

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: Council-at-Large – Brian Fischer; 2nd Ward - Dennis McBride; Council-at-Large – Tammy Holtzmeier; 3rd Ward -Tony Moore; 4th Ward - Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large – Craig Witherspoon; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; 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: 1st Ward – Bob Butkowski; Safety Director – Duane Streator

1. RECOGNITION OF STATE CHAMPION MOLLY RADCLIFFE Mayor Jensen

Mr. Fischer advised it was his honor to yield the floor to Mayor Jensen to recognize the 2021 Avon High School graduate, Molly Radcliffe, for her incredible achievements in last year’s track and field season.

Mayor Jensen advised it was not too long ago, before Covid hit, that there was excitement for Molly and what she could accomplish in her Junior year of High School and because of Covid it did not happen. He said that through it all Molly never quit working hard at trying to make something of a year that kind of fell by the wayside and she came back stronger than ever and through that time, Molly went through some adversity but still never gave up. Mayor Jensen stated he along with City Council wanted to recognize the great year and great accomplishment Molly had showing she could fight through adversity and still be a champion and it is something that very few people have accomplished and in Avon he was not sure anyone has accomplished to date and to have two state championships in the same year was remarkable. He advised to be able to have the mindset to focus on one event and then come back the next day to focus on the other event was to be commended. Mayor Jensen presented Molly Radcliffe with her own personal sign that read, “Molly Radcliffe, 2021 State Champ – Discus & Shot Put” and group photos with City Council, the Mayor, her parents, and coaches were taken. Signs with the same inscription have also been added under the “Welcome to Avon” signs at the entrances to the City to commemorate this extraordinary accomplishment.

Applause and congratulations were given all around.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 50-21 – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 48-19 WHICH ADOPTED THE JUNE 10, 2019, REVISION TO THE STANDARD CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS FOR THE CITY OF AVON

Planning Referral

Third of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 50-21 will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Fechter updated City Council that the CBU (cluster box unit) in the Red Tail Subdivision has been installed.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 51-21 – TO AMEND SECTION 1222.02, 1278.03, 1280.05 AND 1280.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO INCLUDE STORAGE CONDOMINIUMS UNDER MINI SELF STORAGE ON THE SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED AND SPECIAL USES IN THE M-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AND M-2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS Planning Referral

Third of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 51-21 will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:20 p.m.

Ms. Fechter advised she worked with Mr. Gasior, and they updated the violation section to the Ordinance, and they also have that the maximum size allowed is 1200 square feet. She said they added in no commercial business activity shall be allowed in the unit. Ms. Fechter stated they are working closely with the Fire Department to make sure the owners have their inspections performed and to keep an eye on what is going on. She advised

they put a little bit more information behind the property owner's association that will be required for these entities before they will be allowed.

4. [ORDINANCE NO. 53-21 – APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING SAID MODIFICATIONS AS REVISIONS TO THE OFFICIAL SANITARY SEWER MASTER PLAN](#) Planning Referral

Third of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 53-21 will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021
A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:25 p.m.

No updates or changes were noted.

5. [ORDINANCE NO. 55-21 – TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITY NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \\$6,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING MUNICIPAL RECREATION FACILITIES](#) Mr. Logan

Third of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 55-21 will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021

Mr. Logan advised these are the pool notes that have been rolled over every year since 2015 and they continue to pay them down. He said the maximum amount to be issued is \$6,200,000 although they may issue them for a little bit less than that once he sees what the TIF revenues are going to be. Mr. Logan reminded Council that that this set of notes has a 90-day call provision like the Elizabeth, Joseph, Puth notes that were reissued back in June. He stated sometime between 90 days and when they mature, which will be next September 2022, they may call the notes in along with the Elizabeth, Joseph, Puth notes and issue long term debt, but they are leaving their options open. Mr. Logan advised they plan to sell the notes on August 11, 2021.

Mr. McBride inquired as to what notes have been selling for recently.

Mr. Logan advised about .2% yield or about 20 basis points. He said they may pay a little higher by one or two basis points for that call provision.

Mr. McBride stated it was close to interest free.

