



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR/VIRTUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE JUNE 22, 2021

The Regular/Virtual Meeting of Council of June 22, 2021, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council Vice-President Jim Lunder.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held for Judith Pechatsko, Mother of Chief James Pechatsko, who passed away on June 15, 2021.

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 in Person)
Aye: At Large:	PRESTON WOLK	(Appeared in Person)
Aye: Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT	(Appeared in Person)
Aye: Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS	(Appeared in Person)
Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON, President	(Absent/Excused)

7:01 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-15 (THIRD READING)

(FIRST READING: May 25, 2021; SECOND READING: June 8, 2021)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGET

The Public Hearing on Resolution No. 2021-R-15 was called to order by Council Vice-President Jim Lunder at 7:01 P.M.

Council Vice-President Lunder asked the Administrative Director to provide a brief explanation of the Resolution.

Mrs. Bartone stated, as she had explained at the Public Hearing at the last meeting, this budget is the same as last year. There are no additional changes or modifications to the proposed tax budget.

Mr. Lunder asked if anyone in the audience had questions regarding the Resolution. There were none.

Mr. Lunder asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the Resolution. There was no one who wished to speak in favor of the Resolution.

Mr. Lunder asked if anyone wished to speak against the Resolution. There was no one who wished to speak against the Resolution.

Mr. Lunder asked if any members of Council wished to comment on the Resolution. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing on Resolution No. 2021-R-15 closed at 7:03 P.M.

READING OF MINUTES: Virtual Regular Meeting of Council – June 8, 2021

Mr. Lunder stated he had one correction to the Minutes. Under the Community Development Committee Meeting on June 1, 2021, Mr. Morris, in his report, put down Kelly Preston from the City of Mentor. Her name is Kelly Conrad. Mr. Morris said he will make the correction.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2021, Virtual Regular Meeting of Council, as amended. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Chabut said he had a question from Skip Gray last night at the Ordinance Committee Meeting. Mr. Gray asked if the sidewalk going to the pavilion was ADA compliant. Mrs. Bartone said she would check with the Service Director on this.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva administered the oath of office to Matthew Duplaga as a Provisional Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake. Matthew was then given a round of applause.

Mayor Eva reminded Council that Wendy Zele from First Energy will be at the next Council Meeting on July 13, 2021. Mr. Wolk sent him a question from Marco's Pizza, which he forwarded to Ms. Zele. He asked that if anyone else had any questions, to please submit them by June 25, 2021, so he can forward them to Ms. Zele.

Administrative Director – Mrs. Bartone

Mrs. Bartone advised the playground is almost complete. One part did not ship with the new playground. The mulch for the playground has been ordered. Hopefully it will be mostly usable by next week.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mr. Morris asked Mrs. Bartone if she had been able to do anything about recording Council meetings so they could be put up on U-Tube or any other site. Mrs. Bartone said they are looking into which would be the best application to use.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee / June 21, 2021 / Mr. Chabut

Mr. Chabut advised the Ordinance Committee met on June 21, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Chabut, Johnson, Morris, and Vice-President of Council, Jim Lunder. Also present were City Engineer Jim Sayles, Law Director Jim Lyons, and resident Skip Gray. The Committee discussed the CRA Ordinance. There is a concern they want to make sure the property owner continues to reside in the property throughout the complete term of the tax abatement. The right of way tree lawn created a lot of discussion on what is an obstacle, but the Committee was basically just forming information on it. The Tree Ordinance was postponed to the next Meeting as it was not ready. The Vacation Ordinance as emailed to Council was approved and hopefully it will be on tonight's Agenda. The Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M. The next Meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:10 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:10 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, to amend tonight's Agenda by adding Ordinance No. 2021-O-14. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-15 (THIRD READING)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 BUDGET

MOTION MADE BY MR. JOHNSON, Seconded by Mr. Morris, for Passage of Resolution No. 2021-R-15. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

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 Ordinance is still with the Ordinance Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE 250.05 – VACATIONS BY ADDING NEW SECTION (h) TO ALLOW PAYMENTS FOR ACCRUED VACATIONS TIME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Wolk asked for discussion. He asked Mrs. Bartone to explain what brought this up. Mrs. Bartone said during the recent round of full-time police and dispatch contract renewals this was proposed as an option given the staffing issues and labor issues the City is having. The City has a lot of long-time senior employees who are facing losing some of their vacation time. Unfortunately a lot of times, they are unable to take their vacation because the City does not have coverage anymore. As an alternative to this, to them losing it or the Chief being short-handed on any given day, or the City being short-handed, the option of offering them a once a year pay-out up to forty hours helps the senior employees who have

accrued time while still keeping the City fully staffed. It is a win, win for the City by not having to pay out double overtime for the part-timers or other full-timers filling in. Mr. Morris asked what is the maximum employees can carry over year to year. Mrs. Bartone said the Ordinance says 300 hours. The Fire Department would be a little different as the City is on a different hourly basis with them. Theirs would be comparative. By Ordinance they cannot carry over more than 300 hours. They can accrue it but by the end of the year if they have more than 300 it gets written off. Mr. Wolk said it doesn't do any good to approve this short of three readings because they cannot apply for it until the end of the year. Mrs. Bartone said they can apply for it anytime during the year. They just did that deadline for payroll and accounting purposes. There is no need to pass this Ordinance tonight. Mr. Wolk asked if they applied for it before the end of the year, would they have to wait until the end of the year to get paid for it. Mrs. Bartone said no. Mr. Wolk asked how many dollars are we talking about and will it impact this year's budget unexpectedly. Mrs. Bartone said not significantly. There is only a handful of people it will affect.

There was no Motion for Suspension of the Rules. Ordinance No. 2021-O-14 is placed on Second Reading.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:16 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:16 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Planning and Zoning Commission	Monday, July 12, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Ordinance Committee	Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, July 8, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting	Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Adjournment. **ROLL CALL:**
Ayes: Council Member Lunder, Johnson, Bittner, Wolk, Chabut, Morris. Nays: None.
MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

The Virtual Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

APPROVED:

July 13, 2021
Date


Desirea Thompson
President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Sape
Clerk of Council