

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 25, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Avon Lake Municipal Council was called to order on March 25, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Council President O'Donnell presiding.

Mrs. Fenderbosch led Council, staff, and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council Members Zach Arnold, Jennifer Fenderbosch, Amy Gentry, David Kos, Marty O'Donnell, Rob Shahmir, and K. C. Zuber; Mayor Mark Spaetzel; Law Director Gary Ebert; Finance Director Ed Widman; Public Works Director Jon Liskovec; and Clerk of Council Valerie Rosmarin.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m.

Mrs. Fenderbosch presented the request of Lake Veterinary Properties, LLC, (Lake Veterinary) to rezone Permanent Parcel No. 04-00-006-114-078 from the Public and Institutional (P-I) District to Limited Business (B-1) District. This vacant parcel fronts Durrell Avenue on the south and is adjacent to the property currently owned by Lake Veterinary. The zoning change will reclassify the parcel and allow for different land use opportunities. Lake Veterinary purchased the parcel that was used by Avon Lake Regional Water (ALRW) for its Water Reclamation Facility from the City. The new zoning change will align the land use designation with the surrounding area and facilitate its transition to a new land use category. This rezoning request is reasonable, given that the parcel is no longer being used for P-I purposes and is adjacent to a B-1 District where a similar use is being planned. It is consistent with the new Planning and Zoning Code and Avon Lake Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

James Below, 33727 Lake Road, Avon Lake, addressed Council as the adjacent property owner. He asked what Lake Veterinary is planning to do with this property. The parcel is tree-covered and was previously zoned Residential (R-1B) District. For the past 15 years, Lake Veterinary has been acquiring properties zoned Residential Districts and rezoning them as Business Districts. He talked to Dr. Lamb about the use of the property and was assured that it would be used as a walking trail. Mr. Below was unsure if a walking trail in a B-1 District, without a conditional use permit, is a primary use. Animal boarding or training falls within B-1, and a walking trail may be considered a "training" activity when walking a dog off-leash. A dog run is a non-conditional use in B-1, and a dog run is anywhere a dog is off-leash. Dr. Lamb told him they would not use the property in an unleashed environment. But these were verbal statements, and Mr. Below voiced his concerns because of the uncertainty of the property's development.

Director Esborn stated that the City does not require rezoning applicants to show exactly what the use will be. In many cases, the City receives that information because the

applicant knows the use. When a site plan review is required, then the City will review the specifics of its use. Since 2017, the City has been discussing land acquisition with Lake Veterinary in this area to expand their business.

Jason Lamb, 124 Miller Road, Avon Lake, displayed photos of the property and explained that Lake Veterinary has a problem with parking and needs to find a solution. This year, renovations will begin at the hospital. The nature trail is an ancillary offering for their clientele. Parking will be extended into the nature trail, and the only plan is to move the nature trail to accommodate parking. Engineered drawings are not ready. He confirmed that he spoke with Mr. Below. The area in question will be fenced.

Mrs. Fenderbosch stated that a vote on the rezoning legislation will be taken later in the meeting because Lake Veterinary is soon to be confronted with the Indiana Bat. If wetlands or bats are discovered, the project will be delayed because of the limited amount of time available to remove trees before the Indiana Bats invade the area.

Mr. Kos asked if surrounding residents knew about the rezoning and will Lake Veterinary return to Planning Commission.

Director Esborn clarified that additional parking will require a site plan, but those plans do not need to go before Council. However, the Planning & Zoning Code states that animal hospitals are permitted, and animal boarding or training is a conditional use. Each use borders this property, and the intended use for this property will determine the need to obtain Council's approval.

The Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the special Council Meeting on February 20, 2024, and the regular Council Meeting on February 26, 2024, were approved as prepared and published.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Fenderbosch reported on that she received correspondence regarding the purchase of property in Ward 2, at 32401 Birchwood Lane, and a Zoning Board of Appeals case that will be presented on March 27th regarding variances for property at the corner of Electric Boulevard and Armour Road.

Ms. Gentry reported that she has also received calls and emails about variances being requested before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spaetzel thanked the electorate for supporting the Paramedic Levy, which passed by a vote of 77%, and reported on the following:

April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse Event

- City Hall will be closed during the Eclipse, but City staff will be answering phone calls.
- The traffic plan for April 8 will be released to the public this week.
- The Recreation Department is still in need of volunteers. All volunteers will receive a pair of glasses and a free ticket to the Watch Party.
- All information on the Eclipse can be found at avonlakesolareclipse.com. This site has received over 32,000 visits.
- The City anticipates visitors from 3 countries, 29 states, and 36 Ohio cities.
- The Watch Party has sold over 2,000 tickets, and the high school parking lot is sold out.
- 14 spaces have been reserved for RVs at Miller Road Park and 18 spaces reserved for tent camping at Weiss Field.
- 525 runners have registered for the Eclipse Chaser 5K.
- The Administration anticipates a large inflow of visitors, and there may be some traffic issues where traffic could be delayed or gridlocked after the Eclipse.
- There may be a large demand for food, gas, and internet service. Residents are encouraged to fill up their gas tanks before the weekend, go to the grocery store, and fill medications.
- There could be issues with the internet. If the internet or cell service goes down, certain points-of-sale systems may not function, so there may be a need to have cash.