6. [ORDINANCE NO. 58-21 – TO AMEND SECTION 1040.01\(a\) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE](#) Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised there was a Meeting of the Finance Committee of Council on July 12, 2021, and the water rates, sanitary sewer rates and the stormwater utility rates were discussed. He said for the water rates it was agreed to pass through the Avon Lake increase which is very minimal at just under 2%. Mr. Logan stated the City's current water rate of \$5.20 per thousand gallons would increase to \$5.26 per thousand gallons effective September 1, 2021. He clarified that for the high-volume users, the commercial users, those who use over 25,000 in a month, that rate will go from \$4.39 to \$4.44 per thousand gallons used per month. Mr. Logan reiterated this is a straight pass through of the Avon Lake increase which is where the City of Avon purchases all its water. He advised it was not mentioned in the Finance Committee Meeting, but Avon's water rates compared to the Ohio EPA averages is almost 30% below that average for water rates.

Mr. McBride asked the average yearly increase for the \$.06 increase per thousand gallons used.

Mr. Logan advised the increase of \$.06 per thousand gallons used averages out to about a \$6.00 increase per year, which is around 93,000 gallons a year, for water for the average residential user.

7. [ORDINANCE NO. 59-21 – TO AMEND SECTION 1042.02\(i\) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO INCREASE THE SANITARY SEWER RATES](#) Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised this was also discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting on July 12, 2021. He said the current rate of \$7.60 per thousand gallons would be increased by 4% to \$7.90 per thousand gallons used effective September 1, 2021. Mr. Logan stated that is an annual increase to an average user of about \$28.00 a year. He stated as discussed in the committee meeting, the City of Avon has about 75% of its sewage processed by the City of North Ridgeville in their Sheffield plant on Abbe Road and the remaining 25% goes through Avon Lake's sewage treatment plant. Mr. Logan advised North Ridgeville has been increasing their rate each year by 4%, which they did on the first of this year and they plan to do it again on the first of 2022. He said Avon Lake had been taking their rates up steadily, but this year they are not increasing their rates, but we do not know what is coming next year. Mr. Logan stated the Administration is recommending a small increase to stay ahead of the game. He advised compared to the Ohio EPA average rates the City of Avon is at about 95% of the average rate for the State of Ohio. He advised the EPA surveys approximately 400 entities every year and their most recent one was conducted in 2018. Mr. Logan said with the proposed rate the City of Avon will be at about 95% of that average rate.

8. [ORDINANCE NO. 60-21 – TO AMEND SECTION 1056.08\(a\) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO INCREASE THE STORMWATER UTILITY BASE RATE PER ERU \(EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT\) PER MONTH, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL BASE RATE ADJUSTMENT](#)

Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised the stormwater utility rate was implemented the first part of 2018 and the ERU or Equivalent Residential Unit rate is \$2 per month and every residential property throughout the City pays \$24 per year into a stormwater utility fund. He said commercial and industrial businesses and other entities pay more based on their square footage of impervious surfaces. Mr. Logan stated they have not increased this rate or considered increasing it before now. He advised the Administration is requesting Council pass the increase that would take the rate up to \$2.25 per month beginning with September 1, 2021. He said then next year they would like to tie that rate in as the City does with certain other fees to the Cleveland Construction Cost Index. Mr. Logan stated when that Cost Index comes out in July of each year then certain City fees are adjusted like the Park Development Fee, the Stormwater Management Fee, and the smaller Water and Sewer Tap Fees. He reiterated effective this September the rate will go to \$2.25, but next July the rate would change based on the change in that Cleveland Construction Cost Index. Mr. Logan advised for perspective if the City had been doing that since the fee was established the rate now would be \$2.11 instead of \$2.00 per ERU per month. He said with the increase this year the annual fee would be \$27 a year, which is an increase of \$3 for the year per residential property in answer to a question asked by Mr. Fischer.

Mrs. Holtzmeier inquired as to the effective date of the increase each year when the Cleveland Construction Cost Index number comes out in July and the City would tie the increase in the stormwater utility rate to that number. She asked if the effective date would be August 1 of each subsequent year.

Mr. Logan advised it would be effective as soon as those new rates are effective. He said this year the indexes came out on July 9th and that next day July 10th the new rates were effective. Mr. Logan stated this year it went up by a little over 5% and it had not done that the last 4 or 5 years.

Mr. Gasior advised to Mrs. Holtzmeier's point, this is a monthly charge and he suggested they insert into the Ordinance that the new rate will become effective the following month, which would be August, to make it clear.

