re: Council Clerk.  
12/29/22 email from Vicki Miller, re: Notice in today's News Herald.  
12/30/22 email from Nancy Erikson, re: Corn and Music Fest.  
1/3/23 email from Mayor Gardner, re: 2022 Financial Disclosure Statement Available.  
1/4/23 email from Frank Brichacek, re: Rec Commission Reports as of 12/31/22.  
1/9/23 email from Finance Dept., re: (1) invoice po CT002459.  
1/9/23 email from Mike Kline, re: Trailard Property.  
1/9/23 email from Vicki Miller, re: Decorations from Amazon.

**PUBLIC PORTION #1 (Audio: 2:40 – 2:58)**

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

Public Portion #1 opened at 7:02pm.

No one spoke.

Public Portion #1 closed at 7:03pm.

**Questions/comments following Public Portion #1:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT (Audio: 3:00 – 11:46)**

**Mayor Gardner** reported the following:

- Thank you to all who were involved in putting together our recent holiday events – Recreation Commission, Council, high school volunteers – such as Breakfast with Santa, Winterfest, holiday parade, and lighting contest. Also, thank you to Council's Beautification Committee for the decorations here at City Hall to make it look the best it's ever looked for the holidays. Some future ideas - combining events (two toy drives into one, food drives, etc.), light sculptures amongst Christmas Card Lane.
- The new Fire Department Command/Chase Car is in and is currently being painted and upfitted with a predicted three-four week service date.
- Year-end reports are incoming and will be circulated as soon as they come in. Without having a Court Clerk for a brief time, court revenue is down a bit. Police is right in line with last year and Fire is about +/- 50 calls from last year (4400 calls/year)
- The budget continues to be worked on. Please be patient.
- Council has been discussing deer management. He will be having a meeting with **Councilwoman Belich** next week.
- Starting January 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Cleveland Metroparks will be doing their annual deer management program at North Chagrin Reservation. Please obey signage of roads being closed. Stay tuned to Facebook and the newsletter for specific road closing information as it comes in.

- David Radachy and the Lake County Planning Commission will be returning early this year with a final draft of the Master Plan.
- Looking forward to **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** putting together an Ordinance for resident notification for major projects in the City.
- Grateful for **Councilman Knecht** taking on an examination of referendum voting as it's something that needs to be looked at every so often.
- The Law Department continues to monitor State legislation for short term lodging facilities.
- Thank you to Swagelock and the Quandt family for their donations for our Safety forces. We are very grateful.
- Gary Pratt has sent his report from the Cuyahoga County Airport Noise Abatement Council meeting that was earlier today. A brief summary:
  - Fourth quarter: 5,899 operations during regular hours / 129 during Noise Abatement Hours (11pm-7am)
  - Six complaints in the quarter during the NAH – all from the same resident in South Euclid.
  - For the year: 28,422 total operations during regular hours / 260 during Noise Abatement Hours (inc. of 11% from 2021)
  - Willoughby Hills complaints in 2022: None.

#### **Questions/comments following Mayor's Report:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked about the status of the previously discussed LED signage. **Mayor Gardner** stated that he has been trying to get in touch with a member of the O'Ryan family in order to get their support for this type of purchase with gymnasium fund money donated by the Mayor and Florine O'Ryan. We will continue trying to reach them. The vendor is still very interested in providing the City with the sign.

**Council President Hallum** asked if **Mayor Gardner** would like to announce the filling of the Communications Supervisor position. **Mayor Gardner** introduced previous Clerk of Council Karen Mehollin as the new City Communications Supervisor. **Council President Hallum** added that they have been interviewing for the Clerk of Council position and will keep Council updated with the process.

#### **LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 15:30 – 16:22)**

**Law Director Lucas** reported that there has been no action taken on the House Bill regarding short term rentals. The end of the legislation year ended with no action taken. It has only gone the subcommittee of the House.

#### **Questions/comments following Law Director's Report (Audio: 16:30 – 17:38)**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked if there's been any movement with the medical marijuana business? **Law Director Lucas** said he has heard nothing yet. **Council President Hallum** added that he has tried to reach out to the INSA representatives but has not heard anything. It will continue to stay on the agenda; no rush as it needs to be done once and correctly.

#### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Audio: 17:40 – 18:32)**

**Finance Director Brichacek** reported that the County notified him recently that they'd be going through the reappraisal process (six year cycle). Property taxes for 2023 will remain the same but there may be a bump in them for 2024.

**Questions/comments following Finance Director's Report:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** asked when Council would be seeing the initial budget for the upcoming year. **Finance Director Brichacek** stated that he hopes by the end of the month.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT (Audio: 18:55 – 19:06)**

(No report – City Engineer was out sick.)

**Questions/comments following City Engineer's Report:**

None.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS (Audio: 19:08 – 26:25)**

**PC-ABR reported by Councilwoman Taylor Draper (Audio: 19:12 – 19:35)**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** reported that there was no Planning and Zoning meeting last Thursday was canceled due to no business. Currently, they are waiting on David Radachy for a final draft of the Master Plan.

