

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Chair, Council President Brian Fischer, called the meeting to order and the Avon Eagles Little League U10 District Champions led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Council-at-Large Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; 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 Streater; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported she had 2 requests from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control as follows:

- A request for a Transfer of Ownership from Xtra Innings, LLC to Buckeye Baseball, LLC, DBA Lake Erie Crushers located at 2009 Baseball Boulevard, Avon
- A request for a Transfer of Ownership from Riser Foods Co to GetGo Operating LLC, DBA GetGo 3015 located at 33501 Just Imagine Drive, Avon

There were no comments or requests for a hearing from City Council.

RECOGNITION OF THE AVON EAGLES LITTLE LEAGUE ALL STARS U10 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Mr. Fischer stated that Mrs. Demaline asked for this team to be recognized by City Council, and he asked the Coach to come forward and introduce himself and the team.

Coach Mike Burcewicz, 3008 Clearbrook Drive, of the Avon Eagles Little League U10 said he was fortunate enough to manage this team through the District Tournament as well as the State Tournament that they qualified for. He stated in Avon Little League these twelve kids represent the best eight- nine- and ten-year-olds in Avon Little League that is played through the Spring season. Mr. Burcewicz advised the players are nominated by coaches and then are narrowed down to twelve kids. He said these kids had the opportunity to play in Shelby, Ohio, in the District 7 Tournament, which were undefeated. Mr. Burcewicz stated they are an amazing group of kids and he felt it was proven to the District because in 4 games they only gave up a total of 7 runs. He felt that speaks to the work these kids put into the program, not only at the ballfield, but at home with their parents driving them to and from some of these games that were longer distances. Mr. Burcewicz advised they are a great group of kids, and he was honored to be a part of it, and he was very honored that they could come before City Council and Mayor Jensen tonight. He said with the District Championship they got to go to Arlington, Ohio, to participate in the State Tournament and they had a very good showing and represented the Avon community very well. Mr. Burcewicz thanked the players, the parents, the other coaches and the support they have from the Avon Little League is tremendous. He stated he has been fortunate enough to be a part of this league that has played from Hudson to Amherst, Strongsville to Shelby, and to Upper Arlington, and he does not believe that any of them have better facilities than Avon does and he appreciates that as it is a huge thing for our youth. Mr. Burcewicz said he does not believe anyone in Avon has a bigger group of kids involved in sports than Avon Little League and they use Little League Park, Veterans Memorial Park and Schwartz Road Park, and they are all tremendous and he expressed his thanks. He also thanked City Council and Mayor Jensen for recognizing these kids saying, “this is awesome”.

Mayor Jensen was presented with a baseball signed by all twelve of the players.

Players:

- Banak, Bennet – #21
- Burcewicz, Donovan – #3
- Damstra, Harrison – #2
- Dorries, David - #13
- Fecht, Will - #6

- Honold, Owen - #22
- Horwatt, Jack - #14
- Mihalic, Brody - #10
- Myers, Josh - #17
- Perkins, Jacob - #1
- Perniciaro, Julian - #11
- Shaughnessy, Keegan - #35

Coaches:

- Burcewicz, Mike
- Fecht, Bill
- Perniciaro, Ryan

Applause was given and the players, and coaches had their pictures taken with City Council and Mayor Jensen. Mayor Jensen gave each of the ballplayers a coupon for a free ice cream to Mitchell's Ice Cream.

RECOGNITION OF AVON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RANIA BROWN, EARNING FIRST PLACE IN DISCUS AT THE OSHAA TRACK AND FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Jensen advised there are some special times in the City of Avon when good things happen because someone has worked hard to get places. He remembered when he was younger everyone would ask where he was from and when he would say, "Avon" people would answer that they know where Avon Lake is, but now it is completely different. Mayor Jensen said he believes that changed because of athletes like Rania Brown and the programs that are provided here in Avon.

Mayor Jensen congratulated Miss Brown on her accomplishment. He said she is only a junior in high school so he may be congratulating her again next year. Mayor Jensen advised it is a tradition when someone does something as phenomenal as she did in winning the State Championship, he recognizes them with a sign. He presented Miss Brown with a street sign to hang at home and said the other two street signs would be posted at the entrances to the City at the borders of Avon Lake and North Ridgeville specifically and he noted her name would be hanging prominently at those entrances.