Mr. Logan agreed and said that July would have already been billed when the Cleveland Index number would come out. He apologized as he was thinking of the other fees that happen with a building permit and said it will be effective August 1. Mr. Logan advised this fee is billed with the water and sewer that is billed monthly and those bills go out generally the second or third of the month.

9. [ORDINANCE NO. 61-21 – REAPPROPRIATIONS](#)

Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan explained the reappropriations as follows:

General Fund No. 101

Increase appropriations \$65,000.00 for five streetlight poles on Detroit Road in the center of

town. The 2021 NOPEC Energized Community Grant will fund \$61,227.00 of this amount.

Appropriate and transfer funds in the amount of \$4,500.00 to the Recycling Fund No. 202 for promotional items (lunch bags) to advertise recycling.

Total General Fund Re-appropriations \$69,500.00

Special Revenue Funds

Fire Department Equipment Fund No. 106

Increase appropriations \$60,000.00 for equipment to be stored on the new engine.

Mr. Logan explained the new fire engine was purchased about a year ago, but they did not equip it with everything that they would have liked to at that time.

Recycling Fund No. 202

Increase appropriations \$4,500.00 for promotional items (lunch bags) to advertise recycling.

Park Development Fund No. 251

Increase appropriations \$316,000.00 to return an advance made from the General Fund (May 2020) to purchase parkland property (Kurtz Brothers) adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park. The City received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$310,000.00 toward the purchase of this property.

Total Special Revenue Fund Re-appropriations \$380,500.00

Capital Project Funds

2020 Road Program Fund No. 410

Reduce appropriations (\$15,000.00) to meet budgetary compliance in this fund.

2021 Road Program Fund No. 419

Reduce appropriations (\$7,500.00) to meet budgetary compliance in this fund.

Total Capital Project Fund Re-appropriations (\$22,500.00)

Total All Funds Re-appropriations \$427,500.00

10. [ORDINANCE NO. 62-21](#) – AMENDING “SCHEDULE 1294.08(a)” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY REGARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES AND WALLS Planning Referral

First of Three Readings of Ordinance No. 62-21 will be held on Monday, August 9, 2021

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 27, 2021, at 7:25 p.m.

Ms. Fechter advised this is a little bit of a housekeeping issue as well as to have some consistency. She said currently the Code allows for a four-foot-high fence in the front yard with seventy percent opacity. Ms. Fechter stated the Code allows six feet high in the side yard with a required setback and four feet high when adjacent to the street, but when fencing pertains to the rear yard the Code states a six-foot-high fence is allowed within a required setback but only three feet high outside of that required setback. She advised what they are proposing is that the rear yard height when outside of that required setback be increased to four feet with a seventy percent opacity to have consistency throughout the Code.

11. ORDINANCE NO. 63-21 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE USE PERMIT FOR 1225 MOORE ROAD PPN 04-00-009-000-015 TO OCCUPY A PORTION OF THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY ALONG A SECTION OF MOORE ROAD (EAST SIDE) A WIDTH OF APPROXIMATELY 637.45 FEET Mr. Gasior

Mr. Gasior advised this involves a road improvement that is going to be performed under ODOT regulations and the property owners have a split rail fence that sits a little bit into the right of way. He said for the property owners to keep that fence at its current location they must enter a Revocable Use Permit which essentially says that they are allowed to keep the fence at its current location until the City should tell them that they must move it. Mr. Gasior stated that given the fact that this road improvement on Moore Road is probably not going to impact that fence because the street is not being widened, but just resurfaced, the Administration thought it would be fair to everyone if they entered the Revocable Use Permit with the property owners and allowed them to keep the split rail fence in place. He advised obviously if Moore Road were ever to expand to 3 or 4 lanes the City would be able to ask that they take the fence down.

Mr. Cummins concurred with Mr. Gasior's statement.

Mr. Gasior advised these Revocable Use Permits are required by ODOT for the project to go forward.

Mr. Cummins added that the project is being partially paid for with federal funding administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation. He advised it is ODOT personnel that inspected the project length and identified the fence and brought this issue up. Mr. Cummins stated they have talked with the property owners, and they are agreeable with the concept of signing the agreement for the fence to be able to stay in place for the time being and look forward to having this taken care of so the project can proceed with the resurfacing of the roadway that will happen in 2022.

Mrs. Holtzmeier asked the approximate age of the fence.