Brightspeed, formerly Centurytel

- Fiber internet will be installed in the City, 50% underground and 50% above ground, which will be a three-to-four-month process. A representative from Brightspeed will attend the next Building and Utilities Committee to provide information.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President O'Donnell reported on the following:

1. Council will not be meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024, and Monday, April 8, 2024. A combined meeting of the Work Session, Collective Committee Meeting, and Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 7 p.m.
2. Applications to nominate a resident for Citizen of the Year and Project of the Year for 2023 are available on the City's website and at City Hall. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 1, 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Liskovec reported on the following:

Walker Road, Phases 3 and 4, Paving Project

A pre-construction meeting with the contractor, Cross-Roads Asphalt Recycling, Inc., was held, and the tentative start date is the week of April 22, 2024. The contractor will

work five, 10-hour days during the project. All signage will be posted 10 days before the start date. The work will begin with the stormwater crossing on the eastern end of Walker Road followed by milling and resurfacing of the two phases.

Peter Miller House

All roof facades have been shingled, and a final inspection with the contractor was conducted. The City will complete the gutter work.

York Road Sanitary Replacement

Avon Lake Regional Water (ALRW) discovered a cross connection in the storm sewer, which was repaired, and construction to replace the sanitary main by KMU Trucking & Excavating (KMU) began this morning. KMU worked with Kimble Recycling & Waste Disposal to ensure all trash was collected. The sanitary work will be completed in four days with ALRW and the Public Works Department restoring the roadway after the asphalt plants open in mid-April.

First Energy

Last week, the City was notified by First Energy that line work will begin today. The Communications & Technology Department posted notice of this work on the City's website and social media. The impacted areas are Duff Road, Redwood Boulevard, Artsdale Drive, Moore Road, Burton Street, Electric Boulevard, Beachwood Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, Moorewood Avenue, and Avondale Avenue, near the Power Plant.

Walker Road Park

Last week, Chagrin Valley Engineering met with the Ohio EPA regarding wetlands at Walker Road Park, which was classified as Category 2 wetlands. The original permit will be approved in 90 days after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services have completed their review of the impacted area.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Building and Utilities Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

COMMUNICATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Shahmir recommended that the City offer a monthly forum to discuss environmental issues and other concerns on the Power Plant that would include members from Avon Lake Environmental Redevelopment Group, ALRW, Verdantas, Environmental Affairs Advisory Board, and Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Arnold reported on the meeting of the Economic Development Committee held on March 18, 2024. At that meeting, the 2023 Job Growth Incentive Program was discussed, and the awards were reviewed.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kos reported on the meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee held on March 20, 2024. The following items were discussed:

1. LED Street Light Pilot Program: This Program will replace streetlights with LED lights. The first location to be replaced will be on Walker Road near American Legion Post 211.
2. Auditory modifications will be made to some crosswalks.
3. Solar Powered Blinking Stop Sign Program will be expanded.
4. Lake Road parking ban: Builders and landscapers primarily violate this parking ban, which creates a safety hazard and prematurely damages the road.
5. Path Master contract: Representatives from Path Master will attend a Work Session on April 15, 2024.
6. Lake Road Speed Limit: The Committee passed a motion to recommend a speed limit of 25 mph in the “new” proposed business district based on a map prepared by the City Engineer. The District will be from Moore Road to the western entrance of Beach Park Station. Due to recently recovered documents of a previous traffic study of Lake Road in 1990, the Administration recommended the speed limit on Lake Road, Avondale Avenue to Miller Road, be restored to 35 mph.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

TREE COMMISSION REPORT

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

KEEP LORAIN COUNTY BEAUTIFUL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Mrs. Fenderbosch reported that Lorain County Beautiful Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon. Celena Crytzer in the Public Works Department is coordinating the activities of various groups in Avon Lake. This year, pollinator gardens will be installed at the Solid Waste Management District Office, a school in Amherst, and another school in Lorain.

AVON LAKE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The meeting of the Avon Lake Historical Preservation Commission scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2024, has been canceled.

