# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL June 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Avon Lake Municipal Council was called to order on June 10, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber with Council President O'Donnell presiding.

Mr. Zuber 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, 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.

Absent: Mr. Shahmir.

#### **LEGISLATION**

Ordinance No. 24-83, AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADIS KUDUZOVIC AS POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-83. This legislation will confirm the appointment of Adis Kuduzovic as Police Officer in the Police Department at the Step 4 salary of \$39.34 per hour, effective June 17, 2024. The Civil Service Commission certified Mr. Kuduzovic's appointment on June 3, 2024.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-83 adopted.

Law Director Ebert administered the Oath of Office to Adis Kuduzovic.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular Council Meeting on May 13, 2024, were approved as prepared and published.

# MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Spaetzel congratulated Officer Kuduzovic on his appointment as a Police Officer in Avon Lake; he hoped to have the opportunity to welcome the City's new Human Resources Director later in this meeting, pending Council's approval. He announced that the City's pool is open and stated that there are many recreational programs available for the public to enjoy the summer.

#### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council President O'Donnell reported that a Work Session followed by a Collective Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 7 p.m.

The next regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 7 p.m.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Liskovec reported on the following:

# Walker Road, Phases 3 and 4, Paving Project

The chip seal course for Phase 4 has begun. The intermediate course and temporary striping will follow. Then adjustments to the ADA-compliant ramps and minor corrections to the drainage will be completed by the end of this week and single-channel loop detectors will be installed. The Project is still on schedule to be completed by the middle of July.

# City Hall Flood Damage

A flood occurred the first weekend in March on the north side of City Hall that affected the basement, the first floor, and the second floor. He reviewed the remediation work logistics with the contractor, which began last week. The contractor is working from top to bottom. All spaces were tested for asbestos and other hazardous materials, and asbestos was discovered on the first floor and the basement. After the drywall is removed, the contractor will mitigate the asbestos.

Mrs. Fenderbosch asked if the single-channel loop detectors for the Walker Road Paving Project are installed within the pavement or above the intersection. In response, Public Works Director Liskovec stated that the signal receptors for both phases are installed in the intermediate course of the pavement. It can also be placed in the surface course. He recommended its placement in the intermediate course to minimize cutting into the surface course and to provide a longer life span for the pavement.

# **BUILDING AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Ms. Gentry reported that the deadline for backflow inspections of sprinkler systems is June 25, 2024. Residents will incur a \$50 penalty if they fail to comply with this requirement. Also, she noted that dumping into ditches is prohibited and reminded property owners abutting a drainage ditch that they are required to keep ditches clear of debris.

The next meeting of the Building and Utilities Committee will be held on Monday, June 24, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Council Chamber. A Work Session with Council will be scheduled to discuss the stormwater connection at the Power Plant. As soon as a date has been scheduled, a meeting notice will be announced.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Economic Development Committee will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

# **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Zuber reported on the meeting of the Human Resources Committee held earlier. The following items were discussed: appointment of a Police Officer and Human Resources Director; job descriptions for Engineering Technical Aide I, Engineering Technical Aide II, and Senior Program Assistant; two percent wage increases for part-time and full-time non-bargaining employees; wage increases for employees in the Municipal Court, effective July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025; and adjustment to the wage of certain part-time, seasonal, temporary, and student interns appointed by the Mayor.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Public Safety and Health Committee will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The next meeting of the Public Service Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

# PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 7 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, June 26, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

# TREE COMMISSION REPORT

The next meeting of the Tree Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7 p.m. at the Old Firehouse.

# **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

<u>Gerald Phillips, 461 Windward Way, Avon Lake</u>, asked Council about the following legislation:

# 1. Ordinance No. 24-78, Lease Agreement

What is the term of the lease for the service vehicles, the monthly payment, and the option at the end of the term? What is the cost to purchase these vehicles outright? What is the interest rate of the lease?

In response, Finance Director Widman stated that there is an initial payment at closing followed by five annual payments of approximately \$96,000. After the lease ends, the City will own the vehicles. The principal amount of the lease is \$513,540, and the interest rate is a little over five percent.

# 2. Ordinance Nos. 24-85, 24-86, Job Descriptions

If the City is hiring Engineering Technical Aides I and II, does that mean that the City will have its own Engineering Department? What is the salary for these positions?

In response, Mayor Spaetzel stated that the City will have an Engineering Department again, and the salaries for these positions are set by the Union.

# 3. Ordinance No. 24-90, Human Resources Director

Is the Human Resources Director the same woman who attended a meeting a couple of weeks ago?

In response, Council President O'Donnell stated that there was another candidate who declined the appointment, and the new Human Resources Director was accepted by a different candidate.

#### **MOTIONS**

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved to confirm the appointment of Kim Currie to the Tree Commission for a term commencing June 11, 2024, and expiring December 31, 2026.