Mr. Cummins advised when he was speaking with the property owners it sounded as if the fence is approximately twenty plus years old.

Mrs. Holtzmeier asked as to the general term of use for a fence such as this. She inquired as to how long they expect something like that to last.

Mr. Cummins advised with ongoing maintenance it could last several decades.

Mrs. Holtzmeier asked if they believe the fence will remain on that property for that long of time.

Mr. Cummins advised the property owner could decide to take it down tomorrow or they could maintain it and replace sections as they wear away and keep it for an undetermined amount of time.

Mrs. Holtzmeier asked if it was in a broken-down manner or dilapidated in any way.

Mr. Cummins advised no; it is a split rail fence on an undeveloped section of roadway.

Mayor Jensen advised for anyone who has driven by there and looked at the fence, the problem the City had was that to make them tear down a fence seemed unnecessary. He clarified if the fence becomes dilapidated then they would address that with the property owners. Mayor Jensen explained that the property just to the south of this property had a lot of brush that hangs over the right of way, but ODOT for whatever reason was bringing the fence to the City's attention. He reiterated if the fence was ever in the way, or something happened or if they were not maintaining it properly then the City would act. Mayor Jensen said he felt this was a workable solution that is helpful to both the residents and the City.

Mr. McBride asked if the homeowners are aware that if a vehicle goes off the road and hits the fence that they may have some liability since they put it in the public right of way. He said if the property owners are aware of that then he did not have any issues; he just does not want the City to have liability.

12. ORDINANCE NO. 64-21 – TO AUTHORIZE A DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT WITH MERIDIAN CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AT 31880 MILLS ROAD Planning Referral

Mr. Gasior advised this is an unusual situation that the City has probably never come across and maybe never will come across again. He said the property owner wants to construct a home and the ditch in front of the lot is not enclosed and the owner of the property would like to enclose that ditch. Mr. Gasior stated typically the City would facilitate enclosure by having the individual pay for the cost of the pipe, which is usually a 12” PVC pipe. He advised in this case, because there is a storm sewer that comes underneath Mills Road from North Ridgeville, the size of the pipe will be more cost prohibitive and installing the pipe will be more cost prohibitive as well. Mr. Gasior said they propose entering into a Developer’s Agreement whereby Meridian Construction, which is Mr. Reynolds’ company, will go ahead and install 4-6’ of 36” reinforced concrete pipe and another 60’ of 30” reinforced concrete pipe. He stated the agreement worked out between the Administration and Mr. Reynolds would pay him when the project is complete approximately \$8300 to cover that upsizing cost of that pipe going from a 12” PVC to a 30” and 36” reinforced concrete. Mr. Gasior advised paragraph 32 of the Developer’s Agreement would then authorize the Finance Director, upon acceptance of improvements, to issue a check to Meridian Construction for \$8300 to cover the upsize.

Mr. Cummins agreed that Mr. Gasior hit the highpoints of the agreement. He advised the frontages are already partially enclosed with a 30” pipe and then the open area and then a 36” pipe coming in underneath the street. Mr. Cummins stated it is a specialized structure to be installed to join those together as well as an additional 12” that comes from the other side further up the ditch and it is a unique situation, and he believes this is a good solution all the way around.

Mr. Gasior added that Mr. Reynolds will have until next Monday night to deposit \$2,480.00 that represents the \$250 stabilization deposit, legal and engineering. He said the Developer’s Agreement does not call for a sidewalk, but he wanted to point out that the property owner upon completion of the home will be under the same obligation as anyone else to install a sidewalk. Mr. Gasior clarified that the fact that the Developer’s Agreement is not imposing that obligation on the contractor, but the homeowner will still have the obligation to install sidewalks once the home is completed.

Mayor Jensen advised this was probably the fairest way to get this accomplished and while it is not perfect, it will do what they need it to do. He said Mr. Reynolds is concerned that if he does build a house and installs sidewalks on his property that Council makes sure they look at the other properties in that area for requiring the installation of sidewalks. Mayor Jensen stated Mr. Reynolds has been caught in a situation before where he put in his sidewalk and the abutting property owners were not made to do the same. He advised he feels this is a fair resolution to this issue and everyone who has spoken with Mr. Reynolds knows that he has been very polite and wants to get this resolved.