MOTIONS

Mr. Zuber moved to accept the resignation of Sgt. Ron Cantleberry due to his retirement from the Avon Lake Police Department, effective April 1, 2024. After 25 years of service to the City, Sergeant Cantleberry has decided to retire.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise for bids for concrete, asphalt, and aggregate to be used by the Public Works Department. These products are used in-house, and previously, the City would pay retail prices. Public Works Director Liskovec recommended the City go out for bids to obtain better pricing.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved to authorize the Finance Director to accept the following donations on behalf of the Tree Commission for Arbor Day:

1. Yard Works - Oak Tree
2. Tomko Dealership - \$250
3. Lubrizol - \$1,000
4. Friends of the Park - \$1,260
5. Sue Newcomb - Kousa Dogwood Tree
6. Lubrizol - Redbud Tree seedlings to the 5th graders at Troy and St. Joseph's.

Council President O'Donnell moved to permit Mr. Arnold to be excused from voting on Ordinance Nos. 24-47 and 24-48 pursuant to Codified Ordinance 220.19(b). Due to a conflict of interest with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying, Co., Mr. Arnold will be excused from voting.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

LEGISLATION

Third Readings:

Ordinance No. 24-33, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PLANNING AND ZONING CODE CHAPTERS 1214, REVIEW PROCEDURES; 1224, ACCESSORY AND TEMPORARY USE REGULATIONS; 1226, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; 1232, LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING STANDARDS; 1234, PARKING, ACCESS, AND MOBILITY STANDARDS; 1238, SUBDIVISION DESIGN STANDARDS; AND 1246, DEFINITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-33. This legislation will amend the Planning and Zoning Code, recommended by the Planning Commission on February 6, 2024, by clarifying the authority of the City Engineer in problematic sections and expanding unclear definitions. A Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-33 adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-34R¹, AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024, was read by title only.

Council President O'Donnell moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-34R. This legislation will establish the budget for Fiscal Year 2024 and replace the temporary budget (Resolution No. 23-205). The projects and purchases budgeted are: Asphalt and Concrete Street Program, \$5 million; Walker Road Paving, Phases 3 and 4, \$837,000; Walker Road Paving, Phase 5, \$879,000; Lake Road sidewalks, \$163,000 (City's portion); Gable Ditch, \$50,000; Outfall restorations, \$1,700,931; Miller Road Park sand dredging, \$95,000; Composter, \$76,300; Heider Ditch Bridge at Electric Boulevard, \$909,000; Tree Study, \$53,000; Communications and Technology upgrades, \$180,000; Catch Basin cleanup, \$150,000; Public Works Department locker room, \$500,000; Crack sealing, \$350,000; Path Master, \$335,102; and City Hall design services, \$100,000. A Budget meeting will be held in June to review ongoing projects and consider additional projects based on revenues received.

Mr. Zuber hoped Council would review the general budget in more detail at the Budget meeting. He explained that the income tax transfer fund, or the "rainy day" fund, had an unencumbered balance of \$3.8 million in March 2021, \$9.7 million in November 2022, \$5.7 million at the end of 2022, \$3.4 million in November 2023, and \$2.7 million the end of 2023. This year's budget will use the \$2.7 million balance. Therefore, decisions on the budget and future budget planning will be needed.

¹ Ordinance No. 24-34R was revised after the second reading to reflect changes in the budgetary amounts.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-34R adopted.

Second Readings:

Ordinance No. 24-35, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PETTY CASH OR CHANGE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS OR FUNDS, INCREASING THE PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR FUNDS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 68-2011 AND 33-2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will establish petty cash in the following departments: Engineering, in the amount of \$100; Fire, in the amount of \$100; Police, in the amount of \$100; Lorain County Rural Wastewater District (LORCO), in the amount of \$1,000; Recreation, in the amount of \$100; The Anchor, in the amount of \$150; Sewer, in the amount of \$200; and Water, in the amount of \$200.

Ordinance No. 24-39, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PERMANENT PARCEL NO. (PPN) 04-00-006-114-078 FROM A PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL (P-I) DISTRICT TO LIMITED BUSINESS (B-1) DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-39. This legislation will rezone PPN 04-00-006-114-078 from a P-I District to a B-1 District. The Planning Commission recommended the request of Lake Veterinary to rezone the 2.02-acre parcel that fronts Durrell Road on May 5, 2024. A Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting.

Mr. Arnold stated that the City needs to continue to support all local businesses, especially Lake Veterinary in their expansion project and their efforts to resolve a parking issue they are currently experiencing.

