

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 27, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Avon Lake City Council was called to order on October 27, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Council President Fenderbosch presiding.

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

Present: Councilmembers Zach Arnold, Jennifer Fenderbosch, Amy Gentry, David Kos, Rob Shahmir, Geoff Smith, and K. C. Zuber; Mayor Mark Spaetzel; Law Director Gary Ebert; Finance Director Beth Krosse; Public Works Director Jon Liskovec; and Clerk of Council Valerie Rosmarin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular Council Meeting held on October 14, 2025, were approved as prepared and published.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Shahmir reported that he was contacted by residents on Bayview Drive, who have been experiencing power outages. This was the second time they lost power in the past five days. This ongoing issue needs to be addressed by FirstEnergy.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order at 7:02 p.m. upon the proposed rezoning of a 2.38-acre parcel located on the west side of Moore Road, north of Walker Road and designated by the County Auditor as PPN 04-00-006-135-071, from B-2 General Business District to R-1A Single-Family Residence District.

Mr. Smith explained that property owner Rob Rotz requested rezoning a vacant parcel from commercial to residential to subdivide it into four 100-foot-wide lots for single-family homes. Planning Commission reviewed his request and recommended approval of the rezoning.

The public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Zimmerman, Avon Lake, asked questions about the adjoining commercial property and whether flooding had occurred on Mr. Rotz's property because of its proximity to Powdermaker Ditch.

In response, Mr. Rotz stated that he owns the adjoining commercial property and operates his electrical contracting business from that location. He has not experienced flooding on the vacant property, and a wetland study was completed, as required.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. The following candidates for the Council At-Large position addressed Council, introducing themselves and outlining their qualifications and reasons for seeking election to Council: Neil Rush, Matthew Reynolds, Kayla Goodwin, and David Glowe.
2. Gerald Phillips, Avon Lake, addressed Council regarding the development of the former Power Plant property. He discussed the differences between utilizing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and rezoning options, expressing concern that a TIF could divert funds from the school district and benefit a private developer. Mr. Phillips stated his support for rezoning under the City's existing overlay zoning provisions, which he said would provide required green space without a cost to the City or a loss of school funding. He also referenced property valuation figures, questioned the necessity of the TIF, and requested copies of the Letter of Intent (LOI), Infrastructure Development Agreement (IDA), and feasibility materials related to the project. Mr. Phillips raised concerns regarding language within Section 401 of the agreement, suggesting it could obligate the City to enact legislation supporting the TIF. Additionally, he commented on prior City financial matters, including Lorain County Rural Wastewater District (LORCO) debt and regionalization of Avon Lake Regional Water, and he stated that the Power Plant redevelopment and water system issues are among the most significant matters currently before Council.
3. William Zimmerman, Avon Lake, addressed Council regarding several issues. He voiced his concerns about the potential regionalization of water and sewer services involving Vermilion, stating that the proposed project could cost between \$25 million and \$40 million and questioned its feasibility. He expressed opposition to regionalization, referencing outstanding debt owed to the City by LORCO and emphasizing the importance of retaining control over the City's utilities. He also commented on parkland acquisition, noting that approximately 15% of the City's land area is designated as park space. He questioned the need for additional parkland, stating that Miller Road Park is underutilized. Also, he raised concerns regarding the administrative leave of Fire Chief Jeremy Betsa, referencing the Civil Service process and its associated payroll costs. He expressed opposition to the use of TIF for the Power Plant redevelopment project, characterizing related negotiations as not in the City's best interest.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spaetzel reported on the following:

1. Trick or Treat is Friday, October 31, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2. Community Resources Services (CRS) encourages residents who might normally donate food or financial support to consider donating earlier this year, as increased need is anticipated in the coming of months.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President Fenderbosch reported on the following:

1. An email was previously sent to Councilmembers containing a chart outlining the current responsibilities of each Council Committee, along with proposed changes based on a recent survey of Councilmembers and research from other communities. A proposal to realign several committees and establish a new commission will be reviewed at the Council Committee Review meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.
2. The Boards and Commissions Handbook is being drafted and will be distributed to every member when completed.
3. The next Collective Committee Meeting is Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
4. Budget Work Sessions are Saturdays, November 8, 2025, and November 15, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
5. The next Council Meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Liskovec reported on the following:

1. Walker Road, Phase 5, Pavement Rehabilitation
On October 28, 2025, the contractor will mill the intersection at Walker Road and Moore Road.
2. Avon Lake Play Space (ALPS)
The contractor is working on the pour-in-place surface material for the feature area on the top of the hill. They have completed seeding for the lawn areas and installed the fiber playground mulch under all structures.

