



# City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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## MINUTES VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE MARCH 23, 2021

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council of March 23, 2021, 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 Virtually)
Aye: At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER	Absent/Excused
Aye: At Large:	PRESTON WOLK	Absent/Excused
Aye: Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT	(Appeared in Person)
Aye: Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS	(Appeared in Person)
Aye: Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, President	(Appeared in Person)

**OLD BUSINESS:** Swearing in of President of Council

Mrs. Thompson stated she was sworn in prior to tonight's Meeting.

**READING OF MINUTES:** Virtual Regular Meeting of Council – March 9, 2021

Mr. Morris stated he had a correction to the Minutes. On the third line under Questions to Administration and Department Heads, where he started talking about the 5-Year Plan, he believed he said "part-time officers" instead of "part-time firefighters" as he knows it is not the Administration's attempt to get rid of the part-time firefighters. If he said firefighters, he did not mean to say that.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS,** Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the March 9, 2021, Virtual Regular Meeting of Council, as amended.. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Morris advised he had received a phone call from Mr. Huelsman, 7600 Pinehurst, who was concerned about the multiple occasions the drive-through at McDonald's has gotten so backed up it stops traffic on Andrews Road. Mr. Morris wondered if the Police Department could keep an eye on that, and if there was anything the City could do similar to what Mentor did with Zappy's Car Wash on Mentor Avenue when the car wash had backed up traffic on Mentor Avenue. Mrs. Thompson thought Mentor had passed an ordinance that the entrance to the car wash be closed when cars got out to the street, and said this could be sent to the Ordinance Committee for review if everyone feels that would be the right thing to do. Mr. Morris thought perhaps for right now we could ask the Police Department to keep an eye on it and see if this is a constant, reoccurring thing. Mayor Eva and Mrs. Bartone said they do, they monitor the drive-through. Mr. Lunder said they were there Saturday. Mr. Morris said maybe this should be sent to

the Ordinance Committee. Mrs. Thompson suggested we just ask the Police Chief to have it monitored and report back on that.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva**

On the Agenda tonight is a Resolution to appoint Al Buescher to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Buescher will be completing Mr. Sheldon's term. This will leave an opening on the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill Mr. Buescher's term which ends December 31, 2022. This has been posted on the Website as of today.

Mayor Eva advised Mark Garland has resigned as Mentor-on-the-Lake's representative to the Lake County Health District. He has represented Mentor-on-the-Lake for the last 18 years. This opening will be posted on the Website and the Facebook page once the position details are received from the Lake County Health District. Mark's term will end in July 2025.

Mayor Eva stated he and Chief Gielink spoke with a representative from Amvets Post 109 last week. The intent is for Amvets Post 109 to have a Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 30, 2021, starting at 1:00 P.M. The parade will start at City Hall and finish at Amvets Post 109.

Mayor Eva stated he talked with Wendy Zele today from First Energy regarding the power outage last week. He heard from both John and Joe Jarous from Marco's Pizza. They were holding a fund raiser that day and lost out on a lot of business. He sent an email to Wendy early Friday morning after the power outage, asking what the City could do proactively and pointed out the numerous outages over the last few weeks. He talked to her this morning and early next week she will contact John and Joe Jarous and also send over a plan to him that will talk about how they can be more proactive. There are several projects, one on Lake Shore, that will improve both Mentor and Mentor-on-the-Lake. Mayor Eva said he made it plain to her that most of the businesses are on Andrews Road which also need to be looked at. She will get her team together and Mayor Eva should have something from her early next week, which he will pass along to Council.

**Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone**

Mrs. Bartone stated on tonight's Agenda is the Ordinance amending the flood plain damage prevention which does not need to be passed tonight. She has to send it to the State by the end of next month. They have received the updated flood plain maps if anyone would like to see the changes.

**Law Director – Mr. Lyons**

Mr. Lyons said Hollie took his report! He was going to mention we are required by the Feds and ODNR to pass an ordinance by the end of the month to send down to ODNR. It has already been reviewed by ODNR as Mr. Sayles sent it down for review so it meets their standards.

**Police Chief – Mr. Gielink**

Chief Gielink had personnel updates. In the past three months, three new part-time officers have been hired. Barry Kifus is a graduate of the Cleveland Police Academy and is currently a Lieutenant with the Cleveland Fire Department. He formerly served the City as a part-time Communications Officer and Firefighter/Paramedic. Neil Tyrrell formerly served with the Cuyahoga County Metropolitan Housing Authority Police Department. He is a graduate of Cuyahoga County Community College Police Academy and a Veteran of the U. S. Army. Tony Osap is a graduate of the Cleveland Heights Police

Academy and this is his first job as a police officer. All three are currently assigned to a Field Training Officer. Ptl. Megan Carney has recently accepted a full-time position with the City of Chardon Police Department. Communications Officer William Logan will be retiring at the end of the month after serving Mentor-on-the-Lake for twenty years. He will be relocating to Georgia to enjoy his retirement.