Mr. Zuber stated that the City expected this rezoning request to occur when Lake Veterinary purchased the property last year.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-39 adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-40R², AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BUDDY BYERS AS FULL-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT BAILIFF, FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mr. Zuber moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-40R. This legislation will confirm the appointment of Buddy Byers as full-time Municipal Court Bailiff at a salary of \$54,577.54, effective April 29, 2024. Pursuant to ORC Section 1901.11, 3/5 of Ms. Byers' salary is paid by the City, and 2/5 is paid by Lorain County.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-40R adopted.

First Readings:

Ordinance No. 24-43, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME RECORDS CLERK, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES FOR SAID POSITION, was read by title only.

This legislation will adopt a job description for the position of part-time Records Clerk and establish the qualifications and duties for the position.

Mayor Spaetzle explained that it is important that the Administration solidifies records retention, destruction policies, and records requests. This position would be managing those records on behalf of the Records Commission pursuant to the guidelines of the Local Government Records Program and the Ohio Public Records Act. The Administration will be monitoring the City's revenues and will fill the position when the City is able.

Ordinance No. 24-44R³, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-58, TO ACQUIRE A JOHN DEERE 6R 195 TRACTOR WITH ATTACHMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

² Ordinance No. 24-40R has been revised after the first reading to reflect changes in the salary and start date and to add five vacation days.

³ Ordinance No. 24-44R has been revised after the agenda was posted and before the first reading.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-44R. This legislation will amend Ordinance No. 23-58, which authorized the purchase of a John Deere 6R 195 Tractor from Polen Implement, Inc., of Elyria through the 2023 State Term Schedule Purchases (Term). After Ordinance No. 23-58 passed, the Public Works Director learned that the 2023 Term expired, and the 2024 Term had increased by \$15,878.54. Therefore, the amount to purchase the tractor is \$270,496.04, based on the John Deere Special Corporate Discount Program. The tractor will pull the compost equipment the City received through the 2023 Ohio EPA Recycling Grant.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-44R adopted.

Resolution No. 24-45, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UNNEEDED AND OBSOLETE VEHICLES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the sale of the following unneeded and obsolete vehicles:

1999 Sterling SC8000 VacAll, 1998 Freightliner FL70 Utility Truck, 1990 Ford F250, and 2000 Ford F350.

Ordinance No. 24-46, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) COMMUNITY RECYCLING GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN F350 CHASSIS AND CAB, FABRICATED CHIP BOX, AND NEW CHIPPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-46. This legislation will accept the Ohio EPA Community Recycling Grant in amount of \$100,000 to purchase an F350 chassis and cab, fabricated chip box, and new chipper for the Public Works Department. The grant requires a \$25,000 match by the City.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-46 adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-47, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES FROM BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING CO., FOR CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION OF WALKER ROAD RESURFACING, PHASE 3 AND PHASE 4, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber

No: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-47. This legislation will authorize the construction observation and contract administration of the resurfacing project for Walker Road, Phase 3 and Phase 4, by Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Co., of Avon, Ohio, in the amount of \$52,220.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber

No: None

Abstention: Arnold

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-47 adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-48, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING CO., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Mr. Zuber moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber

No: None

Abstention: Arnold

Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-48. This legislation will authorize the extension of the contract with Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Co., of Avon, Ohio, for engineering services until December 31, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Abstention: Arnold

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-48 adopted.

Resolution No. 24-49, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DISBURSE THE 2023 JOB GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the Finance Director to disburse the 2023 Job Growth Incentive Program awards totaling \$137,280.62 to over 100 Avon Lake businesses. Whenever a local business has payroll growth, either through the addition of employees or an increase in payroll, they will receive an award based on a percentage of said growth. Thirty-five percent is awarded for the first year of growth. If there are consecutive years of growth, the award is increased to 45%, 55%, 65%, 75%, 85%, and 95%, for seven or more years. The maximum amount awarded yearly is \$50,000.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jason Lamb, 124 Miller Road, Avon Lake, stated that Lake Veterinary previously contracted Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Co., and asked for recommendations of engineers since Bramhall is now the City's engineer and is precluded from providing engineering and design services to Lake Veterinary on their future development projects.

Mayor Spaetzel responded that the City could assist Lake Veterinary in finding another engineer.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Fenderbosch announced that Kimble Recycling & Waste Disposal will not collect trash, yard waste, and recycling during the Eclipse. All collections will be moved one day forward.

Mr. Kos announced that a Work Session will be held with Lorain County Health Director Mark Adams on May 6, 2024. At that Work Session, Mr. Adams will provide updates on the Lorain County Health Department.

Mr. Shahmir announced that the next meeting of the Walker Road Park Ad Hoc Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for adjournment.

Yes: Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell, Shahmir, Zuber, Arnold

No: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment: 8:18 p.m.

Approved: */s/ Martin E. O'Donnell*
Council President

Attest: */s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin*
Clerk of Council