Public Works Director Liskovec stated that the contractor evaluated the remaining towers from the original ALPS playground and determined that the towers are structurally compromised and cannot be safely incorporated into the new playground design. The contractor, City staff, and design firm are currently

working together to determine the next steps regarding the towers. While this news may be disappointing to residents who were involved in the original project, the decision reflects the City's commitment to safety of future generations who will enjoy the playground.

3. Leaf Collection Season

Leaf collection crews have started. The daily collection route will be posted on the City's website. During this time, brush collection will be limited.

Mr. Kos commented on the news regarding the towers, expressing sadness and disappointment. In the early stages of the new playground project, five years ago, one of the shared goals of the Administration and Council was to preserve the two iconic towers as a symbolic bridge between the original ALPS playground and the new design. He emphasized that these towers were more than just structures; they were built by longtime residents over 30 years ago. Their efforts created a beloved space that generations of children have enjoyed. It was disheartening to learn that the towers are now structurally compromised and cannot be safely incorporated into the new playground. While safety must always be the top priority, the loss remains difficult.

Mr. Kos stated that he spoke with Public Works Director Liskovec earlier about commemorating the original ALPS playground and suggested that a Council Committee could explore options for a plaque, signage, or another form of tribute to tell the story of the original playground and honor the residents who built it.

Mayor Spaetzel agreed that it is unfortunate that the towers are not in a safe condition and cannot be safely preserved. He recognized how important it is to honor the past. The City is committed to finding a meaningful way to pay tribute to those who built the original playground and to the generations who enjoyed it.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Gentry reported on the Building and Utilities Committee as follows:

1. The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Shahmir reported on the Communications, Environmental, and Recreational Programming Committee as follows:

1. Suspension of the rule requiring three readings on an emergency basis will be requested for Ordinance No. 25-173, to adopt a cybersecurity plan.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Arnold reported on the Economic Development Committee as follows:

1. The Committee met on October 20, 2025.
 - The agenda included a review of the proposed Sandridge and Harbor Crest TIF, the purchase of 23 acres at the former Power Plant property, the appointment of Planning and Zoning Manager Austin Page as Code Administrator, the agreement with Attorney Todd Davis, and a review of the Economic Recovery and Resiliency Plan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Zuber reported on the Finance Committee as follows:

1. The next Committee meeting is Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
2. At the request of Mr. Kos, during the last Collective Committee Meeting, Mr. Zuber reported that out of 75 municipalities between Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties, there are only 5 that charge \$10 or less for a license plate fee; the remainder charge \$30 or more.
3. Suspension of the rule requiring three readings on an emergency basis will be requested for Ordinance No. 25-156, to authorize the City's comprehensive insurance; Ordinance No. 25-171, to authorize appropriations; and Ordinance No. 25-172, to accept Lorain County's tax rates.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on the Human Resources Committee as follows:

1. The next Committee meeting is Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
2. The next meeting of the Civil Service Commission is Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kos reported on the Public Safety and Health Committee as follows:

1. The final report on the Lear Road Traffic Study will be presented at a Work Session on Monday, November 17, 2025. The Committee will review the Study at its November meeting and will provide a recommendation to Council thereafter.

2. Mikayla Hyland, the Avon Lake Representative on the Lorain County Board of Health, provided the Committee with her monthly report. Mrs. Hyland will attend the American Public Health Conference in Washington, DC, in November. She also informed the Committee about the Land and Water Conservation grant opportunity through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The grant deadline is November 14, 2025.
3. The next Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Fenderbosch reported on the Public Service Committee as follows:

1. The next Committee meeting is Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. Smith reported on Planning Commission as follows:

1. The next Commission meeting is Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Mayor Spaetzel reported on Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

1. The Board met on October 22, 2025.
 - An area variance granted on August 27, 2025, was clarified to state that the area variance regarding sidewalks at 767 Lear Road shall be valid for one year.
 - An area variance was granted reducing the minimum lot width, front yard setback, and westernmost side yard setback for a new single-family dwelling at 32403 Lake Road.
 - An area variance was granted permitting a 10' x 12' shed in the easternmost side yard at 32404 Stoney Brook Drive.
 - An area variance was granted permitting an addition to the rear-yard detached garage exceeding the 500-square-foot maximum for any accessory structure at 32404 Stoney Brook Drive.

