



City of Mentor-on-the-Lake

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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake for September 26, 2023, 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
Aye	Ward 4:	DESIREA THOMPSON (Absent)
Aye	Ward 2:	PAUL MORRIS
Aye	At Large:	KEVIN BITTNER
Aye	Ward 1:	DAVID CHABUT
Aye	At Large:	JIM LUNDER
Aye	Ward 3:	ROB JOHNSON, President

READING OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of Council – September 12, 2023

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Chabut, for Approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council. **ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor and Safety Director - Mr. Eva

Mayor Eva administered the oath of office to Tina Messinger, new full-time Lieutenant for the Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department, after which she was given a round of applause.

Mayor Eva advised he had talked to the Mentor High School Career Tech Education Program about getting an intern for three days a week, part-time, to help with office duties. There are a couple of candidates who are marketing and business administration students. These are individuals who will eventually go to college, but will have the experience. They hope to continue the program throughout the school year and for school years to come.

Mayor Eva received an update on the vacant Burger King last week. The developer will give us design plans in about thirty to sixty days. It will be a Chipotle. They will be putting a new roof and HACV system. They hope to work through the winter and open sometime in June 2024.

Administrative Director - Mr. Ness

Mr. Ness advised an agreement has been signed with First Energy to replace street lights as they go out with LED lights.

Law Director – Mr. Lyons (None)

Fire Chief – Mr. Pechatsko

Chief Pechatsko thanked the members of the Fire Department who were available to come out and help at the Fall Fest. He thinks the residents enjoyed it, and they had a good time interacting with them. They look forward to participating in Lake Elementary's Trunk or Treat this coming October.

Conner Matson's wife arrived, and Mayor Eva administered the oath of office to Conner Matson, new full-time Sergeant for the Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department, after which he was given a round of applause. Pictures were then taken with both Lt. Messinger and Sgt. Matson..

QUESTIONS TO ADMINISTRATION AND DEPARTMENT HEADS: (None)

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS:

Community Development Committee / September 14, 2023 / Mr. Morris

Mr. Morris advised the Community Development Committee met on September 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the city master plan. Present were Council Members Morris (Chair), Bittner, Council President Johnson, and Mrs. Thompson was absent, Mayor Eva, and several residents. A review of the proposed "Request for Proposal" was made. The review was based on a sample from the City of Niles, Ohio. Modifications were suggested and made. The modified "Request for Proposal" will be presented at the next Meeting. Contact will be made with the City of Niles with questions pertaining to this document. The Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Zoning Committee / September 21, 2023 / Mr. Chabut

Mr. Chabut advised the Zoning Committee met on September 21, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. to review Chapter 893 Community Reinvestment. Present were Council Members Chabut (Chair), Lunder, Morris, Council President Johnson, and two residents. The Committee approved three more changes to the CRA: (1) deleted the exemption for new construction of single-family residences, (2) changed the percentage of exemption for commercial and industrial from 100% to 75%, and (3) deleted the wording in Section (e) "new housing and for" so it does not reflect single family residences. The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. and hopefully Mr. Lyons will have this ready for the next Council Meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:11 P.M.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK: 7:11 P.M.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL:

ORDINANCE No. 2023-O-07 (THIRD READING) (AMENDED) (ASSIGNED TO COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW ORDINANCE 1022.12 LOCAL TREE LAWN REGULATION NOT INVOLVING UTILITIES AND/OR TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES.

Mr. Johnson stated this is still assigned to Council of the Whole.

LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNCIL (CONTINUED):

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-17 (THIRD READING) (AMENDED) (ASSIGNED TO ZONING COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 893 – COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA

Mr. Johnson stated this is still assigned to the Zoning Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-21

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Johnson asked if the Administration would like to speak on this. Mr. Ness explained one is a grant that was okayed to be acquired for the Fire Department and the other is correcting the appropriations. Mrs. Moore asked if we were spending less than what was originally appropriated. Mr. Ness said yes, we should not have appropriated that much. Mr. Lunder asked if there was a deadline for this. Mr. Ness said yes, Chief Pechatsko cannot spend the grant money until this is approved.

MOTION MADE BY MRS. MOORE, Seconded by Mr. Bittner, for Suspension of the Rules. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORRIS, Seconded by Mr. Lunder, for Passage of Ordinance No. 2023-O-21. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Council Member Moore, Morris, Bittner, Chabut, Lunder, Johnson. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 1036.04(a) BY CREATING NEW SECTION 1036.04(a)(4) IN ORDER TO REGULATE AND DESCRIBE TREES THAT MAY BE PLANTED ON TREE LAWNS OR WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Johnson stated this is the legislation we were working on to address the trees in the tree lawn so that we can wrap up Ordinance No. 2023-O-07, and asked for discussion. There was none. Mr. Johnson advised this will go to Second Reading.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendments to Council Rules. Mr. Johnson advised someone gave him another one to put in so they are not done yet.

Purchase of telescopes for the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Johnson asked if there was any information on that from Mrs. Thompson. There was none. Mr. Ness said he found the money. Mr. Morris said he has a resident who wanted to donate a telescope, which he is picking up tomorrow. He is not opposed to spending the money, but asked if it might be beneficial to see if other residents had telescopes they could donate, and asked if there would be a problem if he put something out on social media looking for donations. Mayor Eva said he did not see a problem with that.

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

OPEN TO PUBLIC: 7:16 P.M.

Skip Gray, 7574 Dahlia Drive. Mr. Gray made several comments regarding Ordinance No. 2023-O-23.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC: 7:17 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SETTING OF MEETINGS:

Parks and Recreation Board	Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.
Utility Committee	Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Community Development Committee	Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.
Next Regular Agenda Meeting	Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 P.M.
Next Regular Meeting of Council	Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT:


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

MOTION CARRIED: 6/0

The Regular Meeting of Council Adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

APPROVED:

October 10, 2023
Date



ROBERT JOHNSON
President of Council

Attest: Joyce M. Duff
Clerk of Council