Due to a vacancy on the Tree Commission, a position was advertised, and two residents were interested. They were interviewed, and Mrs. Currie was selected. After the selection was made, another candidate submitted a letter of interest after the deadline. She was notified by the Clerk of Council that her resume would be kept on file for future consideration.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mr. Kos moved to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to apply for the Victims of Crime (VOCA) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) Grants for Advocates.

Last year, the City created the position of a part-time Victim Advocate in the Police Department. The VOCA and SVAA grants will pay 75 percent toward the salary, benefits, and training of a full-time Victim Advocate, and the City will contribute 25 percent. The cities of Avon and Sheffield Village are interested in having a Victim Advocate, and they would share in the services of a Victim Advocate with the City of Avon Lake, and then the part-time position would become full-time under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

#### LEGISLATION

# Second Readings:

**Ordinance No. 24-68**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the Mayor to enter into a clinical agreement with Lorain County Community College (LCCC) and Avon Lake Fire Department (ALFD), effective August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2029. Currently, ALFD participates in the Clinical Education Program with LCCC, and this agreement would renew that partnership.

**Ordinance No. 24-74**, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 668.02, NOXIOUS WEEDS AND UNDESIRABLE VEGETATION; DECLARATION OF NUISANCE, was read by title only.

This legislation will amend Codified Ordinance Section 668.02 to include the reference to invasive species as cited in the Ohio Administrative Rule 901:5-30-01. The City's

Code only references noxious weeds and not invasive species. It was determined that all vegetation will not be itemized within the Code due to its tendency to change and be based on the Department of Agriculture's recommendation.

# First Readings:

Ordinance No. 24-78, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE TWO WESTERN STAR 47X CHASSIS CABS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will authorize the Mayor to execute a Lease Agreement to acquire two Western Star 47X Chassis Cabs, also known as salt trucks, for the Public Works Department from Valley Freightliner, Inc., of Parma, Ohio, in the amount of \$513,540. The Finance Director is considering a six-year lease with Huntington Bank for an annual cost of approximately \$96,639.75, and he will continue to seek a favorable rate from a lending institution. Any changes in the lending institution or the annual lease amount will be reported at the Second Reading or Third Reading.

Director Liskovec stated that the chassis and cabs will be purchased through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program and the outfitting equipment through Sourcewell. These trucks will replace vehicles from 1985 and 1991.

**Ordinance No. 24-79**, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO FACILITATE THE RECORDING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) BILLING REVENUES TO FUND 417, OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS (OCP) FIRE/POLICE/COURT FACILITY, was read by title only.

Council President O'Donnell moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Council President O'Donnell moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-79. This legislation will authorize the Finance Director to record EMS billing revenues into Fund 417 from January 1, 2023, to be used for the Fire, Police, and Court Facilities. After residents rejected the 25% income tax increase that would fund the construction of a new Fire Station and renovations to the Safety Center, Council yielded to their request to use EMS billing revenues to fund repairs and other capital projects at the Safety Center.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-79 adopted.

**Ordinance No. 24-80**, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Council President O'Donnell moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Council President O'Donnell moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-80. This legislation will permit the Finance Director to transfer funds totaling \$4,717,000 for April, May, and June, as follows:

\$3,250,000	General Fund
\$750,000	Income Tax Improvement Fund
\$562,500	General Bond Retirement Fund
\$154,500	Recreation Fund

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-80 adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-81, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN STRUCTUREPOINT, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-81. This legislation will authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services agreement with American Structurepoint, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, for engineering design services for the Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement Project on Electric Boulevard over Heider Ditch for an amount not to exceed \$219,107.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-81 adopted.

**Resolution No. 24-82**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE MARCH 22, 2024, KROGER MULTISTATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

Council President O'Donnell moved for suspension of the rule requiring three readings.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Council President O'Donnell moved for passage of Resolution No. 24-82. This legislation will authorize the acceptance of the settlement of Kroger dated March 22, 2024. The amount of the settlement the City will receive is unknown.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Resolution No. 24-82 adopted.

**Ordinance No. 24-84**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME SENIOR PROGRAM ASSISTANT AND ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES FOR SAID POSITION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will adopt a job description for a full-time Senior Program Assistant in the Recreation Department. The Recreation Director recommended a part-time position at the Senior Center become full-time due to the increased activities and needs of the Seniors who visit the Senior Center. A job description was prepared for this new full-time position and reviewed by the Civil Service Commission, who determined the position to be unclassified. It will be reviewed by the Union and the new Human Resources Director. Based on their input, there may be revisions at the Second Reading or Third Reading. Upon passage, the Administration will seek to fill the position.