13. RESOLUTION NO. R-22-21 – SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE ISSUE ONE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE JAYCOX ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT Mr. Cummins

Mr. Cummins advised the Ohio Public Works Commission State Issue One grant applications are due September 3rd. He said they intend to make two applications, the first one for Jaycox Road resurfacing south from Mills Road to Schwartz Road around the 90-degree bend in the vicinity of the parks building. He said that is the first project and is 8560’ in length.

14. RESOLUTION NO. R-23-21 – SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE ISSUE ONE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE JUST IMAGINE DRIVE RESURFACING PROJECT Mr. Cummins

Mr. Cummins advised this is the second application and would be for resurfacing of Just Imagine Drive beginning where the interchange project on Just Imagine Drive ceases. He said that is about 1,000 feet of Nagel Road and then it extends approximately 4,000 to beyond the ShurTech driveway.

15. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN advised he spoke with Mr. Kidder of Republic Services informing him that in the current MOU there is language that allows Republic Services to increase the rates by 3% over the term of the contract. He said that Mr. Kidder confirmed the increase was being implemented. Mayor Jensen stated he let Mr. Kidder know that it was poor timing for an increase in rates and he asked Mr. Kidder to come and address City Council at an upcoming meeting so that there could be some discussions about how to move forward with yard waste collection. He advised he and Mr. Kidder discussed a couple ideas of how to remediate the yard waste issue and the frustration the residents have because there are bags on their curb lawn for the remainder of the week. Mayor Jensen said that Mr. Kidder assured him that any yard waste still missed would be collected with the bulk items. He stated Mr. Kidder would be here next week for further discussion, but he noted that the current MOU allows for this one increase but would not make any further increases over the life of the MOU when it ends in 2024 and it was also mentioned that Republic Services has not placed a fuel surcharge on any of the bills and the rate charged for trash, recycling, bulk and yard waste collection is still below what Avon Lake residents are charged. Mayor Jensen advised Republic Services has been struggling, like every other waste hauler, to get enough help and most of that is because of the physical labor required and not so much the automated cart system. He said he understands the frustration that the residents are feeling, and Republic Services is looking into a remedy to fix the yard waste collection issue.

Mayor Jensen advised he would like a Legal Committee Meeting to be called for next Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the City of Avon becoming a Tree City that Mr. Moore has been requesting. He confirmed that Rick Varga, Arborist was available for the August 9th meeting date.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MR. BUTKOWSKI, WARD 1 was absent.

MRS. HOLTZMEIER, AT LARGE inquired as to how many more weeks of yard waste are scheduled for pickup for the year.

The Clerk advised yard waste collection runs through the end of November.

Mrs. Holtzmeier advised Republic Services has agreed to this service deep into the fall season for Avon. She said she is looking forward to hearing from Mr. Kidder next week. Mrs. Holtzmeier asked for clarification as to the difference between a Memorandum of Understanding and a contract with Republic Services.

Mr. Gasior advised there really is no difference between them for purposes of how the City operates. He said Republic Services operates under the terms of the MOU and the City expects them to operate under the terms of the MOU. He said he needs to go back and look at the MOU because when the City and Council negotiated this MOU it was negotiated a little bit differently than it had been in the past and he was not prepared to answer that question right now because he did not have the document in front of him, but he would certainly get back to her this week or next Monday. Mr. Gasior stated he believes there are commitments that Republic Services has made to the City and he would like to review the MOU to determine what the remedy would be if Republic Services violates those commitments.

Mrs. Holtzmeier said it is the remedy that concerns her when Republic Services is experiencing some difficulties in service. She asked that the current Memorandum of Understanding be supplied to all of City Council between now and next Monday so that they have time to review it and especially look at the remedy aspect of it so that when Mr. Kidder is here in Council Chambers, they can be prepared to discuss some potential recourse should service not continue to be up to snuff and she looked forward to having him here.

Mrs. Holtzmeier gave congratulations again to Molly Radcliffe as that was fun to celebrate.

MR. MCBRIDE, WARD 2 congratulated Scott Radcliffe as he now has a record holder in his household.

Mr. McBride advised regarding Republic Services; the first excuse Council heard was that it is Covid related. He said if they are now saying their issues are because of the lack of physical labor he suggested they go out and hire more people. Mr. McBride stated they can get more physical laborers, but they must pay more money. He understands they do not want to over hire and then are forced to lay off employees as that increases costs too. Mr. McBride advised Mr. Kidder is a good corporate employee of Republic Services, but these issues are not the City's problem as Republic can pay more to hire people. He said he believes Republic Services is a publicly traded company and he is sure they have profits in the billions, and they could throw some money at the problem.

