

# City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE JUNE 11th, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake for June 11th, 2024, was called to order at 7:00 pm by Council President Rob Johnson.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ROLL CALL:** 

Aye Ward 4: Aye: At Large:

**DESIREA THOMPSON, Vice President** 

Aye: At Large: Ward 2:

MICHELLE MOORE SKIP GRAY

Aye: Aye:

At Large: KEVIN BITTNER

Ward 1:

VIRGINIA WONG

Aye

At Large:

**JIM LUNDER** 

Aye

Ward 3:

ROB JOHNSON, President

### **READING OF MINUTES:**

Regular Meeting of Council – May 28th, 2024

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Amendment of the Minutes. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Abstain: Thompson MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

MOTION MADE BY MS. WONG, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes as amended. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Abstain: Thompson MOTION CARRIED: 6/0/1

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director - Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva announced that they are working on the policy for reemployment of retired city employees, drafted by Ms. Martin, Mr. Lyons and Mayor Eva to review the policy and will likely have it at the next Council Meeting. The local government fund resolution, if possible, should be passed and to suspend the rules. Mayor Eva read the Fire Department's monthly report for May; it will be attached to the minutes.

#### Administrative Director- Ms. Martin

Ms. Martin wanted to let the Council know that the page where the minutes are posted has a glitch and our IT company had to put a ticket in with word press #41888. The Resolution 2024-R-20 the only has one change from the previous years was the addition of the .75 mil for Parks and Rec Levy.

Law Director - Mr. Lyons (None)

# **QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Mr. Johnson asked if there is a reason 2024-R-21 had to be passed at this meeting versus the next council meeting. Mr. Johnson is asking because they just got the final draft of exhibit A today and they did not get the corrected spreadsheet showing now that they are allocating to the Lake Metro Parks how that is going to affect our money and he would like to see that before agreeing to vote on it. Mayor Eva said that he thinks it can wait until next reading because they said early July. Mrs. Moore asked if there was an employee handbook or employee policy and procedure manual's that the employees get when they come on board. Ms. Martin said that they do have an employee handbook but she cannot verify if it is handed out to every employee. It is a big booklet that is in the office. Mrs. Moore clarified that employees do not get a copy of it or have access to it online and Ms. Martin said that it is just a binder in the office that is shown to employees, to her knowledge. Mayor Eva said that all of the City policies are in one binder. Mr. Johnson asked if there was a way to make that available to everyone so they are award of what the policies are rather than it all be in one binder or Mrs. Moore said it could be a sharable document that all employees can have access to and Mayor Eva answered yes.

# **BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:**

Citizens Advisory Committee / May 20th, 2024 / Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson read the Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

Parks and Recreation Committee / May 30th, 2024 / Ms. Wong

Ms. Wong read the Parks and Recreation Meeting report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

Planning and Zoning Committee / June 3rd, 2024 / Mr. Lunder

Mr. Lunder read the Planning and Zoning Committee report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

Community Development Committee / June 4th, 2024 / Mr. Gray

Mr. Gray read an overview of the Community Development Committee report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

Ordinance Committee / June 10th, 2024 / Ms. Wong

Ms. Wong read the Ordinance Committee report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:** (None)

# LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

# ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-06 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW SECTION 250.23 IN ORDER TO REQUIRE COUNCIL TO APPROVE ALL RE-EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

# **DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Wong suggested that in light of the fact that they do have an offer from administration drafting a policy as such that Council allow it to go on to third reading to see what they come up with before Council suspending the rules and legislating. Mr. Johnson said that this would not be in lieu of a policy and this is to require that council is part of the discussion of budgetary considerations that did not happen on either of the two retire-rehires and that is councils' function and should be part of their job to do that. Because there is not trust in the administration to bring that to council for that discussion, he thinks they have to require it.

Mr. Johnson said the ordinance will move on to third reading.

# RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-20

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 BUDGET.

# **DISCUSSION:**

President Johnson said that this has to go through three readings and there is a Public Hearing that is scheduled for July 9th, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Johnson said the resolution will move on to second reading.

# **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-21**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

# **DISCUSSION:**

Mrs. Moore and Ms. Wong said they would like more time to go over the information they received earlier today.

Mr. Johnson said the resolution will move on to second reading.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

(None)

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

(None)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:

(None)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Citizen Advisory Committee
Lake Overlook Forum
Service Committee
Charter Review Committee
Parks and Recreation Committee
Community Development Committee
Ordinance Committee
Public Hearing On 2024-R-20

Regular Agenda Meeting Regular Meeting of Council Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Summer Recess will have to change as Council has to meet on July 9th for the public hearing and for the third reading of 2024-R-20 and will also need to meet at the end of July for the Charter Review. Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to rescind the recess for July 9th since there was already a motion made to have it.

MOTION MADE BY MR. GRAY, Seconded by Ms. Wong, to rescind Summer Recess of July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

#### ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MS. WONG, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Moore, Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None MOTION CARRIED: 7/0

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

**APPROVED:** 

Date

ROBERT JOHNSON President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council