

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Planning/Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter

Council President Brian Fischer called the meeting to order.

1. UPDATE ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE WITH CITY FUNDING

Alicia Foss, President and CEO
Heather Rowe, Grants Manager

Alicia Foss, President and CEO of Neighborhood Alliance located at 265 Washington Avenue, Elyria, Ohio.
Heather Rowe, Grants Manager of Neighborhood Alliance

Ms. Foss thanked Mayor Jensen and City Council for allowing them to provide an update tonight. She said they are very appreciative of the support that the City of Avon has given to Neighborhood Alliance over the years. Ms. Foss advised tonight she would like to share some information about their programs and services and what is available to the residents in the City of Avon. She noted that Neighborhood Alliance has been in Lorain County since 1927 so they have almost reached their one hundred year anniversary. Ms. Foss elaborated on the programs Neighborhood Alliance provides by explaining they have four core areas of service they focus on noting that they serve all of Lorain County and have 3 building locations with 8 major programs and 5 sub programs as follows:

- Child Enrichment and Family Support Services
 - Child Enrichment Center and Family STRONG
 - Child Care
 - Subsidized care for infants, toddlers, preschool and school-aged children
 - Family focused and engaging environment
 - Gold rated center with Step Up to Quality
 - Offers no cost pre-school
 - Family STRONG
 - Conscious discipline
 - Teach parents how to regulate their own emotions before expecting their child to learn to regulate the child's emotions.
 - Family engagement nights
 - Available to ALL NA programs
 - Help Me Grow – Home Visiting
 - Serves families with children from birth to 3 years old and mothers prenatally
 - Provides parent education and support for healthy pregnancies and to reduce infant mortality
 - Accredited through Healthy Families America (HFA)
 - It was noted there are participants in this program who are residents of Avon
 - Help Me Grow – Early Intervention

- Works with families with children from birth to 3 years old
 - Evaluates and Coordinates services for families whose children have suspected developmental delays
 - Assists with transition at age 3 to the school system
 - This helps get a child on an IEP if needed
- Senior Enrichment Services
 - Senior Nutrition
 - Provides 5-7 meals a week to over 600 older adults and individuals with severe disabilities
 - Dietician approved meals are hand delivered to their door
 - Emergency meal service available
 - Delivery of essential items, food, toiletries, etc.
 - Supportive services to assist with more than food
 - Wellness checks to ensure the health and safety of clients
 - Mobile Senior Center
 - Pop-up Senior Centers
 - Can partner with stationary sites
 - Provides meals, supportive services, socialization for older adults
 - Located throughout Lorain County focusing on areas where stationary Senior Centers are not available
 - Wellington
 - LaGrange
 - Elyria
- Neighborhood Nutrition Kitchen
 - Opened in 2023 in the former YMCA building in Elyria
 - Started with 150,000 meals per year
 - Will service 360,000 meals in 2024
 - Cooking for the Child Care Center in Lorain and Haven Center
 - Meal preparation and packaging for Home Delivered Meals
- Shelter and Emergency Services
 - Haven Center
 - 80 bed, 24-hours a day/365-days a year emergency shelter for men, women and children as well as intact families
 - Provides meals, toiletries, laundry, clothing and much more
 - Helps clients develop case plans to get them back on their feet – typically 35-40 day stay
 - There are some recidivism happening, and mental health is a big concern in the homeless population. They continue to help connect people with the services needed.
 - Families tend to stay between 4-6 months since affordable housing a such a challenge for families in their program.
 - PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness)
 - Community outreach to homeless individuals
 - Connections for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to mental health facilities
 - May provide limited housing funds and supplies
 - PATH SUD – focuses on substance use as a primary diagnosis
 - UCAN and Family Promise
 - UCAN (United Community Assistance Network)
 - United Way Collaborative
 - Support working families facing an emergency situation
 - Helps to prevent homelessness
 - Now available to older adults on a fixed income through Lorain County Office on Aging and Neighborhood Alliance
 - Family Promise
 - Shelter diversion

