



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
NOVEMBER 12th, 2024
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Mentor-on-the-Lake was called to order on November 12th 2024, at 7:00 pm by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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| Aye | Ward 4: | DESIREA THOMPSON, Vice President |
| Aye | At Large: | MICHELLE MOORE (absent) |
| Aye | Ward 2: | SKIP GRAY |
| Aye | At Large: | KEVIN BITTNER (absent) |
| Aye | Ward 1: | JEANNIE WONG |
| Aye | At Large: | JIM LUNDER |
| Aye | Ward 3: | ROB JOHNSON, President |

READING OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council- October 22nd, 2024

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Gray, for approval of the minutes. **ROLL CALL:**
Ayes: Council Members Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

7:01 P.M EXECUTIVE SESSION OF COUNCIL:

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Ms. Wong, for Council to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Members Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson.
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

7:09 P.M. COUNCIL RECONVENED. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. **All present.**

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva announced that Mr. Lyons will be leaving at the end of the year and there will be an RFP out for a new Law Director. Mayor Eva also informed Tim Lannon from CT that we will be doing an RFP for City

Engineer. At this point Mentor City Council is not interested in any type of agreement for Mentor Beach Park. Mayor Eva then read the Fire Department report for October; it will be included in the minutes.

Administrative Director – Ms. Martin

Ms. Martin read her report; it will be included in the meeting minutes.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons

Mr. Lyons restated that he asked Mayor Eva to not re-up him for the upcoming year and that he appreciated the opportunity over the years.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Ms. Wong asked when the feral cat meeting would be and Ms. Martin said January 22nd at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Johnson asked if there has been effort beyond the communication/education portion of it vs. the administration portion of it in terms of keeping track of the colonies. Mr. Johnson said that the Ordinance Committee did a great job getting ideas together of what can be done and wanted to know if administration is making any effort to fix the problem, more than education as education will only go so far for those that come to the meeting. Ms. Martin said that the education- if you follow the plan, is the solution. Mr. Johnson responded that we have not been recording the colonies or following what the Ordinance requires us to do. Mayor Eva said that they recently got a report of the colonies and Mr. Johnson said that he wanted to know the numbers of the colonies and how many cats exist and they will have a plan from the administration as to how they are going to administer the solution beyond education. Mayor Eva said that he would like to wait until January because he attended one of these sessions in Wickliffe years ago and there were different solutions, as well as different people that tended to the colonies that had ideas. Ms. Martin said that they chose January 22nd because it is right before cat season and it will be fresh in their minds.

Mr. Johnson said that there was a lack in communication regarding the email transfer going to outlook 365. Council found out when they checked their email that their passwords changed and they were not informed ahead of time that this was going to happen. Vice President Thompson messaged to let the rest of Council know what was going on because there was zero communication from administration. They keep talking about how council and administration need to communicate better so there should have been a process by which they talked about transferring the emails ahead of time. Mrs. Moore still cannot access her email. Ms. Martin said that Mrs. Moore can communicate with her as well and contact her so she can help her with the email. Mr. Lunder suggested that they have a meeting prior to the website switching over so they can go over what is going to happen and Mayor Eva agreed.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Zoning Committee / October 28th, 2024 / Mr. Lunder

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

Parks and Recreation Board / October 29th, 2024 / Ms. Wong

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

Envision Steering Committee / November 7th, 2024 / Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson read the Envision Steering Committee report; the meeting notes are attached to the minutes.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:27 P.M.- 7:32 P.M.

Kathy Allen 5438 Granada Drive. Ms. Allen wanted to address an issue with her neighbor- he has a giant political flag with profanities. She reached out to Council via email asking if there is anything that can be done and she was told that the first amendment protects free speech. Ms. Allen asked if there was an Ordinance about political signs since the election is now over. There is a case law that she looked into about profanities on signs when it involves children seeing the sign, she sent it to council wanting to know if this is something that can be done. Mr. Johnson turned the question to Mr. Lyons and he said that there are exceptions, but only when it is with business, not residential and it is not illegal. Recently the Supreme Court had a case about signs with a church and the decision was if you had to read the words on the signs, then it violates the first amendment. Mr. Lyons said if the city tried to cite this person, it would be taken to court and there would be a trial but the judge would throw it out. Mr. Lyons said that he will read the case that Ms. Allen sent and will email her to let her know that he read it and what he thinks. Ms. Wong asked if Mr. Lyons was familiar with the City of Mentor's sign Ordinance 1171.20 that regulates signs in residential districts and if that was legal; he said he was not familiar. Mr. Lunder said that he drove by the property and it was questionable if it was in the right away or not and that Mr. Snyder should check that out. Ms. Allen said that one of the members of the Yacht Club asked if the neighbor could take the sign down and he agreed but it is still up.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-18 (SECOND READING) (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-O-06 IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE RETIRE-
REHIRE REGULATIONS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This ordinance was sent to third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-20 (SECOND READING) (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE BY CREATING NEW CHAPTER 1270 OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES FOR THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE
CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This ordinance is still in the Ordinance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-22
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 452.01, 452.17 AND 452.99 AND
REPEALING ORDINANCES 452.02 AND 452.03 RELATING TO PARKING ON THE STREETS

Ms. Wong addressed the council regarding this Ordinance; her correspondence will be added to the minutes.

Mayor Eva read comments that Chief Forsythe had regarding the amendments to the Ordinance. The committee will review; the correspondence will be added to the minutes.

This ordinance was sent back to the Ordinance Committee for review.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-23

AN ORDINANCE CREATING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 648.15 – NOISE

Ms. Wong addressed the council regarding this Ordinance; her correspondence will be added to the minutes.

This ordinance was sent to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 212.01 – POSTING PLACES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This ordinance was sent to second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-25

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mrs. Thompson, for Passage of Ordinance NO. 2024-O-25 ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

OLD BUSINESS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Eva said that Ryan Smalley from Envision will be contacting businesses. One of the businesses they will be talking with is David Knott on Munson Road. Mayor Eva had a conversation with Mr. Knott and he feels as though he has exhausted all retail opportunities and the best thing that he can do is look into residential. Mr. Knott told Mayor Eva that he did not get a good vibe from council the last time. Mr. Johnson said that his marketing is not doing well because he cannot find his properties when he looks online and the signs are his own company and he does not feel like Mr. Knott has exhausted all of his efforts. Ms. Wong said that the residential idea would be a major zoning change and she does not think they should make a change without a plan. Mayor Eva said that the zoning committee talked about putting the Marijuana Dispensary on the ballot Mr. Lyons said that one way they could go about that would be a charter review, or if a group of citizens got together and had a petition, but they would need a certain number of signatures.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 8:08 P.M. – 8:09 P.M.

Paul Morris 7592 Pinehurst Drive. Mr. Morris wanted to thank Mr. Lyons for his service to our city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTINGS OF MEETINGS:

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| Parks and Recreation Board | Thursday, November 14 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M. |
| Ordinance Committee | Tuesday, November 19 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. |
| Public Engagement Envision Meeting | Thursday, November 21 st , 2024 at 6:30 P.M. |
| Parks and Recreation Committee | Thursday, December 12 th , 2024 at 6:30 P.M. |
| Organizational Meeting of Council | Tuesday, January 7 th , 2025 at 7:00 P.M. |
| Envision Steering Meeting | Thursday, January 9 th , 2025 at 7:00 P.M. |

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MRS. THOMPSON, Seconded by Mr. Gray, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Gray, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

The next **REGULAR AGENDA MEETING** will be held on
Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

The next **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** will be held on
Tuesday, November 26th, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

12/6/2024

Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest: 

Clerk of Council