

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD MARCH 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Avon Lake Municipal Council was called to order on March 10, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber with Council President O'Donnell presiding.

Mr. Shondel led the Council, staff, and public in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council President Marty O'Donnell; Council Members Dan Bucci, Jennifer Fenderbosch, Rob James, David Kos, Larry Meiners, John Shondel; Mayor Zilka; Law Director Abe Lieberman; Service/Engineering Director Joseph Reitz; Finance Director Nancy Bryan; and Clerk of Council Barbara Dopp.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 24, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were approved as prepared and published.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Zilka made the following announcements.

Jonathon Jarvis of the National Park Service will visit Avon Lake on April 11, 2014 to hold a meeting with local and regional State and Federal conservation and economic development stakeholders at the Lake House. Mr. Jarvis will begin the day at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and speak at the Cleveland City Club at noon.

Ford Motor Company has officially announced its commitment to the Ohio Assembly Plant by investing \$168 million in the facility. The production of the F650 and F750 truck chassis will begin in August of 2014 and will follow the agreement between Ford, the State of Ohio, and the United Auto Workers. The plan incorporates a schedule of the retooling of the facility with the production of the new product line in early August along with the rolling layoffs this year and the first quarter of 2015.

A helicopter deer count was conducted on March 6, 2014. The number of deer that were recorded is 173 which are more than last year in spite of a large number of deer carcasses collected in 2013. Last year the number of deer spotted by helicopter flight was 153.

The next drug forum will take place at the Avon Lake Public Library on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Rob Brandt of "Robbie's Voice" will speak about the challenges of opiate addiction and how it affects families and communities.

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The second annual Business Expo will be held at the American Legion Post 211 on April 24, 2014 from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. The event is open to the public.

A notice to negotiate was received from three unions representing a total of 27 Police Department employees. The collective bargaining agreements require negotiations to begin with all City unions by April 1, 2014.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next Collective Committee meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014, and the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2014.

There is a vacancy on the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board. Interested residents should send a letter of interest and resume to the Clerk of Council at 150 Avon Belden Road, or by e-mail to bdopp@avonlake.org.

Mrs. Fenderbosch has been invited to speak in Washington, D.C. on alternate fuel and vehicle conversion at the Energy Independent Summit.

SERVICE/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Engineering Department weekly update was distributed.

Approximately nine bids are anticipated to be received for the 2014 street repair program. Bid opening should occur in about one month and work should begin around the beginning of May. The asphalt and concrete work should be completed during the month of August.

The new salt barn can hold 3000 tons of salt. In the last two years about 3500 tons of salt were used each year. This year has been an exception. Salt is purchased through the State Purchasing Program at the State bid price. The lights in the new salt barn will be installed by a sub-contractor of the contractor that built the structure. The late fees for not meeting the completion date in the contract for the salt barn construction are in excess of \$30,000. This amount will either be a contract deduction or "in kind" services for additional work.

The Service/Engineering Department has been trimming trees in the City right-of-ways.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Law Director's litigation update was distributed.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORT

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The Environmental Committee is scheduled to meet March 12, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Conference Room and will discuss revisions to the deer ordinance.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet March 17, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. The City's investment advisors from Fifth Third Bank will be present to review the City's investments.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bucci stated the following items were discussed at the March 3, 2014 Human Resources Committee meeting: a payroll update, and the Police Chief's salary. An Executive Session was held to discuss labor negotiations.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Service Committee met on March 10, 2014 to discuss the Go2IT contract for information technology services.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Public Utilities Committee met March 6, 2014 and discussed a promotion campaign for Issue 16, the gas aggregation ballot issue.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Safety Committee is scheduled to meet March 19, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Kos and Police Chief Streater met with the Andy Peltz, principal of Troy School, to discuss traffic safety concerns at the school.