- Can assist with resources
- Homelessness prevention
 - Helps keep people out of shelters when possible
- Housing Retention
 - Assist with landlord issues
 - Assist with finding resources
- Haven Emergency Shelter – The Ben and Jane Norton Center
 - The Grand Opening took place on November 20, 2024
 - This 9,292 sq. ft. expansion created an additional 19 dorm rooms including 11 family rooms
 - Each room is equipped with an ensuite bathroom to ensure privacy and dignity
 - Elevator installment allows new non-congregate shelter to further accessibility for those seeking emergency shelter
 - Private office space to provide case management while maintaining our participants confidentiality
 - Innovative dorm room style to accommodate many variations of family composition
 - New courtyard area provides children in shelter with a safe environment to play, including a sidewalk track to allow the adults to exercise
- Neighborhood Alliance: The Future Vision
 - The new Haven Center, a three-floor homeless shelter and related emergency services
 - A secure, dedicated floor for families that feels like home, including a dedicated play kitchenette
 - Expanded physical space and service offerings for PATH clients to come in from the elements, shower, and have a hot meal
 - Offices/spaces for partner agencies to provide support and transition services for clients
 - Upgraded security and camera systems for the safety of all the staff and clients
- Avon Statistics
 - Child and Family Services
 - 34 children are currently enrolled in our Early Intervention program
 - Our Help Me Grow home visits touched the lives of 12 adults and 11 children
 - Senior Enrichment Services
 - In 2025 NA delivered 1,312 nutritious meals to 24 Avon residents through the Home-Delivered Meals program
 - Shelter and Emergency Services
 - Ms. Foss noted that there are no specific numbers for Avon regarding Shelter and Emergency Services because their data is not collected that way at the County level. However, the Police Department does drop people off to them from the City of Avon so they do have Avon residents that come into shelter and need services.
 - 80 beds available, including 11 newly renovated family dorms
 - Extreme Weather beds available during cold and hot temperatures
 - PATH visits all areas of the County to look for unsheltered homeless individuals
 - Cities can call NA for services
 - If a homeless person is seen hanging out somewhere, the Avon Police Department can call NA and their PATH team will be sent out to connect with that person to provide resources and get them into shelter.
 - Family Promise can provide housing stabilization to Avon residents
- Find Neighborhood Alliance at:
 - www.MyNeighborhoodAlliance.org

Ms. Foss thanked City Council and Mayor Jensen for all the support provided to Neighborhood Alliance over the years. She said they appreciate the partnership, and they are very happy to be able to provide services to Avon's residents.

Mr. Radcliffe inquired if they have seen an increase in the number of people using the programs such as seniors and young children.

Ms. Foss stated all of their programs are having an increase in enrollment. She said for early intervention because of the way that the contract is written, Neighborhood Alliance serves anyone who is referred to them so that number continues to increase. Ms. Foss explained before the pandemic there were 450 children in the program, and there are over 600 children in the program now. She advised they just hired another home visitor as the County consistently has a waiting list for families needing home visits. Ms. Foss said for home delivered meals they receive about 30-35 calls a week for people who need meals, and those numbers continue to rise. She stated they are looking at having more senior citizens than people under the age of 19 by the year 2030 so they know that program will continue to increase in the number of participants. Ms. Foss advised they changed their service model a couple of years ago to provide some frozen meals as well as hot meals with the deliveries and that allowed them to open additional routes. She added that they are always looking at innovative ways that they can continue to serve more people, but those numbers continue to climb. Ms. Foss said the reason that they did the renovation of the homeless shelter is because the number of people needing service is increasing noting that at one time during the pandemic they had 125 residents in the shelter and they have not really seen that number go down, but they have seen a shift in who they are serving as there are more families now than it has ever been with about 32 children in the shelter at last count.

Ms. Berges commented that she feels their programs are wonderful and it is nice to know that they are available for the residents of Avon and the residents of Lorain County. She said she does not remember all the funding sources, but she was interested in the federal funding and any grants that Neighborhood Alliance receives that could be at risk. Ms. Berges asked Ms. Foss to speak about that issue.

Ms. Foss advised about 35% of their funding comes from federal grants and contracts. She said when considering the potential federal funding freeze, most of the programs at Neighborhood Alliance except maybe one or two have funding that comes from the federal government. Ms. Foss stated fortunately there is an audit performed every year so she could very easily identify what programs have federal funding, but she reiterated it is about 35% of the overall funding received. She advised shelter funding is included in that as well as home delivered meals.

