

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:45 P.M.**

The Chairman, Council President Brian Fischer, called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline

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

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Michael Bulger to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for another five-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

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

Mayor Jensen advised Mr. Bulger has done a great job for the City serving in this capacity and would appreciate Council's vote in favor of Mr. Bulger's reappointment.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Ms. Berges to concur with Mayor Jensen's reappointment of Michael Bulger to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals for another five-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF ALEX BOCCABELLA TO THE TREE COMMISSION

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Alex Boccabella to the Tree Commission for another five-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

Per Section 2 of Ordinance No. 70-21, the Mayor reappoints Alex Boccabella as a voting member of the Tree Commission for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2029.

This appointment does not require the concurrence of City Council.

Mayor Jensen advised Mr. Boccabella has done a great job for the City serving in this capacity noting that Mr. Boccabella does not receive any compensation for serving on the Tree Commission to avoid any potential ethical conflicts related to the company Mr. Boccabella owns. He said the City is grateful that Mr. Boccabella has volunteered to serve.

MAYORAL REAPPOINTMENT OF CYNTHIA MURNYACK-CZARNECKI TO THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GARDEN CLUB

Mayor Jensen announced his reappointment of Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki to the Landmarks Preservation Commission as the representative from the Garden Club for another four-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028.

Per Charter Article XIV, Section 1(a), this four-year appointment requires the concurrence of the majority of the membership of the legislative authority.

Mayor Jensen advised anyone that knows Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki knows that she goes all in, and the City is very appreciative of the professionalism and passion that she brings to the Landmarks Preservation Commission. He said her work ethic stands out and he knows firsthand the time that she puts in preparing for the meetings. Mayor Jensen thanked Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki reiterating she does a great job and he is appreciative of her service on the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Mr. Gasior said he also wanted to point out that Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki is an excellent Chairperson for the Landmarks Preservation Commission. He advised that while he does not attend all of the meetings of the Commission, he has noticed the great job performed by Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki and he is glad to know she will be serving another term.

Ms. Berges advised she typically attends the meetings of the Landmarks Preservation Commission since they are held directly before the Tree Commission meetings, and she has been very impressed by Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki's leadership qualities. She noted that she too was glad to know she will be serving another term.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to concur with Mayor Jensen's reappointment of Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for another four-year term from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2028, and the vote was: Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

Mr. Fischer congratulated Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki and thanked her for her service.

RESOLUTION NO. R-02-25 – SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17 OF THE AVON CITY CHARTER AND CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, THE QUESTION OF AMENDING SECTIONS 881.01, 881.03, AND 881.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO INCREASE THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RATE FROM 1.75% TO 1.95% FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF AVON AND TO AMEND SECTION 881.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO INCREASE THE CREDIT FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES PAID BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY FROM 1.50% TO 1.70%

The Clerk read Resolution No. R-02-25 by title only, entitled:

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AND CHAPTER 718 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, THE QUESTION OF
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TO AMEND SECTION 881.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
TO INCREASE THE CREDIT FOR MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES PAID BY
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY FROM 1.50% TO 1.70%
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

The Chair declared this to be the second of three readings of Resolution No. R-02-25.

Mr. Gasior pointed out that this Resolution has the emergency clause included, but it is going to go the full three readings. He said the emergency will effectively pass the Resolution hopefully on January 27, 2025, but it has to be received at the Lorain County Board of Elections by February 5, 2025 so there is an emergency in the timeline that the City has to conform to.

ADJOURN: 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to adjourn the Special Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Mr. Moore, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mr. McBride, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

PASSED:_____

SIGNED BY:_____
Brian Fischer, President of Council

ATTEST:_____
Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of Council