TREE COMMISSION REPORT

Council President Fenderbosch reported on the Tree Commission as follows:

1. The next Commission meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6 p.m. at

the Old Firehouse and Community Center.

WALKER ROAD PARK AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Shahmir reported on the Walker Road Park Ad Hoc Committee as follows:

1. The Committee met on October 22, 2025.
 - Public Works Director Liskovec and the Bay Village Public Works Director agreed on a responsibility matrix for the Walker Road Park. The Committee will conduct a lessons learned session on the wetlands mitigation in the Walker Road Park.

MOTIONS

Council President Fenderbosch moved to adopt the Avon Lake Council Policies and Procedures based on Codified Ordinance Chapter 220.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Mr. Arnold moved to confirm the appointment by the Mayor of Larry Sansom to fill a vacancy on the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council for the remainder of a three-year term, effective November 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2027.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

LEGISLATION

Second Readings:

Ordinance No. 25-156, AN ORDINANCE AWARING A CONTRACT FOR COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF AVON LAKE TO JACKSON DEIKEN & ASSOCIATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 25-156. This legislation will award a contract for comprehensive insurance coverage for one year to Jackson Deiken & Associates of Westlake, Ohio, in the amount of \$446,291, effective November 1, 2025.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 25-156 adopted.

Ordinance No. 25-161, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A NEW CHAPTER TITLED SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES WITHIN TITLE SIX BUILDING REGULATIONS IN PART FOURTEEN OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the creation of a new chapter in the City's Codified Ordinances concerning Short-Term Rental Properties. In 2024, Council established the Short-Term Rentals Ad Hoc Committee to examine issues related to short-term rentals, such as Airbnbs, within the City. The Committee engaged residents representing both support and opposition to short-term rentals and identified several areas of concern, despite there being only approximately 20 such properties in the City. Three key provisions in the proposed legislation reflect the Committee's findings. First, to prevent overconcentration, no short-term rental may be located within 1,000 feet of or within six parcels of another. Second, to mitigate overcrowding, occupancy is limited to two guests per bedroom, plus two additional guests. Third, while most existing short-term rentals were found to be well-maintained, the legislation requires safety inspections to ensure compliance with basic safety measures, including fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, and accessible trash receptacles.

Council President Fenderbosch stated that she asked the Law Director to draft an ordinance to establish a hotel lodging tax, as recommended by State legislators. The proposed ordinance would require reservation platforms to collect the tax. In accordance with Ohio law, 50% of the revenue generated would be allocated to tourism marketing within Avon Lake, while the remaining 50% would be directed to the General Fund. This topic will be included on the upcoming Finance Committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

Resolution No. 25-162, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AVON LAKE COMMUNITY TELEVISION (ALC-TV), was read by title only.

This legislation will adopt updated rules and regulations for Avon Lake Community Television (ALC-TV), as recommended by the Communications & Technology Commission. It will formalize existing provisions and align with current standards and best practices.

Ordinance No. 25-166, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 04-00-006-135-071 FROM B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-1A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will rezone a 2.38-acre parcel owned by Rotz Investments, LLC, located on the west side of Moore Road, north of Walker Road (Permanent Parcel No.

04-00-006-135-071), from B-2 General Business District to R-1A Single-Family Residence District, as recommended by Planning Commission on October 1, 2025.

First Readings:

Ordinance No. 25-167, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVON LAKE AND AVON LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL REDEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY TWENTY-THREE (23) ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF AVON LAKE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the Mayor to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City and Avon Lake Environmental Redevelopment Group, LLC, (ALERG) to purchase approximately 23 acres of land. The parties previously entered into an Interim Development Agreement on November 13, 2024, outlining the property's use as public parkland, the creation of an overlay zoning district, and the establishment of a TIF District.