Miss Brown thanked Mayor Jensen. Mayor Jensen also gave Miss Brown coupons for ice cream at the Dairy Treat aka "the Lick".

Applause was given and pictures were taken with City Council and Mayor Jensen. Pictures were also taken with her coaches and teammates as well as her family.

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Work Session of Council held Monday, July 1, 2024, and to approve said minutes as published, 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.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 8, 2024, and to approve said minutes as published, 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.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, August 5, 2024, and to approve said minutes as published, 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 and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF MARY JOHNSON TO THE AVON TREE COMMISSION

Mayor Jensen announced his appointment of Mary Johnson to the Avon Tree Commission for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2025, per Section 2 of Ordinance No. 70-21. This appointment was recommended to the Mayor by the Avon Tree Commission and fills the unexpired term vacated by Shannon Laurenzi on May 8, 2024.

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

The Oath of Office for Mary Johnson was administered by Mr. Gasior.

Mary Johnson of 3507 Mass Drive said she has been a resident of Avon for 30 years and have watched this community grow, thrive and change. She advised she is excited to be a part of the Tree Commission as the changes happening affect the tree canopy of our City and it will be wonderful to work with people to maintain and grow that canopy and help people understand the importance of trees in our community.

Mayor Jensen thanked Ms. Johnson for wanting to serve in this capacity. He said there were other qualified applicants, but everyone agreed that she would benefit the Commission the most. Mayor Jensen stated he appreciates her willingness to help and for being a part of what the City is trying to accomplish as he believes the Tree Commission is an important part of our community.

Mrs. Demaline advised in reading Ms. Johnson's bio she noticed that she has significant experience in grant writing and communications, and she felt that would be a huge asset to the Tree Commission and where they were looking to go. She thanked her for bringing that skill set to the table as she felt it was going to be great.

On behalf of City Council, Mr. Fischer thanked Ms. Johnson for stepping up to serve the community.

Ms. Johnson said she was happy to do it.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-24 – TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE SECTION 1270.03 “SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES” AND SECTION 1280.05 MINIMUM LOT AND YARD REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL USES IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR URGENT CARE CLINICS IN THE C-2 DISTRICT

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 73-24 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE
SECTION 1270.03 “SCHEDULE OF PERMITTED USES” AND SECTION 1280.05
MINIMUM LOT AND YARD REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL USES IN NON-
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS TO REQUIRE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT
FOR URGENT CARE CLINICS IN THE C-2 DISTRICT**

The Chair declared this to be the second of three readings of Ordinance No. 73-24.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:25 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-24 – TO AMEND SECTIONS 1222.02, 1270.03, 1270.08, 1280.05, AND 1280.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN USES THEREIN IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO OR WITHIN 500 FEET OF DETROIT ROAD

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 74-24 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1222.02, 1270.03, 1270.08, 1280.05,
AND 1280.06 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO
PROHIBIT CERTAIN USES THEREIN IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO
OR WITHIN 500 FEET OF DETROIT ROAD**

The Chair declared this to be the second of three readings of Ordinance No. 74-24.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:20 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-24 – 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 2.58 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON DETROIT ROAD, NEAR JAYCOX (ACROSS FROM MARTIN’S DELI), PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 10-04-00-022-102-083 FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (WASILKO)

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 75-24 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE 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 2.58 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON DETROIT ROAD, NEAR JAYCOX (ACROSS FROM MARTIN’S DELI), PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 10-04-00-022-102-083 FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (WASILKO)

The Chair declared this to be the second of three readings of Ordinance No. 75-24.
A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:15 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-24 – TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATIONS

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 81-24 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 120-23
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 81-24, 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 and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to adopt Ordinance No. 81-24, and the discussion was:

Mr. Presley explained the supplemental appropriation as follows:

General Fund No. 101

- Increase the Building department by \$18,000 for Data Processing Services as the original budget is insufficient for the remainder of the year.
- Increase Electrician/Signalization by \$12,500 for additional Traffic Signalizations not included in the original budget.
- Increase Transfer to Recreation Fund by \$875,000 as this was not included in the original budget.
- Increase Transfer to Capital Improvements by \$360,000 as this was not included in the original budget.