On March 16, 2021, a Civil Service test was held for the position of full-time Communications Officer to fill the open position created by the retirement of Bill Logan. Four people signed up for the test, and an oral assessment center will be scheduled shortly for those who successfully passed the test.

Today Chief Gielink received notification that the Police Department achieved provisional certification status on Group 4 (vehicular pursuit) standards. The Provisional Certificate serves as a reminder of the Department's commitment to law enforcement and the Community it serves.

On Thursday, March 25, 2021, the Department will have its semi-annual LEADS audit.

Chief Gielink advised they hope to have all of the equipment in place and the network set up by the first week of April to begin using the new dash cams, body cameras, and mobile data terminals.

As the weather warms, Chief Gielink said they have noticed an increase in the number of complaints about speeding vehicles/stop sign violations. Selective enforcement has been increased on the side streets. Calls for service are also beginning to increase as the world begins to resume a new normal. The Police Department will begin enforcing overnight parking again starting April 1, 2021. They will make sure residents are aware of this via social media platforms and the City web page.

Chief Gielink advised they did receive calls over the weekend about McDonald's. An officer was sent to monitor what is going on. His suggestion was to continue to monitor this and he will possibly give John Powers, the owner of McDonald's, a call to make sure he is aware of this.

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

Mr. Morris asked Mayor Eva, when he talks to Ms. Zele from First Energy, if he could relate that residents are also going to have problems with the power outages as a lot of people are still working from home. Mayor Eva said that was also included in his email.

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

##### **Ordinance Committee / March 15, 2021 / Mr. Chabut**

Mr. Chabut advised the Ordinance Committee met on March 15, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Chabut, Johnson, Wolk, Council Vice-President Lunder, and Council President Thompson, who appeared virtually. The Committee is waiting for a response from the Planning and Zoning Commission on Ordinance 1036 regarding trees. Ordinance 1466 was approved to remit to Council for the next Council Meeting. Ordinance 2020-O-03 regarding officers in the Fire Department was approved to remit to Council for the next Council Meeting. Regarding the Charter Amendment concerning the unclassification of the part-time firefighters, the Committee has requested a report outlining the planning, staffing, and five-year strategic plan from the Fire Chief. This report has also been requested by individual Council Members on multiple occasions. Not having a report has raised questions about the lack of transparency. Obtaining the report should satisfy any concerns. Mr. Chabut said he had a brief meeting with the Fire Chief to formally request the report and to impress upon him the importance of receiving said report by the Committee's April 19, 2021, meeting. Should Council

approve the amendment change for the ballot, this report can also be used to facilitate and clarify the presentation to the voters. On Ordinance 2020-O-28, CRA, the Committee is still working on this and working on more wording regarding the exemption being transferable to future owners. The next Ordinance Committee Meeting will be held on April 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. The Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:17 P.M.**

**CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:17 P.M.**

Mrs. Thompson asked for a Motion to amend tonight's Agenda.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS**, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, to add Resolution No. 2021-R-09 to tonight's Agenda. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 232.01 – COMPOSITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Chabut said this has been completed, but is not on the Agenda tonight because of some of the other Ordinances. Mrs. Thompson said this is still tabled tonight.

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

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

Mr. Chabut said this is the CRA Ordinance and the Committee is still working on it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-09**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALFRED J. BUESCHER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

**MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER**, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER**, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Passage of Resolution No. 2021-R-09. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-10**

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2021 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (Continued):**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-10 (Continued):**

**MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER**, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Passage of Resolution No. 2021-R-10. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-07 (THIRD READING)**

AN ORDINANCE FURTHER AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 1242.10

Mr. Morris asked if someone could refresh Council on this Ordinance. Mrs. Bartone said it assigns a cost for a shed permit regardless of size and wood burning stoves.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. LUNDER**, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2021-O-07. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Chabut, Morris, Thompson. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-09**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-09 is placed on Second Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-10**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1444 – FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Thompson stated Mrs. Bartone said she does not need this passed tonight, but will need it passed at the next meeting.

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-10 is placed on Second Reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-11**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1466 – INSPECTION OF VACANT BUILDINGS IN ITS ENTIRETY

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-11 is placed on Second Reading.

**OLD BUSINESS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:** (None)

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:23 P.M.**

**CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:23 P.M.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:**

Parks and Recreation Board	Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.
Planning and Zoning Commission	Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.
Ordinance Committee	Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting	Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MOTION CARRIED: 5/0**

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

**APPROVED:**

April 13, 2021  
Date

Desiree Thompson Jim Lunder  
Vice President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Sapp  
Clerk of Council