Mayor Spaetzel explained that in 2020, the City was notified that the NRG Power Plant would close. In March 2022, Charah Solutions, Inc., purchased the site and began demolition and environmental remediation, which is now nearing completion. Through public visioning sessions with Gensler, Charah's planning firm, and feedback from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, a strong community desire emerged for lakefront public access as part of the site's redevelopment. Working with Lorain County, the Lorain County Metro Parks, and environmental experts, the City has developed a strategy to secure approximately 23 acres of remediated lakefront land for public use in a financially prudent and environmentally responsible manner without reliance on the City's General Fund.

Mayor Spaetzel emphasized that the acquisition of the lakefront property involves a lengthy, complex process. It requires extensive environmental remediation and assessment, which is expected to continue through next summer. Additionally, the Purchase and Sale Agreement is contingent on identifying a vertical developer and ensuring that the proposed development generates sufficient tax revenue for a TIF structure, making the transaction viable.

Mr. Shahmir expressed support for public lakefront access and parkland but raised concerns about the proposed method of acquiring the land. The intention is to purchase 23 acres of lakefront green space for \$15 million, funded through a 30-year TIF structure. Nineteen acres would be reserved for private mixed-use development following a rezoning from industrial use.

He highlighted several issues with this approach through a PowerPoint presentation, as follows:

- The acquisition cost is high compared with industrial land benchmarks and results in a non-revenue-generating asset.

- Half of the proposed TIF funds would subsidize remediation and infrastructure for private development, reducing funds available for other City priorities.
- There is currently no clear economic or negotiation strategy for obtaining the land, nor integration with a broader citywide economic framework or lakefront vision.
- Alternative tools, such as zoning requirements or conditional dedication of parkland during rezoning, could achieve public access without such a high financial outlay.

Mayor Spaetzel added that the City's professional team, which has previously addressed some of Mr. Shahmir's concerns, can provide further guidance. The City has relied on these experts to guide us through this complex process.

Mr. Shahmir responded that the City will be rezoning more than 19 acres of land, which will significantly increase its value compared to leaving the full 42 acres as industrial. As part of negotiations, the City should leverage its rezoning authority rather than paying upfront for the land and paying again later.

Council President Fenderbosch confirmed that Council was not directly involved in the negotiations.

Ordinance No. 25-168, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FUNDS FOR CONTINUED LEGAL SERVICES TO TODD DAVIS, ESQ., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Mr. Arnold moved for passage of Ordinance No. 25-168. This legislation will authorize an agreement for continued legal services with Todd Davis for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Mr. Kos expressed appreciation for Attorney Todd Davis' work on behalf of the City, noting his expertise and professionalism. He acknowledged that some may disagree with some of his positions. Attorney Davis is respected, and Mr. Kos expressed support for retaining him throughout this acquisition.

Mr. Shahmir expressed confidence in Attorney Davis's expertise and professionalism, noting that he represents the City based on the direction provided. However, the City's support is contingent on continuity rather than agreement with Attorney Davis' position. Despite Mr. Shahmir's repeated requests, Attorney Davis has not provided him with a written negotiation strategy.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 25-168 adopted.

Ordinance No. 25-169, AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SANDRIDGE AND HARBOR CREST TAX INCREMENT FINANCING INCENTIVE DISTRICTS, DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARCELS WITHIN EACH INCENTIVE DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF THOSE SERVICE PAYMENTS, AUTHORIZING SCHOOL COMPENSATION PAYMENTS, SPECIFYING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS THAT BENEFIT OR SERVE PARCELS IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will create the Sandridge and Harbor Crest TIF Districts.

Mr. Arnold clarified that the proposed TIF will not reduce funding for the Avon Lake School District or Lorain County Joint Vocational School (JVS), as they will continue to receive their normal property tax revenue. The TIF is intended to support the City's incentive district, including areas like Sandridge, which is partially under development, and other undeveloped parcels. The goal is to pass the TIF this year to take advantage of available incentive programs.