Total Increase in Fund 101 \$1,265,500.00

Recreation Income Tax Fund No. 240

- Increase transfer to General Fund by \$500,000 as it was not included in the original budget

Total Increase in Fund 240 \$500,000.00

Park Operating Fund No. 250

- Increase transfer to General Fund by \$375,000 as it was not included in the original fund.

Total Increase in Fund 250 \$375,000.00

2021 Road Program Fund No. 419

Increase transfer to General Fund by \$360,000 as it was not included in the original budget	
Total Increase in Fund 419	\$360,000.00
Grand Total of All Re-Appropriations	\$2,500,500.00

Mr. Presley further explained regarding the interfund transfers that the Auditor of State’s Office, by recommendation, would like to see these transfers come out of the General Fund instead of from Capital Improvement Fund to Capital Improvement Fund or Special Revenue Fund to Special Revenue Fund. He advised they will now be using the General Fund a Clearing House to handle these transfers. Mr. Presley stated because of the way it has been done in 2022 and 2023, the Auditors asked that those transfers be restated prior to approving the audit and that was done, but they also need to make these transfers to make those other funds whole and put them in a position as a fund balance as what it was originally intended by Council at that time.

Mrs. Demaline advised when the audit was completed, Council received the report back in July. She said while they received an email about it, it was never really discussed in front of Council. Mrs. Demaline asked if there was any way that Mr. Presley could provide a brief overview of the audit report and findings at an upcoming meeting. She stated it would have helped if Council would have known what the auditors recommended so they would have known this was coming.

Mr. Presley agreed and said they could put together a Finance Committee Meeting to go over the audit at that time.

And the vote was: Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “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.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN advised all of Council realizes that the storms that went through the area on August 6th and some of the issues that the residents experienced because they were without power for almost a week. He said a lot of residents reached out to his office asking for answers and voicing their disappointment that the City was not doing more to put out information regarding a timeline of when power would be restored. Mayor Jensen stated the City put out the information as it was given to them from FirstEnergy although some felt like that was not enough and were frustrated by that. He advised the City did not want to confuse residents by putting out more messages than what was being provided by the Illuminating Company which might dilute the power company’s ability to communicate needed information. Mayor Jensen said it was frustrating for everyone to think that they could be without power until August 14th because FirstEnergy did not want to commit to a deadline if they were uncertain if it could be met. He stated as he traveled throughout the City this last week he talked to a lot of residents, and everyone agreed the frustrating part was not knowing.

Mayor Jensen advised he reassured residents by reminding them that when they saw those power trucks coming to their neighborhood that it was a good sign. He felt that the senior citizens living suffered the most, but he did not know how much anyone could prepare for that kind of power loss. Mayor Jensen said they know that the power grid is fragile, and he was one of the many residents who spent \$2,400 for a new generator to use for a couple of days, but he understands some residents cannot afford that kind of unexpected expense. He stated Mr. Streater would be updating everyone with statistics regarding the Police and Fire Departments who were kept very busy as well as the Streets Department and the Traffic Signal Manager. Mayor Jensen advised the City employees were very busy and he was very proud of how the City handled situations trying to help people the best they could. He said updates were given through social media and the WENS texting program, but when you do not have electricity or internet it is very difficult for residents to know what to do or who to contact especially the senior population. He noted that City Hall was open for people to charge their phones and sit in the air-conditioned building and they handed out bottled water to those residents who needed it. Mayor Jensen stated for the most part people fared well and no injuries were reported, and no house was destroyed by the tornadoes that caused so many trees to fall. He advised Avon Lake had quite a lot more damage than Avon sustained, and Bay Village had 72% of houses without electricity. Mayor Jensen said as a society, they are very reliant on electricity and the internet,

and while he can sympathize with people's frustration it is just not possible to go door to door giving updates personally for a City of Avon's size.

