

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024, OATHS OF OFFICE
FOR COUNCIL AT LARGE MEMBERS-ELECT OF CITY COUNCIL
FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2027**

At 6:45 P.M. Law Director John A. Gasior, administered the Oath of Office to the At-Large Council Members Mary C. Berges, Brian C. Fischer, and Michelle L. Patton.

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL LBUILDING
AT 7:00 P.M.**

In the absence of a President of Council, Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council, called the meeting to order, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Council Members: Council-at-Large – Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; Council-at-Large – Brian Fischer; 2nd Ward – Dennis McBride; 3rd Ward – Anthony Moore; Council-at-Large – Michelle Patton; 4th Ward – Scott Radcliffe; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; Planning and Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director - John Gasior; Safety/Public Service Director – Duane Streater; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

ABSENT

Finance Director – Steve Presley

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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.

The Clerk called for nominations of Council President and Mr. Radcliffe nominated Brian Fischer.

The Clerk stated that there being only one nomination, Brian Fischer is declared elected as Council President and will now Chair the remainder of the meeting.

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. Fischer nominated Anthony Moore.

There were no other nominations and the Chair declared Anthony Moore is elected as Council President Pro Tem.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL FITCH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Bill Fitch to the Planning Commission for another six-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2029.

Per Charter Article VII, Section 2(a), this six-year appointment requires the concurrence of two-thirds (5 of 7) of the membership of the legislative authority.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Ms. Berges to concur with the Mayor's reappointment of Bill Fitch to the Planning Commission for another six-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2029, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes", Mr. Fischer, "yes".

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

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF BILL HRICOVEC TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND BUILDING APPEALS

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Bill Hricovec to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for another five-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028.

Per Charter Article VII, Section 1(a), this five-year appointment requires the concurrence of two-thirds (5 of 7) 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 Bill Hricovec to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for another five-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2028, and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes."

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

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF ALAN WOJCIECHOWSKI TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Alan Wojciechowski to the Civil Service Commission for another six-year term, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2029.

Per Charter Article VI, Section 1, this reappointment does not require the concurrence of the legislative authority.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF THERESA SZIPPL TO THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE FRENCH CREEK FOUNDATION

Mayor Jensen announced his appointment of Theresa Szimpl to the Landmarks Preservation Commission as the representative from the French Creek Foundation for a four-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027.

Per Charter Article XIV, Section 1(a) this four-year appointment requires the concurrence of a majority 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 Theresa Szippel to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a four-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027, and the vote was: Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes."

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF MEGAN ENGELMANN TO THE AVON TREE COMMISSION

Mayor Jensen announced his appointment of Megan Engelmann to the Avon Tree Commission for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2028, per Section 2 of Ordinance No. 70-21.

This appointment does not require the concurrence of the legislative authority.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

The President of Council advised that he would be making his selections by next week of Committee Chairs and Members for a two-year term, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

The Committees are as follows:

1. Economic Development
2. Parks and Recreation
3. Finance – Audit
4. Safety
5. Legal
6. Service

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The President of Council stated that he would also be making his selections next week of the representatives for various Boards and Commissions for two-year terms, from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.

The Boards and Commissions are as follows:

1. ADA Review Board
2. French Creek Foundation
3. Lorain County Community Alliance
4. Lorain County Office on Aging
5. Planning Commission
6. Tree Commission

AJDOURN: 7:11 p.m.

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

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