



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE NOVEMBER 24, 2020

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council of November 24, 2020, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Desirea Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye:	At Large:	JIM LUNDER, Vice President	(Appeared in person)
Aye:	Ward 3:	ROB JOHNSON	(Appeared in person)
Aye:	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER	(Appeared virtually)
	At Large:	PRESTON WOLK	(Absent)
Aye:	Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT	(Appeared virtually)
Aye:	Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS	(Appeared in person)
Aye:	Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, President	(Appeared virtually)

READING OF MINUTES: Virtual Regular Meeting of Council -- November 10, 2020

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Approval of the Minutes of the November 10, 2020, Virtual Regular Meeting of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva stated he received correspondence from Chief Pechatsko on November 16, 2020 after the Civil Service Commission met regarding the Fire Department Composition. Ordinance 2020-O-23 amends Ordinance 232.01 and changes Ordinance 230.01, Composition of the Fire Department, to mirror the Police Department. This will allow for better planning in the future and aligns with the Police Department ordinance and composition.

The Civil Service Commission voted and recommends changing the Service Department from classified to non-classified. The change for the part-time fire to not be under civil service will require a Charter Amendment change and would have to go on the ballot for a vote. This could be placed on the November 2021 ballot.

Mayor Eva advised he sent a Memo from Ron Graham, Lake County Health Commissioner, to Council, and read highlights of the Memo regarding the COVID level in Lake County which is now at Risk Level 3, or Red Alert Level and on the watch list for Risk Level 4. There is now a curfew in place from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM with exceptions.

Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone

Resolution 2020-R-20 for the Advance Taxes can be passed at the next meeting if not done tonight. Resolution 2020-R-21 needs passed as an emergency. This is the second step of SID formation. A couple residents have expressed interest in the SID.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons

Mr. Lyons reported he confirms what Mayor Eva stated regarding the change for part-time fire which will need 5 (five) Members of Council for this to go on the ballot for the General Election in November.

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: None

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee / November 16, 2020 / Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris advised the Ordinance Committee met on November 16, 2020. Ordinance 1036 Trees and Ordinance 1024.01 (e) and (f) concerning labor charges for installation of culverts are tabled until Mr. Moore can attend.

Discussion was had about parking in front of mailboxes in motor routes within the city. Letter carriers do not have to deliver mail if the mailbox is blocked. Instead of creating an ordinance about this, the committee would like something posted on social media and the city newsletter bringing attention to the matter by asking residents to be respectful about parking in front of mailboxes.

Changes to Ordinance 1466 regarding vacant houses was discussed. There is concern about the increased demand on city services caused by houses that remain vacant for an extended period of time. The changes were forwarded to Mr. Lyons for review. The changes include increasing the time a residence may be vacant due to extended leave to 7 months to accommodate people who spend the winter in warmer climates. Also, an exemption can be requested in circumstances when a home is damaged and there are delays getting insurance and materials.

Last, was an issue concerning the Community Reinvestment Area legislation. An Ordinance number could not be found even though this had been passed in 2016. The committee agreed that no matter how

a home was built, the first owner of a new home may apply for the CRA abatement. It is the committee's understanding the abatement may be transferable to another owner to the extent of the terms as long as the homeowner is occupying the home. Mr. Morris deferred to Mr. Lyons regarding not being able to find a CRA ordinance. Mr. Lyons explained the CRA is not codified. Administration will find out why it is not officially codified.

Parks & Recreation Board / November 19, 2020 / Mr. Chabut

The board reviewed the Holiday Lighting contest. Houses can be nominated through the city website, email, social media, or calling city hall. Nominations need to include the address of the house being nominated. Deadline for nominations is December 6, 2020. The nominated houses will be posted on the city website and social media. Residents can view the homes and vote by phone, email, or social media by December 18, 2020. Prizes are Giant Eagle gift cards. First is \$75.00; Second is \$50.00; Third is \$25.00.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:14 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:15 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to amend tonight's Agenda to remove Ordinance 2020-O-22 which was passed at the November 10, 2020 meeting.

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, to amend tonight's Agenda by removing Ordinance 2020-O-22. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris., Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-17

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CT CONSULTANTS, INC., AS CITY ENGINEER, AFFIRMING THEIR CONTRACT, ESTABLISHING THEIR COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Resolution No. 2020-R-17 is placed on Third Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-18

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES M. LYONS AS LAW DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR, AFFIRMING HIS CONTRACT, DETERMINING COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, Seconded by Mr. Lunder for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

Motion made by Mr. Morris, Seconded by Mr. Johnson for passage of Resolution 2020-R-18. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-19

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH M. GURLEY AS CITY PROSECUTOR AND ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR, AFFIRMING HIS CONTRACT, DETERMINING COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING ANY EMERGENCY

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Resolution No. 2020-R-19 is placed on Third Reading.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-20

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 321.34 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Lunder, Seconded by Mr. Bittner for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

Motion made by Mr. Lunder, Seconded by Mr. Chabut for passage of Resolution 2020-R-20. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF A SHORELINE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND FOR THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SHORELINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, Seconded by Mr. Bittner for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (CONTINUED):

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-21 (CONTINUED)

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, Seconded by Mr. Bittner for passage of Resolution 2020-R-21. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-23 (THIRD READING) (TABLED) (SENT TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 232.01 – COMPOSITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-24 (THIRD READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1258.03 – ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES

Motion made by Mr. Johnson, Seconded by Mr. Morris for passage of Ordinance 2020-O-24. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None
Motion Carried: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-26

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCES 1036.05 AND 1036.12 IN CHAPTER 1036 - TREE PRESERVATION

There was no Motion made for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2020-O-26 is placed on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1060.01 - NAMING OF PARKS

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2020-O-27 is placed on Third Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-O-28 (REFERRED TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CRA ORDINANCE 2016-O-28 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Morris stated he is waiting to hear from Mr. Lyons regarding the first owner of a new home being able to apply for the CRA abatement and transferability to another owner as long as the homeowner is occupying the home

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to Recess for the December 22, 2020 Council Meeting due to the Christmas holiday.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, to approve the Recess for the December 22, 2020 Council Meeting. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:28 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:29 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Mr. Morris stated the Ordinance Committee will not be meeting in December, 2020.

Regular Agenda Meeting
Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

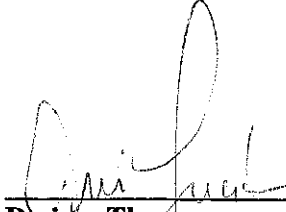
MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Adjournment. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

APPROVED:

December 8, 2020
Date


~~Desirea Thompson~~
Acting President of Council

Attest: 
Clerk of Council