Mayor Jensen said with Council's permission he would like to ask for an appropriation of \$10,000 in increments of \$5,000 to CRS (Community Resource Services). Mayor Jensen reported that the Administration has talked with CRS, and they would be the vehicle to distribute funds for lost food to those who cannot afford to replace it and it will be on an as needed basis but will not be on an income basis. He said those who are part of a food stamp program are being reimbursed through that program so these funds would be for people who do not have the means to replace food that had to be thrown out. Mayor Jensen stated if the money does not need to be appropriated as Mr. Presley is indicating to him that the funds were already set aside. He said this is above and beyond what the City normally gives to CRS, and it is only for the replacement of food that was lost.

Mayor Jensen added the City Administration and various Departments were staffed for every call and some worked through the night such as the Police and Fire Department staff. He said it was mind boggling how many calls came in and every call was answered.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE, congratulated Rania Brown and to the Little League All Stars U10. She advised that she and Mrs. Demaline remarked at the beginning of the meeting that it was nice to see the Chambers filled with happy faces and people were here for a happy occasion. Ms. Berges said it was nice to share in that happiness with them.

Ms. Berges also congratulated Mary Johnson and reported that the Tree Commission members unanimously voted to recommend her to Mayor Jensen for the appointment. She said they are thrilled for her to join the Commission this coming Wednesday night for the upcoming Tree Commission Meeting.

Ms. Berges gave a big shoutout to the employees and the Administration who did so much this last week to help the residents during the aftermath of the storm. She said as Mayor Jensen noted, the employees worked a lot of extra hours, and she could only imagine what it took to repair, remove and help residents.

Ms. Berges advised one of the things she has always loved about Avon is the sense of community that Avon has. She said for those who had power or could communicate via Facebook, what she read were people offering up help with space in their refrigerator or freezer or need to store medication in a refrigerator. Ms. Berges continued by saying that people were also offering to remove tree limbs or help with cleanup of their neighbors' property. She stated that made her feel so good and reminded her again what Avon is all about.

Ms. Berges advised right after the storm there was a story in the Chronicle titled "In memoriam for Isaac". She said it was a story about a third-grade boy, Isaac Michelson, who passed away in 2022 and it was decided that a memorial garden would be created for him. Ms. Berges stated the Garden Club among others in the community were involved in preparing that memorial and the football team was contacted to help. She advised these big football players went to the site to dig holes for the shrubs and flowers to be planted. Ms. Berges said what impressed her the most about all of this is what the quarterback said when asked why they were doing this. "It's a really important thing for guys like us to be leaders of our community, because we're not just football players, we're more than that," senior quarterback Nolan Good said. "We want to be looked at as role models throughout the City, and by doing stuff like this it helps folks see we care about a lot more than just football. It's important not only for the team but the community because we want them to surround us and support us, but to get that support, you have to give that support." Ms. Berges advised it is so impressive that a young man such as that has that sense of community already.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1, advised she also feels very lucky sitting here tonight after seeing the totality of the damage around them. She said she was very grateful to the Service Department and the Safety Forces and the Utilities Department that got them back up and running. Mrs. Demaline stated Avon fared better than other surrounding communities in the path of the storm and the electricity for Avon residents came on sooner than it did for many surroundings. She thanked Mayor Jensen for whatever involvement he and the Administration had a part in making this all come together.

Mrs. Demaline advised there was some work happening on Lakeland Drive and that work started just hours before the storm hit and she asked if there was any update on that work or is it put on hold for now.

Mr. Streator advised they are continuing with that work. He said the City was able to do the two crosscuts across Lakeland Drive so the road will be open. Mr. Streator stated the City

crews will be doing further work along the edge of the road to improve the storm drainage on Lakeland Drive, but they will not have to close the road entirely.

Mrs. Demaline asked for an update when that process is complete as to what was found and what the remedy was to help alleviate some of the issues and concerns that the residents experienced.

Mayor Jensen advised the problem was when the water runoff drains into the pond on Lakeland Drive because there is so much silt it holds the water instead of going directly out to the French Creek. He said what the City crews are doing is bypassing that process so instead of the water runoff going to the pond, it will go directly out to the French Creek. Mayor Jensen noted that the pond will be a secondary source for water runoff. He stated those residents that had water backups in their yard, as long as the path was clear to the drain, the water runoff will go directly out, alleviating those backups that they experienced in the past. Mayor Jensen advised they also found that some of the drains going across the road were crushed so this will open up those areas to allow the water runoff to go through. He reiterated that the pond will no longer be the retention to hold and release the water runoff, it will go directly to the French Creek.

