

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 11, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Avon Lake Municipal Council was called to order on May 11, 2020 at 6:50 P.M. in the Council Chamber with Council President O'Donnell presiding.

Mr. O'Donnell led the Council, staff, and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: (Via Zoom) Council Members Zach Arnold, Billie Jo David, and Jennifer Fenderbosch, Finance Director Steve Presley, Public Works Director Joe Reitz, and Fire Chief Betsa; (Council Chamber) Gary Izo, David Kos, Marty O'Donnell, K. C. Zuber, Mayor Zilka, Law Director Gary Ebert, and Clerk of Council Valerie Rosmarin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 27, 2020 Council Meeting were approved as prepared and published.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Notice was received that no positive results of COVID-19 have been reported since Wednesday, May 6th.

After consulting with Lorain County Health Commissioner Covell, the Dog Park in Weiss Field was opened. It was determined that it would be safe to open the park provided that the public comply with social distancing and/or wear masks.

The Heros Fund for the employees of the Avon Cleveland Clinic, Mercy Health Center, and University Hospital branches was a big success. Donations were dropped off at City Hall and the various institutions. A donation of masks was distributed equally and delivered to the three hospitals along with checks and gift cards.

Shred Day will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 9 a.m. to noon at the City pool parking lot. Residents will drive up to the shred truck, and the staff from the Public Works Department will retrieve all items to be shredded.

In response to Mr. Kos, Mayor Zilka stated that the Lorain County Board of Health is responsible for enforcing safety guidelines when retail businesses, bars, and restaurants open. However, they have limited staff and the City will rely on the public's good will and common sense to follow the rules and maintain social distancing.

Mr. Zuber asked if there has been any discussion with Economic Development Director Esborn to allow some of the bars and restaurants in the City to set up tables in their parking lots or on their sidewalks.

Mayor Zilka stated that there has been some discussion; however, there are very few restaurants with large outdoor areas. The City has to be cautious because any outdoor seating arrangement would have to be manageable and within code. It is important to give restaurants a chance and the ability to set up tables in a parking lot or on a sidewalk might be a viable option. The City is beginning to explore these options and will follow the directions of the Governor and the County Health Commissioner.

Mr. Zuber responded that Council passed an ordinance pertaining to COVID-19. Therefore, the City's code could be relaxed during this pandemic.

Mayor Zilka reiterated that the City will move with caution in pursuing options for restaurants to increase seating capacity such as replicating their dining experience outside, but it would have to be manageable and safe.

MOTION

Mr. Arnold moved to amend the list of businesses eligible for the 2019 Jobs Growth Incentive Program. This will add Summit Care Management LLC to the list approved on April 27th, which was inadvertently omitted.

Yes: O'Donnell, Zuber, Arnold, David, Fenderbosch, Izo, Kos

No: None

Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Second Reading:

Temporary Legislation #11387, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SHEFFIELD, THE CITY OF SHEFFIELD LAKE, THE CITY OF AVON, THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, AND THE CITY OF NORTH RIDGEVILLE TO ESTABLISH A 700 MHz 5-CITY REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Sheffield and the Cities of Sheffield Lake, Avon, and North Ridgeville to establish public safety/service radio communication coverage for the region at the total cost \$767,171.55 to be equally shared.

Since the financials of every community have changed significantly, each community will be contacted to determine the status of their legislation. The Cities of Avon Lake and North Ridgeville budgeted this expenditure; however, the City of Avon did not. The Safety Director in Avon, formerly the Avon Lake Police Chief, is aware of the importance of coordinating communications between the five communities. The third reading of this legislation will be held when all are ready to move forward.

First Reading:

Temporary Legislation #11388, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH HORTON EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: O'Donnell, Zuber, Arnold, David, Fenderbosch, Izo, Kos

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Kos moved for passage of Temporary Legislation #11388. This legislation will approve a change order to the contract with Horton Emergency Vehicles to install two ultraviolet disinfectant systems for the City's new ambulance in the amount of \$2,846.

Yes: O'Donnell, Zuber, Arnold, David, Fenderbosch, Izo, Kos

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 58-2020.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Works Director Reitz reported on the following projects:

Asphalt & Concrete Street Program

Week of May 18th

- Lear Road between Walker Road and Lake Road – asphalt
- Pin Oak Parkway – concrete

First week in June

- Jaycox Road between Walker Road and the railroad tracks – asphalt

Gable Creek Culvert Replacement

- End of June or first part of July

Harbour Subdivision, Walker Road near Walker Road Park and Tuscan Village, Lear Road near Learwood Middle School

- Contractors will begin installing the pavement in these two subdivisions after the asphalt projects in the area are completed.

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Mr. Kos moved for adjournment.

Yes: O'Donnell, Zuber, Arnold, David, Fenderbosch, Izo, Kos

No: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment: 7:15 P.M.

Approved: Martin O'Donnell
Council President

Attest: Valerie E. Rosmarin
Clerk of Council