**Questions/comments following the PC-ABR Report:**

None.

**Deer Management Committee reported by Councilwoman Belich (Audio: 19:41 – 22:05)**

**Councilwoman Belich** reported that the Deer Management Committee is continuing to work on putting correct procedures in place. There have been two meetings so far. She continues to take calls from both residents of Willoughby Hills and non-residents. The deadline for the end of archery season is February 5<sup>th</sup>. We will not make that deadline as we continue to gather resident opinions in order to work toward what is best for the residents of the City.

**Questions/comments following the Deer Management Committee Report (Audio: 22:05 – 22:40)**

**Council President Hallum** noted that **Councilwoman Belich** is speaking about an Ordinance being created and it being reviewed by Council – it's a ways out still before anything is voted on.

**Recreation Commission reported by Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz (Audio: 22:42 – 23:51)**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** reported that there is a new Recreation Commission member, Matt Gray stepped up to be the new Chairperson, and Laura O'Donnell will now be Vice-Chair. Currently being worked on for March: Spring Craft Show and Pancake Breakfast. Baseball and softball registrations are happening now as well. Sign-up early so teams can be formed.

**Questions/comments following the Recreation Commission Report (Audio: 23:52 – 26:25)**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked if there were any pickleball updates. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that there was a wrap up meeting at the end of the season with a subcommittee meeting in the works for next month in order to discuss how to make the most of the courts (tournaments, court reservations, etc.). **Council President Hallum** asked for clarification that those signing up for baseball or softball do not have to be a resident. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that there is not a resident requirement to sign up and play. **Mayor Gardner** added that the Service Department ordered and received new material for the fields for better drainage. They were able to put it down on one field before the weather changed. The remaining fields will be completed in the Spring.

**Finance Committee Report by Council Vice President Kline:**

No report.

**Business Subcommittee – reported by Council Vice President Kline:**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Audio: 26:34 – 27:27)**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** made reference to a handout she distributed to Council members before tonight’s meeting regarding public notification of upcoming projects. She asked that it be discussed in more detail at the January 23, 2023 Working Committee of the Whole meeting.

**LEGISLATION (Audio: 27:35 – 39:50)**

**ORDINANCE 2022-034 AMENDED – THIRD READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART SEVEN - BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHAPTER 759 CAPTIONED “MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSURE”.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this would remain on Third Reading.

**ORDINANCE 2023-001 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 139 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, OHIO, TITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT”; SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 139.01 (a), CAPTIONED “COMPOSITION”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Council President Hallum** stated that this would remain on First Reading.

**ORDINANCE 2023-002 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF ENGINEERING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2023 SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-002.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** stated that this is a yearly process to maintain our sewers.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion carries** to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-002.

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, to adopt Ordinance 2023-002.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Mayor Gardner** stated that this allows the engineering which allows the City Engineer to ask the City to go out for bid. The quicker the engineering is done, the quicker the City can go out for bid, review bids, and get a contract and schedule set.

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

**Motion carries** to adopt Ordinance 2023-002.

**ORDINANCE 2023-003 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF ENGINEERING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2023 STREET REHABILITATION PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY FOR PAVEMENT REHABILITATION OF PLEASANT VALLEY ROAD (WEST OF BRIDGE) AND ASPHALT REJUVENATION OF LEGEND LANE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** was made by **Council Vice President Kline**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-003.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion carries** to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-003.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht**, to adopt Ordinance 2023-003.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion carries** to adopt Ordinance 2023-003.

**ORDINANCE 2023-004 – FIRST READING**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY RICHARD L. BOWEN + ASSOCIATES INC. FOR DESIGN COORDINATION OF 2023 PAVEMENT MARKINGS PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-004.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion carries** to waive the Three Reading Rule on Ordinance 2023-004.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to adopt Ordinance 2023-004.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion carries** to adopt Ordinance 2023-004.

**RESOLUTION 2023-001 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING POLICE OFFICER JAMES VITALE FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.**

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2023-001.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion carries** to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2023-001.

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich**, to adopt Resolution 2023-001.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that Officer Vitale has had a long career with Willoughby Hills and has been a great asset to the police force. He deserves this recognition.

**Council President Hallum** added that he's been very helpful and very involved with the City. He will be missed.

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

**NAYS:** None

**Vote:** 7/0

**Motion carries** to adopt Resolution 2023-001.



**RESOLUTION 2023-002 – FIRST READING**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING DENISE EDWARDS FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY DURING HER EMPLOYMENT AS THE BUILDING AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT CLERK FOR THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS.**

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2023-002.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** stated that Denise has been a tremendous asset to the Sports Leagues and Community Center and she's set the bar high. She continued to do an outstanding job in the Building & Service Department. This is well deserved.