Mr. McBride apologized for his casual attire tonight and said he came directly from Cedar Point with his family. He said that he took at least a dozen calls from residents in the Northgate subdivision. Mr. McBride stated at first the complaints were that the bulk was still curbside and then the yard waste and recyclables were still curbside and then he received calls that Republic Services did get it all picked up today. He advised he compliments Republic on being good for their word and they did get it picked up as promised, but it has been an ongoing problem this year where the yard waste has not been picked up on the scheduled day. Mr. McBride said the City Service Department employees come down every street weekly and collect tree branches, logs and the like and if the City Service Department can do that in addition to their other duties, he felt they should expect Republic Services to do their part.

Mr. McBride thanked the City for applying for the grant for the resurfacing on Just Imagine Drive as it is pretty pot marked and the street is starting to fail. He advised he has had multiple conversations about whether that street should be widened, but repaving will go a long way over there.

Mr. McBride thanked the City Administration for the traffic signal on Nagel Road at Health Campus Boulevard, which is access for Primrose School, Rose Senior Living, and a couple other entities. He said that traffic signal is a wonderful addition.

Mr. McBride thanked Mr. Farmer for checking in with a constituent regarding a possible sewer failure which is not a City issue.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 had no comments.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4 advised he looks forward to hearing from Mr. Kidder. He said as a business constituent in the City he knows it is not always as easy as throwing more money at the problem. Mr. Radcliffe stated culturally he believes there have been shifts and people do not want to do as much manual labor as in past generations. He advised while he appreciates the predicament that Republic Services is in, by the same token there is a contract and he hoped they would keep working through the issues to find remedies as they have all gotten calls about the bulk and yard waste delays in pickup.

Mr. Radcliffe said he would like to give a heartfelt sincere thank you to all the residents, the school, the coaches, and everyone that helped his daughter Molly get to her goal. He said Molly is deservedly proud and under-spoken as usual, but she worked hard for her accomplishment, and she is grateful for the awards she received, and she appreciated being asked to come here tonight to be recognized.

MR. WITHERSPOON, AT LARGE congratulated Molly Radcliffe. He said the smile on her dad's face says a lot.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE advised he wanted to echo all the sentiments on congratulating Molly. He said it was great to have her here tonight and it is a great achievement.

Mr. Fischer thanked Mr. Farmer for saving the American flag that was down on Detroit Road in a very timely manner.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER had no additional comments.

MR. FARMER, SERVICE DIRECTOR congratulated the Radcliffe family and Molly and said that is quite an accomplishment and a proud moment for her parents as well.

MS. FECHTER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING COORDINATOR advised last week that Ohio Lieutenant Governor Husted was in Avon for an economic development discussion with area leaders. She said it was a great event and there were over 80 attendees representing 14 cities, townships, and villages in Northeast Ohio, which she thought was phenomenal. Ms. Fechter advised some of the municipalities where the mayors could not attend sent 4 and 5 people in their place. She stated there was also representation from the Small Business Development Center, the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, the JVS, LCCC and another representative from the Governor's office. Ms. Fechter said she was very proud to be part of the event and a part of the City as host and how everyone came out. She thanked Pat Jankowski for her assistance that day as well as Rose Seighman as she could not have accomplished it all without their help and it was a great day.

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR congratulated the Radcliffe family. He said the Olympic coverage is currently being broadcast and they see how these athletes compete at that level. Mr. Gasior pointed out that a State Championship is not won by rolling out of bed one morning and throwing a shot put, but it takes a lot of work in addition to that competitive drive. He advised it is an awesome achievement and Avon should be proud to have Molly as their own.

MR. LOGAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR congratulated Scott and Molly as that is quite the achievement.

Mr. Logan advised last week the City received through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) the first tranche of \$1,225,000 with the second tranche to come next year. He said these funds are in a fund by itself and Council approved setting up the fund and the City has until end of 2024 to spend those funds. Mr. Logan stated as of right now, they are still contemplating different ideas for how to spend those funds.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR was absent.

AUDIENCE:

There were no comments made from the audience.

- 16. ADJOURN: 8:19 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