



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2017

The Organizational Meeting of Council for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. on January 5, 2017, by Council Chair, Desirea Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye: **Ward 4:** DESIREA THOMPSON, Chair
Aye: **Ward 1:** DAVID CHABUT (Absent/Excused)
Aye: **Ward 2:** PAUL MORRIS
Aye: **Ward 3:** ROB JOHNSON
Aye: **At Large:** JOHN HAWKINS
Aye: **At Large:** PRESTON WOLK
Aye: **At Large:** JIM LUNDER

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Council Member Thompson asked for nominations for **President of Council**.

Council Member Wolk nominated Council Member Thompson for President of Council. Council Member Morris seconded the nomination.

Council Member Thompson asked if there were any other nominations for President of Council. There were no further nominations for President of Council.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, to close the nominations for President of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Morris, Johnson, Hawkins, Wolk, Lunder. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

	<u>Vote:</u>
Council Member Thompson	Aye: Desirea Thompson
Council Member Morris	Aye: Desirea Thompson
Council Member Johnson	Aye: Desirea Thompson
Council Member Hawkins	Aye: Desirea Thompson
Council Member Wolk	Aye: Desirea Thompson
Council Member Lunder	Aye: Desirea Thompson

Council Member Thompson: Ayes: 6

Desirea Thompson was elected President of Council.

Council Member Thompson asked for nominations for **Vice-President of Council**.

Council Member Morris nominated Council Member Wolk for Vice-President of Council.
Council Member Hawkins seconded the nomination.

Council Member Johnson nominated Council Member Lunder for Vice-President of Council.
Council Member Wolk seconded the nomination.

Council Member Thompson asked if there were any other nominations for Vice-President of Council. There were no further nominations for Vice-President of Council.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Johnson, to close the nominations for Vice-President of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Morris, Johnson, Hawkins, Wolk, Lunder. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

	<u>Vote:</u>
Council Member Thompson	Aye: Jim Lunder
Council Member Morris	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Johnson	Aye: Jim Lunder
Council Member Hawkins	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Wolk	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Lunder	Aye: Jim Lunder

Council Member Wolk: Ayes: 3

Council Member Lunder: Ayes: 3

Council Member Thompson asked for discussion. Council Member Morris said both gentlemen would make a good Vice-President and it is a difficult choice. Council Member Lunder is very active in all the committees, and Council Member Wolk brings a seasoned experience to the position. Council Member Johnson said Council Member Wolk did an awesome job as the Ordinance Committee Chair, and to him that's one of the bread and butters of Council, the ordinances that are passed, and he appreciated Council Member Wolk's leadership. Council Member Thompson said, after some thought, that was also her consideration. Council Member Wolk said he appreciates the sentiment, and after some discussion, that was his thought as well, but after thinking about it, he thought he would have better influence as Vice-President in sending things to Council to discuss while still being an ex-officio member of every Committee and participate in those conversations. Council Member Hawkins said they are both good men and both can do a good job. Council Member Wolk has been on Council longer and has more experience plus he would be an ex-officio member of every Committee. Council Member Hawkins added he was glad this was being in done in public as opposed to writing notes as this way it can be discussed. Council Member Lunder said he agrees with everything everybody is saying. Even though he was new on Council, he did go to almost every Committee and Agenda

meeting this year, which he thought was part of the Vice-President's job. Council Member Thompson advised there will be another vote for Vice-President of Council.

SECOND ROLL CALL VOTE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

	<u>Vote:</u>
Council Member Thompson	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Morris	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Johnson	Aye: Jim Lunder
Council Member Hawkins	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Wolk	Aye: Preston Wolk
Council Member Lunder	Aye: Jim Lunder

Council Member Wolk: Ayes: 4 Council Member Lunder: Ayes: 2

Preston Wolk was elected Vice-President of Council.

SWEARING IN OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL:

7:10 P.M.

Council Member Thompson was sworn in as President of Council by Mayor David R. Eva.

7:12 P.M.

Council Member Preston Wolk was sworn in as Vice-President of Council by Mayor David R. Eva.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES:

Council President Thompson advised everyone has been given a copy of the Council Rules. She advised there was a question if the Council Committees can be part of Council Rules, and deferred to Council Member Morris. Council Member Morris said there are so many new Council Members, and there is no definition of what these Committees are and what their function is, and that is what he is looking for. Mr. Lyons said that could be included as to what the Committee functions are, if that is what Council wants. Council Member Wolk said his opinion is that the subjectivity of just having the titles of the Committees is potentially useful because there are so many issues that may come up that can stagger the definitions and leaving the subjectivity there and leaving it up to the discretion of the President of Council is the right way to do it. Mr. Lyons said he did not disagree with Council Member Wolk. There was discussion that this could be done by resolution, defining the jurisdiction of each of the standing committees, which could be modified every year. This can also be done in the Council Rules, or if it did not fall into a specific definition, a Special Committee could be appointed. Council Member Morris said he was not looking at an all-inclusive definition as certainly the President or Vice-President of Council can assign any topic to a specific Committee as need requires. Council Member Hawkins said sometimes they overlap, and in his experience there has been way too little Committee work, and Council spends a lot of time back and forth with the public which is really not what Council is supposed to be doing. Council is supposed to have a comment section, not a colloquy.

Council Member Wolk brought up Section 25, Appointing Authority, and asked if Committees are included in that section. Mr. Lyons did not believe this had been brought up before, but if there is a question, Council should continue doing what they are doing and allowing the Council President to appoint Committees. If there are enough Council Members who do not agree, the Council Rules could be changed. It seems like, for the most part, this has worked over the years, unless Council feels this should be changed. There was further discussion regarding Committee appointments and any objections to the appointments, or leaving things the way they are now and any Member of Council can come in and object. The Council Rules can be amended at any time during the year.

Council President Thompson recommended that everyone review the Council Rules and any changes or recommendations can be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Council President Thompson announced that the next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on January 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for adjournment. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Thompson, Morris, Johnson, Hawkins, Wolk, Lunder. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

The Organizational Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

APPROVED:

Date

DESIREA THOMPSON
President of Council

Attest:

Clerk of Council