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

Motion carries to waive the Three Reading Rule on Resolution 2023-002.

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich**, to adopt Resolution 2023-002.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

**Councilwoman Miller** echoed the sentiments of **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** regarding Denise. She's always been very pleasant and helpful – and very deserving of this Resolution.

**Council President Hallum** added that he's also known Denise since moving to the City. She always had high praise from the Recreation Commission and the residents. She is also returning to train the person who is now in her previous role.

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

Motion carries to adopt Resolution 2023-002.

**NEW BUSINESS (Audio: 39:52 – 42:02)**

Motion was made by **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz**, seconded by **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** to accept the donations of \$1,000 from the Swagelock Foundation for Fire and Police Department use.

**Discussion on Motion:**

No discussion.

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

Motion carries to accept the donations of \$1,000 from the Swagelock Foundation for Fire and Police Department use.

Motion was made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilman Knecht** to go out to bid for road salt.

**Discussion on Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion carries** to go out to bid for road salt.

**Motion** was made by **Councilman Knecht**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to go out to bid for asphalt.

**Discussion on Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion carries** to go out to bid for asphalt.

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Miller**, seconded by **Councilwoman Belich** to go out to bid for limestone.

**Discussion on Motion:**

No discussion.

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

**Motion carries** to go out to bid for limestone.

**PUBLIC PORTION #2 (Audio: 42:04 – 50:42)**

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

Public Portion #2 opened at 7:42pm.

Frank Cihula, 35060 Dixon Road, Willoughby Hills, 44094 spoke of a previous Willoughby Hills resident who is now in South Euclid and running for her 6<sup>th</sup> 4-year term as the Mayor of South Euclid.

Jenna Bing, 36951 Beech Hills, Willoughby Hills, 44094 stated that she felt the budget should be approved before bringing two new full-time officers are hired. She asked about the traffic speeding guns and signage – when will the City have signs posted? Additionally, she asked if the WHISPER program is worth keeping in the City since Homeowners' Services exists through Lake County Aging. Lastly, another community is doing registration of long and short term rentals for purpose of Fire Department to know who is renting and owning. Could be worth looking into.

Public Portion #2 closed at 7:47pm.

**Questions/comments following Public Portion #2 (Audio: 47:20 – 50:42)**

**Council President Hallum** stated that the speed camera program has work being done on the back end of the which takes time. As far as the WHISPER program, **Council President Hallum** stated that he disagrees with Ms. Bing in that it's important to take care of our own in the City and doesn't cost taxpayers money.

**Councilwoman Miller** stated that the WHISPER program has always been able to staff volunteers and work with the residents that are having service done. The group is active and vital to the Community. **Councilwoman Taylor Draper** agrees with the previous two council members in that she would never want to get rid of WHISPER. This program was donated in the spirit of helping neighbors and that shouldn't be taken away from the City or the residents. Council members volunteer. That's what we do - help the residents.

**Mayor Gardner** there is no disconnect in approving the Manning Table in advance of the budget as we're currently authorized in the Manning Table for 5 sergeants and we maintain 4. We continue to proceed with GenOptik and our prosecutor is working with the court to handle how that will be addressed. **Mayor Gardner** made reference to an article on Cleveland.com regarding the first year of Mayfield speed cameras and through ODOT studies noted that speeds are down with some credit to this program.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY**  
**(Audio: 50:44 – 57:20)**

**Councilwoman Taylor Draper** asked that Council discuss at a Committee of the Whole meeting possibly having one of City's events at the West End of the City (Shoppes of Willoughby Hills). It would be a good change and get more residents involved from that area. **Mayor Gardner** added that the response to the holiday parade from Bishop Park and Pine Ridge Apartments was great. **Council President Hallum** stated that he would add that to the agenda. **Councilwoman Belich** mentioned a voter registration event at the apartments that was done and was well-received by the residents there. **Council President Hallum** commented that it's a great idea with apartments being so transient. **Councilman Jarmuszkiewicz** congratulated Laura Surovi and Mike Sivo on opening the Animal Rehab Facility. There was a nice story about it on Channel 3 recently. It's a great addition to the City. **Councilwoman Miller** reminded residents to take their time and drive safely both in the snow and in regular conditions. Pay attention and slow down. Laws are there for safety and not guidelines. **Mayor Gardner** added to pay attention to funeral processions as well.

**ADJOURNMENT (Audio: 57:26 – 57:50)**

**Motion** was made by **Councilwoman Belich**, seconded by **Councilwoman Miller**, to adjourn the meeting.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

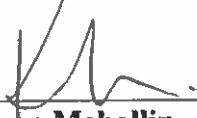
None.

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

**Motion carries** to adjourn the Regular Council meeting of January 12, 2023.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.**

**APPROVED:** January 26, 2023  
**Date**

**ATTEST:**   
**Karen Mehollin**  
**Clerk of Council**

  
**Christopher Hallum**  
**President of Council**