Mr. McBride advised exempting the federal funding issue, as he was sure they would be knocking on everyone's door if that should disappear. He asked what their anticipated request was for Avon for the next funding cycle. Mr. McBride said this would give the City notice ahead of time when putting the budget together for next year.

Ms. Foss advised for the Haven Center, over the last several years, it has been \$25,000 that Neighborhood Alliance has requested and received. She said the home delivered meals is based on the number of meals that they serve, so that number could fluctuate depending on how many people in Avon are on that program. Ms. Foss stated she can provide a tentative projection of the home delivered meals, but for the shelter she does not anticipate asking for an increase as \$25,000 is what they have been receiving and they are happy to have that amount, if that is still an option.

Mr. McBride reinforced that if there are more Avon residents, whether 50 more or 2,000 more people, needing home delivered meals that Neighborhood Alliance would make sure these additional people are fed because the City would make sure that the funding was provided.

Ms. Foss confirmed that, saying that it used to be that some of the cities served by Neighborhood Alliance had waiting lists. She advised Avon has not had a waiting list, but they have a queue, meaning it takes about two weeks from the point of call to get them on the home delivered meals program. Ms. Foss said sometimes people get confused by that and feel like it is a waiting list, it is not. She explained it takes that long to do an assessment and get the paperwork and get the meals ordered. Ms. Foss stated they have to order the meals a week ahead of time so there is not a waiting list for Avon, and they will continue to serve. She advised as long as there is funding available, they will continue to add people to the programs. Ms. Foss noted they are looking at purchasing more vehicles because they know the number of people who need service is going to continue to increase.

Mr. McBride stated there should never be a waiting list in Avon.

Ms. Foss said there is no reason why they would.

Mayor Jensen said he appreciates that the issues early on have been rectified. He advised Mr. Presley understands Council's desire to make funds available to Neighborhood Alliance if an Avon resident has a need of their services. Mayor Jensen asked if the Avon Police Department uses Neighborhood Alliance as a resource. He said he knows there has been an increase in calls from parents who are having a difficult time parenting their eight- or nine-year-old children and that there are more grandparents raising their grandchildren. He asked who at Neighborhood Alliance does the Police Department reach out to if they see a need.

Ms. Foss advised Conscious Discipline is one program that Neighborhood Alliance has that would help but added that she does not believe that the Avon Police Department has reached out to NA about that specific issue. She noted that Conscious Discipline is not a well-advertised program since it was new just a couple of years ago. Ms. Foss stated regarding the shelter; Neighborhood Alliance interacts with the Avon Police Department on a consistent basis. She added if the Avon Police Department know of a family that is in need of services for a child, there are a number of different places that they can call such as:

- Riveon Mental Health and Recovery
- Catholic Charities
- Ohio Guidestone

Mayor Jensen said it is sad to see parents that are not ready to be parents. He stated struggling with an eight-year-old, most people might naturally think that it is easy to take care of an eight-year-old, but it is not as easy as some might think. Mayor Jensen asked if they are having success within the program. He understands that sometimes parents struggle to figure out what their child needs. He noted that since the pandemic it has been a different world.

Ms. Foss agreed and said they cannot have enough resources for the children. She stated for Conscious Discipline; they are seeing that it is having a positive impact especially if the families are also attending some of their other programs and they receive feedback from staff involved with the family through the other programs. Ms. Foss noted it is the consistency of having rules in place and making sure the parents have support as well as the children.

Ms. Patton thanked Ms. Foss for providing the update to Council tonight. She congratulated them on the new center and said it is amazing. Ms. Patton stated providing dignity to individuals when given some basic privacy and their own space within the center rather than being in a congregate setting was important. She asked if Lorain County no longer provides Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Foss advised Neighborhood Alliance is an affiliate partner of Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Patton said that information is good to know. She advised when people donate to Goodwill or Salvation Army a lot of people feel like the goods that are donated, including furniture, do not stay within the community where they were donated. Ms. Patton said people feel better when they know that what they are donating stays within their community. She asked Ms. Foss if she had avenue where people can donate items such as furniture, clothing, and the like where the community can help.