Mrs. Demaline thanked Mayor Jensen for addressing those concerns.

Mrs. Demaline said it is her understanding Bridge Pointe Trail was going to have some roadwork done tomorrow for some concrete repairs to which Mr. Streater confirmed. She thanked Mr. Streater as they talked about it, and she was pleased that work was going forward.

Mrs. Demaline advised they discussed the Ward map redistricting legislation to be on the next Work Session agenda and she wanted to confirm that was still moving forward.

Mr. Gasior advised he believes everything is in order.

Mr. Cummins concurred and said they will have a map and a legal description.

Mrs. Demaline thanked them.

MR. McBRIDE, WARD 2, congratulated Ms. Johnson for her willingness to serve on the Tree Commission.

Mr. McBride congratulated Rania Brown on her accomplishment.

Mr. McBride congratulated the Little League U10.

Mr. McBride said regarding some of the comments made by Council Member Ms. Berges, he agreed and added that the Avon Schools are excellent including the athletics. He advised as a parent of a special needs child, the Athletic Director, the Avon Schools, everyone is so supportive. Mr. McBride stated the Schools volunteer the athletes for these service opportunities and there was no whining or complaining happening. He advised those high school kids are involved and love helping and volunteering. Mr. McBride thinks that speaks well for the community in general, the City and the Schools. He said this is a great place to live and they just need to keep it going.

Mr. McBride thanked Mayor Jensen as he knows there was a lot of assistance that the City provided to FirstEnergy so they could get the power back on. He said he heard there was complaining from residents to City Hall about their power being out. Mr. McBride stated how people think that it is the City's responsibility to turn their power back on is beyond him. He thanked Mayor Jensen and the Administration for handling those calls and said he is thankful for the wonderful employees in the City, whether Police, Fire, Service, Parks or otherwise who stepped up and made a difference during that time. Mr. McBride stated he was sure as the clean up continues that they would still be hard at work resolving issues.

Mayor Jensen reminded Mr. McBride that the residents did not know where else to turn and since the Illuminating Company was not answering calls, he could understand their frustration. He advised for him to drive around and see the power trucks in the City knowing that they were working on the issue helped although the initial shock of hearing that power might not be restored until August 14th was unsettling as many did not have the means or a plan to get to that date without power. Mayor Jensen said it makes people appreciate what conveniences they all have, and it gave them perspective for a reset. He understood that people were not really mad at them, but they just wanted to voice their frustration to whoever would answer the phone. He stated the restaurants in Sheffield Village and some in Avon along Chester Road that were open have done really well during this time. Mayor Jensen advised especially the Senior Citizen population as they do not necessarily have the means to replace all the food they had to throw out and he was sympathetic to that.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3, thanked the Administration for what they have been doing and did after the storm. He said he knows there were a lot of Police and Fire personnel that were on call and helping and it was amazing to see that as it was a mess out there.

Mr. Moore welcomed Ms. Johnson to the Tree Commission. He said it is exciting to see new people come in as he was a part of getting that Commission started. Mr. Moore stated it is good to see new members come in as it is a great Tree Commission.

Mr. Moore congratulated the Little League and Rania Brown. He agreed the athletes in the community are amazing. Mr. Moore said his daughter is an incoming Freshman and will be playing soccer for Avon and it is amazing to see the athletics offered here in Avon.

Mr. Moore advised as the Chair of the Finance Committee, he asked the other Committee Members their availability. After some discussion it was suggested that they schedule the meeting for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 Audit.

Mayor Jensen asked if they could add the discussion of the upcoming projects list to that meeting. He advised the Finance Committee can then see and discuss all the different projects that will be coming before Council over the next several years. The Finance Committee was agreeable to add that topic to the agenda.

Mr. Moore asked if the meeting should be scheduled for earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Jensen did not feel that was necessary. He said the audit should be a simple overview as there may be an Exit Audit that Council could attend with the Auditors. Mayor Jensen advised Mr. Presley should be able to go over the recommendations made by the Auditors relatively quickly.

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE, thanked Ms. Johnson for agreeing to serve and give her time and talents to the Tree Commission.

