

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020 OATHS OF OFFICE
FOR COUNCIL AT LARGE MEMBERS-ELECT OF CITY COUNCIL
FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023**

At 7:00 P.M., Law Director John A. Gasior, administered the Oath of Office to the At-Large Council Members Brian Fischer; Tammy Holtzmeier; and Craig Witherspoon.

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

In the absence of a President of Council, Ms. Brooks, Clerk of Council, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Council Members: 1st Ward – Robert Butkowski; Council-at-Large – Brian Fischer; Council-at-Large – Tammy Holtzmeier; 2nd Ward – Dennis McBride; 3rd Ward – Anthony Moore; 4th Ward – Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large – Craig Witherspoon; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; Service Director, Mike Farmer; Planning and Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Finance Director – William Logan; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

ABSENT

City Engineer, Ryan Cummins

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Per Charter Article IV, Section 3(a), the Council President shall be a member of Council-at-Large. Beginning in the year 2010 and for every term thereafter, the Council President shall be elected by a majority of the members of the legislative authority at the Organizational Meeting held the first business day following January 1, in the year following the election of Council Members-at-Large. No second is required.

Mrs. Holtzmeier nominated Mr. Witherspoon.

Mr. Fischer stated on behalf of the Avon voters and their overwhelming support of him in the last two elections as the top vote getter in both elections by a wide margin, he nominated himself in respect of the voters' voice.

There were no other nominations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:35 p.m. - A motion was made by Mrs. Holtzmeier and seconded by Mr. McBride to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Considering the Appointment of a Public Official, and the vote was: Mr. Butkowski, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes"; Mrs. Holtzmeier, "yes"; Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "no"; Mr. Witherspoon, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 1 against and the Clerk declared the motion passed.

Council Members and Law Director Gasior met in Executive Session in the Caucus Room of City Hall.

RECONVENE: 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to Reconvene the Organizational Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes” Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Clerk declared the motion passed.

CONTINUANCE OF ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

The Clerk asked for a roll call vote on the first nomination on the floor, to elect Mr. Witherspoon as President of Council for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2023, and the vote was: Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “no”; Mr. Radcliffe, “no”; Mr. Butkowski, “no”; Mr. Fischer, “no”, Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 3 for and 4 against and the Clerk declared the nomination failed.

The Clerk asked for a roll call vote on the second nomination, to elect Mr. Fischer as President of Council for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2023, and the vote was: Mr. McBride, “no”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “no”; Mr. Witherspoon, “no”.

The vote was 4 for and 3 against and the Clerk declared the motion passed.

Mr. Brian Fischer was declared the Avon City Council President for a four-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Council President Brian Fischer stated that per Codified Ordinance Section 220.04 – Council shall elect (at Council’s Organizational Meeting as prescribed by the City Charter) among its members, by a majority vote, a Chairperson, Pro Tem, who shall act as the temporary Chairperson of City Council in the absence of the President of Council.

Mr. McBride nominated Mr. Butkowski.

There being no other nominations, the Chair instructed the Clerk of Council to enter a unanimous vote for Mr. Butkowski as Council President Pro Tem.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL BULGER TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS

Mr. Fischer stated that per Charter Article VII, Section 1(a), this five-year appointment requires the concurrence of two-thirds of the membership of the legislative authority.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to concur with the Mayor’s appointment of Michael Bulger to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for a five-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, and the vote was: Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES MALLOY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mr. Fischer stated that per Charter Article VII, Section 2(a), this six-year appointment requires the concurrence of two-thirds of the membership of the legislative authority.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to concur with the Mayor’s reappointment of James Malloy to the Planning Commission for a six-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025, and the vote was: Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”;

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF TONY SARRAINO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Fischer stated that per Charter Article VI, Section 1, this six-year appointment requires the concurrence of two-thirds of the membership of the legislative authority.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to concur with the Mayor’s reappointment of Tony Sarraino to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2025, and the vote was: Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF CLINT GAULT TO THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Fischer stated that per Charter Article XIV, Section 1(a), this four-year reappointment requires the concurrence of the majority of the membership of the legislative authority.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Butkowski to concur with the Mayor’s reappointment of Clint Gault to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023, and the vote was: Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”;

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF MARGE SPATAFORE TO THE ADA REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Jensen announced the reappointment of ADA Review Board member Marge Spatafore for a five-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to concur with the Mayor’s reappointment of Marge Spatafore to the ADA Review Board for a five-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, and the vote was: Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF SHARON KRATT TO THE ADA REVIEW BOARD

Mayor Jensen announced the reappointment of ADA Review Board member Sharon Kratt for a five-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to concur with the Mayor’s reappointment of Sharon Kratt to the ADA Review Board for a five-year term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024, and the vote was: Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE AT A FUTURE MEETING

Mr. Fischer advised he would reach out to Council Members this week to determine the appointments to the various committees and representatives to the boards and commissions and he would make those announcements at a future meeting.

Mr. Butkowski asked for clarification as to the Parks and Recreation Committee of Council if that was still needed since the Parks and Recreation Commission was repealed by the voters in 2017.

Mayor Jensen advised the Parks & Recreation Committee of Council is still needed in case an issue should arise with the parks, there might need to be a presentation of sorts in Committee.

A. COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	FINANCE – AUDIT	LEGAL
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Chair</i>
PARKS AND RECREATION	SAFETY	SERVICE
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Chair</i>

B. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Review Board –
2. The French Creek Development Association –
3. The Lorain County Community Alliance –
4. The Lorain County Office on Aging –
5. The Senior Citizens’ Advisory Commission –
6. The Planning Commission –

ADJOURN: 8:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.