SEWER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Sewer Committee is scheduled to meet March 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in the Engineering Conference Room.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mrs. Fenderbosch reported on the results of the March 4, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. The Legacy Point Phases 8 & 9 revised General Development Plan was approved and recommended to Council. These phases will connect Legacy to Route 83. A site plan for Weiss Field was approved with conditions, and the final site plan for Hampshire Highlands was approved with conditions.

AVON LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

The Avon Lake Community Council will hold its “March Away Hunger” food drive during the month of March. Food can be donated at various locations throughout the City.

The deadline for submitting Project of the Year and Citizen of the Year nominations is March 14, 2014. Applications are available on the Avon Lake website, City Hall, or by contacting Mr. O’Donnell at 930-7310.

MOTIONS

Mr. Kos moved to direct the Clerk of Council to return the form to the Division of Liquor Control indicating the City does not request a hearing in the matter of a liquor license transfer from Hollop Inc., 164 Lear Road, to R& K Lear Road Inn, dba Lear Road Inn, at 164 Lear Road. The Police Chief has no objections to the liquor license transfer.

Yes: Shondel, Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O’Donnell
No: None
Motion carried.

Mr. James moved to authorize the advertisement of bids for the 2014 Street Program. The request will be for asphalt and concrete improvements. The project should begin in about one month.

Yes: Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O’Donnell
No: None
Excused to leave the Chamber: Shondel
Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Third Reading:

Temporary Legislation #10288, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DONATION OF AN UNDEVELOPED PARCEL OF LAND IN AVON LAKE, was read by title only.

Mr. James moved for passage of Temporary Legislation #10288. A property owner wishes to donate a small parcel of undeveloped land on Woodruff Avenue to the City of Avon Lake. Due to the location and the land use plan, the owner has no use for the land.

Yes: Shondel, Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O’Donnell
No: None
Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 33-2014 adopted.

Second Reading:

Temporary Legislation #10294, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NEW WORLD SYSTEMS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

New World Systems will provide new accounting software for the Finance Department. The contract amount is \$178,580.

First Readings:

Temporary Legislation #10298, AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING A CONTRACT FOR THE MILLER ROAD PARK SAND DREDGING PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Huffman Equipment Rental submitted the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$43,000. Sand dredging is performed annually at the boat launch.

Temporary Legislation #10299, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF SUBMERGED LANDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

The property owner at 83 North Highland Avenue applied for a submerged land lease to construct a breakwall in Lake Erie. The request went through departmental review and there were no objections.

Temporary Legislation #10300, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR DUANE STREATOR, POLICE CHIEF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

The administration and Human Resources Committee recommended a salary adjustment for the new Police Chief to make it level to the salary of the former Police Chief. It has been customary that a new department head or chief be hired at the same rate as the outgoing department head or chief.

Temporary Legislation #10301, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO COMMUNITY RESOURCE SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mr. Meiners moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Shondel, Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O'Donnell

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Meiners moved for passage of Temporary Legislation #10301. The City had a program to assist qualified residents with trash bills. This line item has been eliminated from the budget. The Mayor recommended a donation of \$2100 to CRS to help residents with trash bill assistance during the transition to the new trash contract.

Yes: Shondel, Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O'Donnell

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 34-2014 adopted.

Temporary Legislation #10302, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, was read by title only.

This ordinance will finalize amendments to the Codified Ordinances abolishing the Service and Engineering Departments and replacing them with a Public Works Department. The position of Public Works Director will be established replacing the position of Service/Engineering Director. The formation of the Public Works Department was recommended by the Public Service Committee to provide more efficiency in the City.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Fenderbosch stated that she read to Mrs. Schneider's third grade class from Redwood School.

Bryan Wroten and the Avon Lake Press received the Osman Hooper award for in-depth reporting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Chris Quinlan, 73 Community Drive, reported that he was having trouble accessing the new Avon Lake website. Mrs. Fenderbosch stated that she would contact the Mayor's secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meiners moved for adjournment.

Yes: Shondel, Bucci, Fenderbosch, James, Kos, Meiners, O'Donnell

No: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:24 P.M.

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Approved: _____
Council President

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council