Ms. Patton advised many of her thoughts were already expressed by her fellow Council Members regarding the storm. She thanked Mayor Jensen and the Administration and all the employees that helped get through this time without electricity and the internet. Ms. Patton said she knows that the dumpsters were very much appreciated for residents to throw out their spoiled food. Thank you everyone.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4, said he echoes the sentiments of the other Council Members. He stated in talking with residents there will always be those who are happy and satisfied and there will always be those who are still working through some issues and concerns. Mr. Radcliffe gave kudos to everyone from the Utilities to the Parks Department and Safety Services for getting stuff done throughout this whole process. He knows overall the residents appreciate it and it went very well in his opinion considering what they had to deal with.

Mr. Radcliffe congratulated and welcomed Ms. Johnson.

Mr. Radcliffe said it is wonderful news for the Little League U10.

Mr. Radcliffe gave congratulations especially to Rania Brown and her accomplishment in discus as he personally understands that very closely and said it is wonderful.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE, reminded everyone that the next time Council meets will be for the Work Session on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. He hoped Council enjoys their break and he wished everyone a Happy Labor Day.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER, had no comments.

MS. FECHTER, PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR, had no comments.

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR, advised he believes it was his daughter who was the State Champion in Discus and Shot Put. He said that makes two from Avon in recent years and that is a great accomplishment when they consider that they were champions of all other competitors in their field throughout the State.

Mr. Radcliffe noted that Avon's program is really strong.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR, had no comments.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, reported that some parts of the City were worse than others after the recent storm, and there were some very large trees that came down. He said in a two-day period the Fire Department responded to 122 calls, which is a huge increase. Mr. Streator stated the Police Department in that same two-day period received about 237 calls. He advised most of the calls were responding to trees and power lines down. There were some road closures, but they got those opened back up as soon as possible. Mr. Streator added at one point, there were 27 of the signalized intersections that were without power, which was after the batteries were drained. He said they put generators on as many of those as they could at the major intersections. Mr. Streator praised John Riley, the Traffic Signal/Electrical Manager, who did an outstanding job of preparing as much as possible

so that the major intersections were operational with signalization. He stated the cleanup continues in the Streets and Parks Department for the next three weeks, at least, trying to pickup all the branches. Mr. Streator asked for patience from the residents as they have two trucks out, which is everything they have, to get this cleanup effort accomplished. He advised everyone takes electricity for granted until the power goes out, but it was impressive to see the number of linemen that were sent to this area from all over was amazing. Mr. Streator indicated being in the safety business, it can be very difficult work because they have to coordinate all those people, as they cannot just come in and flip a switch to turn the power back on. He stated FirstEnergy did an outstanding job coordinating all of it to get everyone back up and running. Mr. Streator said from Avon's perspective it seemed bad but east of Avon all the way to Lake County had devastation, so it was not just this area. He advised the number of resources needed to coordinate all of that and get those communities up and running was massive. Mr. Streator said overall, the community stepped, and the City employees stepped up to do anything they could to help others and that is what is important in the community. He reiterated that the cleanup was ongoing.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Pete Restivo of 4061 Nagel Road, Avon advised he has lived in Avon for over 30 years. He said he has tried to talk to Mr. Gasior about this (holding a document up) and he will not listen. Mr. Restivo stated what they see here (again holding up a document) is a fifty-page complaint, researched by three attorneys and two engineers, against the City Engineer. Mr. Restivo said, "You said he was your expert. You better hope he is an expert." adding, "This document will be filed tomorrow with the State Board of Engineers." He stated, "No more talking. What will follow after that will be obvious. Sorry about this. I tried and I tried. The unfair treatment goes beyond anything. But you will have your chance to have your say."

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:21 p.m.

A motion was made Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Moore to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Threatened and/or Pending Litigation, inviting Mayor Jensen, Mr. Cummins, Ms. Fechter and Mr. Presley, and the vote was: Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "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.

RECONVENE: 8:39 p.m.

A motion was made Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to Reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council, 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.

ADJOURN: 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Ms. Berges to adjourn the Regular Meeting 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.

PASSED:_____

SIGNED BY:_____
Brian Fischer, President of Council

ATTEST:_____
Barbara J. Brooks, Clerk of Council