Ms. Foss advised it depends on the situation. She explained that there is not a lot of storage space at Neighborhood Alliance so when larger items are donated it is often hard for them to find a place to storage them until they know of a need. Ms. Foss stated sometimes it happens just right that someone will call, and they know of a family that needs some furniture, and they can make that happen. She said that it all runs through the Fund Development Department, and she can make sure that the City and City Council have contact information for their Fund Development team. Ms. Foss advised regarding donations of clothing and the like; Neighborhood Alliance does not typically accept used clothing but recommends that people take those kinds of donations to a couple of their partner agencies such as Good Neighbor Thrift Store in Avon Lake. She added that Good Neighbor Thrift Store also partners with Neighborhood Alliance on the Socks Plus program. Ms. Foss indicated that Neighborhood Alliance keeps their wish list for Socks Plus. She explained that socks are the number one requested item of homeless people when they come into shelter. Ms. Foss said that Socks Plus includes items such as zipper bags and backpacks and undergarments and those kinds of essential items are always accepted

at Neighborhood Alliance in new form and the Thrift Store helps them with that as well. She stated because they only service those in Lorain County, they do not send items outside of Lorain County if they are donated to them.

Mr. Fischer thanked them for coming in and he said Council appreciates the update. He advised Avon is proud to be partnered with Neighborhood Alliance as it is a great organization. Mr. Fischer stated he loves the new center, and he thanked them again for all they do.

Ms. Foss invited them to tour the Center or the Kitchen and said they were more than welcome to do so, just let her know and she could get that scheduled. She thanked everyone again for their partnership saying it is greatly appreciated.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE CITY'S INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE VILLAGE SCHOOL LOCATED AT 36600 DETROIT ROAD FROM THE AVON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Mayor Jensen

Mayor Jensen advised Mr. Gasior has and is currently reviewing the tentative purchase agreement. He indicated that it would be brought before Council for approval once it is deemed satisfactory according to what Council has discussed. Mayor Jensen suggested that the first reading of the purchase agreement could be as soon as next week to allow time for more discussion by Council.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 18-25 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING THE 17.7 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NAGEL ROAD BETWEEN MIDDLETON & DETROIT ROADS, PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 04-00-022-102-044, 04-00-022-102-043, 04-00-022-102-039, 04-00-022-102-041, 04-00-022-102-042, 04-00-022-102-047 & 04-00-022-102-048 FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-4 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

Planning Referral

The Second of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 18-25 will be on Monday, March 24, 2025

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025

Mayor Jensen advised this item received a negative recommendation from the Planning Commission noting that nothing has changed.

Ms. Berges advised at the Planning Commission meeting a traffic study was discussed and it was communicated to the Planning Commission members that the traffic study revealed that there would only be a ten percent increase in traffic as a result of the rezoning. She inquired as to what the ten percent number was based on; ten percent of 2,000 vehicles or ten percent of 5,000 vehicles. Ms. Berges wondered if that information was available.

Mayor Jensen said he would defer to Mr. Cummins but noted that a second traffic study was being conducted to see if the numbers have changed especially considering that ODOT did not approve of a roundabout for the intersection of Detroit Road and Nagel Road.

Mr. Cummins advised he does not have those numbers in front of him tonight, but they were available, and he certainly could provide that study to City Council.

Mr. Gasior commented that this is R-1 Single-Family Residential District property that is being requested by the property owner to be rezoned to C-4 General Business District. He advised the Charter carves out a special process for that change to take place. Mr. Gasior said the City has seen this kind of request before where Council passes the Ordinance and under the Charter, once the Ordinance is passed, it has to go to the voters for approval at the next General Election. He stated the Charter does not say that it must go to the voters if Council defeats the legislation. Mr. Gasior advised that if this legislation receives a negative vote on the third reading, then that will be the end of it. He said he wanted to make that clarification noting that is the way that the Charter reads.

Mr. McBride said that is with the exception that the property owner could request a referendum to place it on the ballot.

Mr. Gasior advised he was not going to give the property owner legal advice, that was for the property owner to seek. He said he was just advising Council on what the consequences are of a “yea” or a “nay” vote.

