



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE
JANUARY 28TH, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Mentor-on-the-Lake was called to order on January 28th, 2025, at 7:00 pm by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

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

READING OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council- January 14th, 2025

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Ms. Wong, for approval of the minutes. **ROLL CALL:**
Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (none)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor and Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva said that our engineer CEC have the field work completed for Lake Overlook Beach Park. They did some soil roading, surveys and base map. We should have a preliminary plan from them by February 15th. Ms. Martin and Mayor Eva met with Ryan Smalley from Envision to do a check in on how things are going. Mayor Eva asked that Council holds off on any correspondence with Mr. Smalley.

Administrative Director – Ms. Martin

Ms. Martin read her report; it will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Law Director – Mr. Dynes (none)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Lunder asked if Josh Merinar has to go through a training now that he has passed his CDL. Ms. Martin said that Mr. Merinar has been out training since he received his permit.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation Board/ January 16th, 2025 / Ms. Wong

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: (none)

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

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

Mr. Johnson moved this Ordinance from the Ordinance Committee to the Zoning Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-22 (SECOND READING) (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

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

This Ordinance is still in the Ordinance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-28 (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 250.05, VACATIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

This Ordinance is ready to come out of the Ordinance Committee with amendments.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Ms. Wong, to amend Ordinance NO. 2024-O-28 as presented. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Passage of Resolution NO. 2024-O-28 ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-01 (REFERRED TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION)
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1240.02, 1258.02. AND CREATING
NEW SECTION 1258.021 IN ORDER TO REGULATE CANNABIS DISPENSARIES IN THE CITY

Council discussed extending the moratorium and Mr. Johnson said they will draft legislation to extend the moratorium by another sixty days.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-02 (SECOND READING) (AMENDED)
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 882 – CANNABIS / MARIJUANA LICENSURE

Council discussed striking 882.10 license fees in its entirety.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BITTNER, Seconded by Ms. Wong, to amend Ordinance NO. 2025-O-02. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

This Ordinance will move on the third reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-07
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO PERFORM ALL
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL
(NOPEC) 2025 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FUNDS

MOTION MADE BY MR. BITTNER, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL:
Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Ms. Wong, for Passage of Resolution NO. 2025-R-07
ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

OLD BUSINESS: Council Rules will move on to the next Council Meeting as two members were not present.

NEW BUSINESS: (none)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: (none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTINGS OF MEETINGS:

Planning and Zoning Committee	Monday, February 3 rd , 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
Zoning Committee	Tuesday, February 4 th , 2025 at 6:30 P.M.
Parks and Recreation Board	Thursday, February 13 th , 2025 at 6:30 P.M.
Envision Steering Meeting	Thursday, February 20 th , 2025 at 7:00 P.M.
Public Hearing for Ordinance NO. 2025-O-01	Tuesday, March 11 th , 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Lunder announced that he will be taking over at the Chair for the Fire Dependency Board.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.

MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Adjournment. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Members Gray, Bittner, Wong, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

The next **REGULAR AGENDA MEETING** will be held on
Thursday, February 6th, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

The next **REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL** will be held on
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:

2-11-2025
Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest: 

Clerk of Council

1/28/25

Administration Announcements

- Last Thursday, our service labor employee Josh Merinar passed his CDL test after training at Lakeland. We are very excited to promote him to operator.
- I received official notice from Aqua that they will start the construction on Woodside Rd. and part of Mooreland Rd. in March weather permitting.

- Mentor Roadway program is still on track

**1/28/2025 Council Meeting Report on
Parks & Rec Board Meeting 1/16/2025**

The Parks and Rec Board met on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm.

In attendance: Board Members Petchatsko, Kozlowski, and Stafinski; Mayor Eva and Ms. Ice.

Absent: Board Members Turi and Council Representative Bittner.

Council President Johnson, Council Vice-President Moore, and Council Member Wong were also present.

New Board Members: Nate Duer and Jonathan Steinbach were sworn in as full members.

Election of Officers: The Board elected Jeanette Pechatsko as Chair for 2025. Nominations for Vice-Chair were declined by Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Stafinski. Given the absence of other experienced Members, the group voted to postpone election of a Vice-Chair to the next meeting.

Revision of Board Rules: Major revisions were reviewed line-by-line by Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Stafinski. A vote for adoption will be proposed at the next meeting.

Other Business: A list of potential activities that could be planned by the group for this year was circulated and reviewed. These, and any other ideas brought by the group, will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted for Kevin Bittner, Council Representative to Parks & Rec Board,



Jeannie Wong, Council Ward 1