Mayor Spaetzel stated that Lorain County can object to the TIF, but no objections have been received. The estimated value of improvements in the area is approximately \$42 million. City staff will work with Lorain County to determine the TIF implications and projected revenue. Proceeds from the TIF, while ensuring schools receive their full funding, are planned to fund improvements to the SR 83 and Walker Road intersection and the surrounding area.

Council President Fenderbosch clarified that TIF proceeds will not benefit the developer's property directly but will be used to improve the public infrastructure at the SR 83 and Walker Road intersection, preparing the area for potential future development and increased traffic from the former Power Plant site.

Ms. Gentry asked why only two properties were included in the TIF, noting that if the goal is to address traffic flow at the entire SR 83 and Walker Road intersection, the property to the north should also be considered.

Mayor Spaetzel clarified that the TIF under discussion applies only to properties south of Walker Road. Properties outside the designated area are primarily commercial and are not expected to generate increased tax revenue unless redeveloped. North of Walker Road, potential tax increases, such as around Towne Center, would be addressed under a separate TIF process.

Mr. Kos asked if the public infrastructure improvements identified in Section 2 of the legislation are limited to the areas bordering Sandridge and Harbor Crest, or if they will extend to the intersection of SR 83 and Walker Road.

Mayor Spaetzel noted that while the TIF district extends roughly a mile from the intersection, the focus is on SR 83 and the Walker Road area due to existing traffic congestion and the need for costly infrastructure improvements. The intent is to dedicate TIF proceeds specifically to these improvements.

Mr. Kos requested that electronic crosswalk signals at the SR 83 and Walker Road intersection be included in Section 2, noting that when these signals need replacement, it will be costly. He suggested that language be added to allow TIF funds to cover these future replacements, potentially saving the City a significant expense.

Law Director Ebert agreed with the inclusion of language regarding the signals.

Ordinance No. 25-170, AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AUSTIN PAGE, PLANNING AND ZONING MANAGER, AS CODE ADMINISTRATOR PURSUANT TO PLANNING AND ZONING CODE SECTION 1212.05, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 23-13, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Mr. Arnold moved for passage of Ordinance No. 25-170. This legislation will appoint Planning & Zoning Manager Austin Page as Code Administrator and repeal Ordinance No. 23-13. The current Code Administrator, Community Development Director Ted Esborn, will focus on economic and community development, prompting the reassignment of this task. Mr. Page brings experience in planning, zoning, and code administration.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 25-170 adopted.

Ordinance No. 25-171, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 25-19R2, APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None
Motion passed.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 25-171. This legislation will authorize budget adjustments as recommended by the Finance Director.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith
No: None
Motion passed.
Ordinance No. 25-171 adopted.

Resolution No. 25-172, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith
No: None
Motion passed.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Resolution No. 25-172. This legislation will accept the tax rates for 2026 determined by the Lorain County Budget Commission based on the estimate provided by the Lorain County Auditor.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith
No: None
Motion passed.
Resolution No. 25-172 adopted.

Ordinance No. 25-173, AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith
No: None
Motion passed.

Mr. Shahmir moved for passage of Ordinance No. 25-173. This legislation will adopt a cybersecurity program in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C) and aligned with best practices, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework. The program requires risk identification, threat detection and response, system restoration, annual employee training, and compliance by third-party providers. Oversight and annual review are the responsibility of the Communications and Technology Director and Information

Security Officer, in coordination with the Finance and Safety Directors. All records related to the program are exempt from public disclosure under Ohio law.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Ordinance No. 25-173 adopted.

Ordinance No. 25-174, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, OHIO, REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON LAKE, OHIO, DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation enacts the City's Code of Ordinances, recodified by American Legal Publishing into a comprehensive, well-organized book. The codification includes administrative, traffic, general offenses, business regulation, streets/utilities/public services, planning and zoning, building and housing, and fire prevention codes, as well as a table of special ordinances and an index. The process, conducted with the Clerk of Council and the Law Director's office, ensures accuracy, public accessibility, and compliance with Ohio law.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Shahmir reported that the next Ward 1 Meeting is Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at the Avon Lake Public Library at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Kos moved for adjournment.

Yes: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, Shahmir, Smith

No: None

Motion passed.

Adjournment: 8:58 p.m.

Approved: /s/ Jennifer G. Fenderbosch
Council President

Attest: /s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin
Clerk of Council