4. [ORDINANCE NO. 20-25 – TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FINAL PLAT AND SUBDIVIDER’S AGREEMENT FOR STONEY ACRES SUBDIVISION BETWEEN THE CITY OF AVON AND ROUTE 83 PROPERTIES, LLC](#) Planning Referral

Mr. Gasior advised back in 2023 the Final Plat for Stoney Acres Subdivision was approved. He said deposits were made; it was supposed to be an 11-lot subdivision. Mr. Gasior noted there was a slight error in the subdivider agreement back then as it stated 12-lots and that error was not noticed until recently when this came before the City for an amendment, which was presented to the Planning Commission back in August of 2024 and was approved contingent upon some engineering issues being resolved and then there was also a potential legal issue with regard to some language in the HOA document that needed to be worked out for maintaining a retention basin in the subdivision. He stated it took a long time, but all those kinks were finally worked out, but in the meantime, the subdivider was moving forward with the construction of public improvements. Mr. Gasior advised that Council is faced tonight with an unusual situation where Council is being asked to amend the final plat to reflect that it is now a 10-lot subdivision and a couple other changes regarding the tree and traffic deposits. He said immediately following that action, he believes that Mr. Streater will have a punch list, and Mr. Presley will affirm that all the deposits have been made, and City Council will be asked to accept the improvements (Ordinance No. 21-25) that have been built. Mr. Gasior noted it was a bit unusual to have all of that coming in front of Council at one time, but some of these things dragged out a little longer than expected and are now all resolved.

5. [ORDINANCE NO. 21-25 – TO ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS IN STONEY ACRES SUBDIVISION](#) Mr. Streater

Mr. Streater said, as Mr. Gasior mentioned, the subdivision is installed, and all the improvements have been inspected, and he believes all the deposits have been made to the Finance Director and the Routing Sheet has been handed to the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting tonight.

6. [RESOLUTION NO. R-11-25 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SHAKESPEARE LANE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT](#) Mr. Cummins

Mr. Cummins advised this is a project at the south end of Shakespeare Lane. He said it is an existing 4” water main that has been having some break issues. Mr. Cummins stated the Utilities Department identified it for replacement and it will be replaced with a 6” water main. He advised the Utilities Department is currently working with the HOA to secure a new easement for the new waterline to go into as the existing water line was basically built along the edge of a pond. Mr. Cummins said the old line will be abandoned and replaced it with a new 6” line that will improve service dependency but also firefighting capabilities as well. He stated this Resolution is asking for authorization to bid. Mr. Cummins noted that Council will not be asked to award a project until that easement is officially granted, but they would like to keep the project moving along and get into construction as soon as they can.

Mr. Radcliffe asked about the location of the waterline.

Mr. Cummins explained it is at the very south end of Shakespeare Lane by the retention pond in the back.

Mr. Radcliffe inquired if the line is coming off Detroit Road and connecting to this one section that is failing. He asked if the rest of the line is still good.

Mr. Cummins advised the area right along the detention pond was having the most problems.

Mr. Radcliffe said the new line would be 6” in size, but everything coming off Detroit Road and back to that proposed new section would still be 4” line.

Mr. Cummins stated he believes it is 6” and then goes down to a 4”.

Mayor Jensen asked if there is an abandoned section that goes into the development across that retention pond.

Mr. Cummins advised there was an easement created, and the water main was stubbed into it, to eventually go into the residential subdivision to the south, but that was not utilized when that subdivision was constructed. He pointed it out on the map at the bottom right corner of Exhibit A. Mr. Cummins said the area that is denoted in cyan with the red x's, that is the area that is having problems and the area that is not needed because they can see the subdivision to the south has already been built. He pointed out the blue line is the proposed new 6" line and they were looking to get a good portion of that in place to try to minimize the disturbance to the neighborhood.

Mayor Jensen said it was decided that this is the better way to replace that line since it is so old.

Mr. Fischer asked if the tie-in to the residences was a part of this project.

Mr. Cummins answered yes. He explained their connections will be disconnected from the existing line and connected into the new line all as part of the project.

Mr. McBride inquired if there is any portion of the current line that is a dead-end line.

Mr. Cummins indicated that in addition to the section that will be abandoned, the other portion that is off to the left in the Exhibit is a dead-end line as well.

Mr. McBride asked regarding the new waterline connection to the residences, if that would just be tied together or would it be a line run all the way in.

