



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE JANUARY 24, 2023

The Regular Meeting of Council of January 24, 2023, for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake, Ohio, was called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Council President Rob Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Aye: At Large: MICHELLE MOORE, Vice-President
Ward 4: DESIREA THOMPSON (Absent/Excused)
Aye: Ward 2: PAUL MORRIS
At Large: KEVIN BITTNER (Absent/Excused)
Aye: Ward 1: DAVID CHABUT
Aye: At Large: JIM LUNDER
Aye: Ward 3: ROB JOHNSON, President

READING OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of Council – January 10, 2023

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 10, 2023. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Mayor & Safety Director – Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva stated last week he passed on to Council an email from Julie Schiavoni, Council Clerk for the City of Mentor, with the Resolution the City adopted on January 17, 2023, dealing with the sales tax. That same correspondence went out to all Mayors and City Managers in Lake County. Some of the responses he got back was that most Councils were going to look at the same Resolution this Council is looking at.

Mayor Eva received an email from Russ Miller and Robert Sarkozy, 7460 Larkspur Drive, on January 18, 2023, which also went to the Lake County Commissioners, stating they were firmly against the sales tax which was voted in without the public's approval.

Administrative Director - Mr. Frederick

Mr. Frederick advised they are working on the budget and closing out 2022 for the County. He will be sending an email this Friday that the numbers for the 2023 Budget are correct; a meeting can be scheduled and the appropriate legislation prepared. They are looking at ways to provide assistance to the residents for the CCA tax statements.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (No Report)

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (None)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mr. Chabut advised the Zoning Committee did not meet.

Board of Zoning Appeals / January 16, 2023 / Mr. Lunder

Mr. Lunder advised the Board of Zoning Appeals met on January 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. Present were Ray Gieling (Chair), Mike Sweeney, Brandon Towns, Council Members Lunder, Moore, President of Council Johnson, Mayor Eva, Mr. Timmons, owner of the property, and a resident from Salida Road, Lynn Toth. They met with the resident to go over some property issues he had. The owner said most had been taken care of. The Meeting was tabled so the City Inspector can go back out to the property to reinspect the violations to see if they were taken care. The next Meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Utilities Committee / January 19, 2023 / Mr. Lunder

Mr. Lunder advised the Utilities Committee met on January 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Lunder (Chair), Chabut, Bittner, Moore, President of Council Johnson. The Committee discussed Ordinance 1044.06(G) related to the facility charges from Aqua. The Committee feels that the cost for charges should be taken out of the Ordinance because Aqua prices change yearly and let Aqua charge the prevailing rate. The Committee also agreed to turn this over to Mr. Lyons, the Law Director, for his opinion. This Ordinance dates back to 1987. As it happened, Mr. Lyons sent a response to Mr. Lunder stating basically they are going to let Mr. Frederick contact Aqua Ohio; Aqua wants this kept in the Ordinance, and we are going to have to check these charges yearly to keep the Ordinance up to date. The Committee adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Ordinance Committee / January 19, 2023 / Mr. Lunder for Mr. Bittner

Mr. Lunder read the Report for Mr. Bittner. The Committee met on January 19, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. to go over Ordinances left from the previous year. Present were Council Members Bittner (Chair), Morris, Chabut, Lunder, Vice President of Council Moore, President of Council Johnson, and members of the public. The Committee discussed the right of way ordinance and are waiting on the previous Chair's report. The Committee discussed the tree ordinance and are waiting on the previous Chair's report. The Committee discussed rental inspection fees and inspections, and are waiting on the previous Chair's report. CRA waiting on previous Chair's report. Cats 618.20 the Committee will review and discuss further. The Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:08 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:08 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-01

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO RESCIND THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON JANUARY 12, 2023 THAT INCREASED THE SALES TAX RATE IN LAKE COUNTY ON GOODS AND SERVICES BY AN ADDITIONAL ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Johnson asked for discussion. Mr. Morris strongly encouraged the support of this Resolution. Mr. Plecnik posted on Facebook his reasons for not voting for it, which he agrees with. Mr. Plecnik said a lot of people are struggling to make ends meet now, we are in one of the highest inflation rates we have seen in a while, this could actually create a situation not favorable to Lake County.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Resolution No. 2023-R-01. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-25 (THIRD READING) (ASSIGNED TO ZONING COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES – ARTARP AREA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Johnson stated Ordinance is still with the Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-O-27 (THIRD READING) (ASSIGNED TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1240.02, 1258.02, AND CREATING NEW SECTION 1258.021 IN ORDER TO REGULATE SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES IN THE CITY

Mr. Johnson stated this Ordinance is still with the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:12 P.M.

CLOSED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC SECTION: 7:12 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Parks and Recreation Board	Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Community Development	Thursday, January 16, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Planning and Zoning Commission	Monday, February 6, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Council Meeting	Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5/0

The Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

APPROVED:

February 14, 2023
Date

Michelle Moore
~~ROBERT JOHNSON~~ Michelle Moore
Vice - President of Council

Attest: Joseph M. Aay
Clerk of Council