Mr. Cummins said it would be tied-in at the new main; it would not be run all the way back to the house.

Mr. McBride asked as a follow-up on the dead-end line on the other portion, if there was any way that could be tied back in or was that a future project. He also inquired if they were flushing that line.

Mr. Cummins confirmed it is part of the annual flushing program and said those areas are known to the Utilities Department and they make sure those are successful, and that acceptable water quality is maintained and is flushed regularly.

7. RESOLUTION NO. R-12-25 – DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF AVON ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE CHESTER ROAD WIDENING PHASE II PROJECT, C126Y/C127Y WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO Mr. Presley

Mr. Presley advised a similar Resolution was passed last meeting for the reimbursement for the Just Imagine Drive project. He said in doing the final requests for reimbursement for Chester Road, this issue has come up again and another Resolution needs passed pursuant to each of the respective projects. Mr. Presley stated if Council allows, he also requested that another similar Resolution be added for consideration on next week's agenda for the State Route 83 and State Route 254 Intersection Widening project to make sure it is done now and taken care of ahead of time and be ready for reimbursement as those expenses are already starting to come in significantly with the right-of-way acquisitions.

8. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN had no comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE gave an update from the Tree Commission saying that the Tree Commission applied again to Lorain County Public Health for the Healthy Places Grant. She was pleased to say that they were successful in being awarded \$8,243 and that money will be used to purchase three bicycle racks

to be located at Eagle Point Park, the Traxler Family Arboretum at the Centennial Road entrance, and Heritage Square Gazebo. Ms. Berges explained the remaining grant funds would be used to purchase a bike repair station to be located at the Avon Aquatic Center. She stated the Tree Commission is very pleased that the City was awarded this money.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1 thanked Ms. Berges, saying that was a great update.

Mrs. Demaline advised she noted on Detroit Road there are some black light posts that have been installed, and she asked Mayor Jensen to provide more information on those new posts.

Mayor Jensen advised those are the light posts that Council approved the purchase of with the money from NOPEC. He said they have more light posts ordered with that same NOPEC money and then once the widening of SR83 and Detroit Road is complete, those light posts will extend all the way across SR83 to the end to the project limits on the east side. Mayor Jensen stated that by the time the widening of the Detroit Road project is complete they will have matching light posts that have a banner holder, a hook for hanging baskets, wreaths can be hung as well as a flag holder all on one post. He advised they are starting with the five light posts, and the old ones will be disconnected and taken down, but as they go farther down the road there will only be light posts on one side. Mayor Jensen explained that some might be installed behind the sidewalk with longer arms to cross the roadway, but they will all look uniform. He added the response he has received so far on those light posts has been a positive one.

Mrs. Demaline reminded Council that there will be another Service Committee Meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to continue the discussion on the 2025 Sidewalk Program. She said hopefully they will have a good discussion and be ready to compile everything needed to put together the Resolution of Necessity to move forward. Mrs. Demaline stated she is looking forward to seeing everyone at that meeting.

MR. MCBRIDE, WARD 2 advised the new light poles look awesome noting they were a definite improvement.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 had no comments.

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE stated she loves the new light poles as they add to the charm of Avon and it's downtown and she thanked Mayor Jensen.

Ms. Patton said her other comment is about protecting the property values of our residents. She advised in thinking about the rezoning request on Nagel Road and the letter that was received from resident, Robert Crissinger, in the West Wickham Subdivision noting that she spoke with him over the phone. Ms. Patton stated one thing they need to do in Avon is improve buffering standards so when a residential property abuts a commercial property there are higher standards in place for what is expected. She strongly recommends that they move forward with something like that.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4 had no comments.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER had no comments.

MS. FECHTER, PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR was absent.

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR had no comments.

AUDIENCE:

There were no comments from the audience members.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:19

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to Enter Into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Purchase of Real Estate and for the Purpose of Discussing Pending Litigation and to invite Mayor Jensen, Mr. Gasior, Mr. Presley, and Mr. Streator, 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 and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

10. RECONVENE: 8:51 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to Reconvene the Work Session of Council, 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 and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

11. ADJOURN: 8:52 p.m.

There being no further business, the Work Session of Council was adjourned.

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council