Ordinance No. 24-85, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF ENGINEERING TECHNICAL AIDE I, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES FOR SAID POSITION, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21-167, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-85. This legislation will adopt a job description for the position of Engineering Technical Aide I and repeal Ordinance No. 21-167. The Administration seeks to establish an Engineering Department and their first step is to fill the vacancy in this position. The current job description was reviewed, and slight changes were made to the job requirements, such as Geographic Information System (GIS) knowledge. Since this is a classified position, the Civil Service Commission will undertake the advertisement and scheduling of the Examination by Structured Interview. Then the Administration will receive a list of eligible candidates and begin their selection process.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-85 adopted.

**Ordinance No. 24-86**, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF ENGINEERING TECHNICAL AIDE II, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES FOR SAID POSITION, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21-168, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

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

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-86. This legislation will adopt a job description for the position of Engineering Technical Aide II and repeal Ordinance No. 21-168. As noted for the previous legislation, this position will be in the Engineering Department, which the Administration seeks to establish. Likewise, slight changes were made to the job requirements, and the same hiring procedures under the rules of the Civil Service Commission will apply.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-86 adopted.

**Ordinance No. 24-87**, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will approve a two percent wage increase for certain part-time non-bargaining unit personnel, effective July 1, 2024. This percentage increase is the same that the bargaining unit personnel will receive on July 1, 2024. Union negotiations begin in September 2024, and their contracts are effective January 1, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 24-88**, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN NON-BARGAINING UNIT PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will approve a two percent wage increase for non-bargaining unit personnel, effective July 1, 2024. This percentage increase is the same that the bargaining unit personnel will receive on July 1, 2024. Union negotiations begin in September 2024, and their contracts are effective January 1, 2025.

**Ordinance No. 24-89**, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR THE AVON LAKE MUNICIPAL COURT PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only.

This legislation will approve wage increases to the Municipal Court employees, effective July 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025, based on the recommendations of Judge Manning.

**Ordinance No. 24-90**, AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF LYNN KERNYA TO THE POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF 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: Zuber, Arnold, Fenderbosch, Gentry, Kos, O'Donnell

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Mr. Zuber moved for passage of Ordinance No. 24-90. This legislation will confirm the Mayor's appointment of Lynn Kernya as full-time Human Resources Director for an annual salary of \$115,000, effective June 17, 2024. Ms. Kernya will also receive three weeks' vacation and four additional personal days.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 24-90 adopted.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

1. William Zimmerman, 241 Moorewood Avenue, Avon Lake, informed Council that after publicly stating his address at Council Meeting, citizens have dropped things off at his home asking him to investigate things. This was why he asked Council to form a Citizens Against Corruption Committee with a budget of \$50,000. He viewed this group to be like the Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) and thought it would encourage residents to come forward instead of having to attend Council Meetings. He noted that he also received hate mail.

He voiced his concern with the stormwater system connection near the former CEI<sup>1</sup> Building that was done without a risk assessment. Former Mayor Zilka authorized Avon Lake Regional Water (ALRW) Engineer Jack Gaydar to review the plans because City Engineer Chris Howard had a conflict of interest. Mr. Gaydar authorized the connection, and it is still in operation. Mr. Zimmerman stated his belief that it should be shut down. He stated that untreated water from the pond is being dumped into Lake Erie. The water used to be pumped to Pond 002. That pump station has been demolished and the water cannot move anymore. He commented on a picture Mr. Shahmir displayed previously of a black pipe with water running into the creek because that was the only way they had it going until this was done. He stated his belief that this was illegal and criminal and that parties involved should be prosecuted. He informed Council that he recently attended the Avon Lake Municipal Board meeting, and Ms. Gentry was there as the Chair of the Building and Utilities Committee. Mayor Spaetzel was Chair of that Committee before Ms. Gentry. Because he was in that role, Mayor Spaetzel should have known these things from a meeting or conversations with the former Mayor Zilka. Mr. Zimmerman stated his opinion that there has been a violation of the Oath of Office. No one cares or is accountable; Mr. Shahmir is the only one who has creditability.

Council President O'Donnell suggested that if Mr. Zimmerman would like to have the City investigate documents citizens are leaving at his home, he should drop them off at City Hall for assistance.

Mr. Zimmerman questioned why he would share any information with the City.

Council President O'Donnell responded to Mr. Zimmerman's statements on the pump area and stated that the Mayor previously mentioned that they are working on the pump area and the pond. Mayor Spaetzel reiterated that the City is currently

<sup>1</sup> CEI Building is currently known as the Reliant Energy Buildings or the "Power Plant."

gathering all the facts, and some of the facts might be contrary to what Mr. Shahmir had stated.

- 2. <u>Gerald Phillips, 461 Windward Way, Avon Lake</u>, informed Council that he has been a resident of Avon Lake for 19 years and has called City Hall on various concerns, which have not always been handled.
  - <u>Leaves</u>. Currently, leaves are not an issue, but they become one because everyone places leaves in the street. When that occurs, it blocks the drains, and nobody seems to do anything about it other than former Public Works Director Joe Reitz. So, there is a rule in the books that the City doesn't enforce. He urged the City to do something about the leaves.
  - Parking. There is an ordinance that prohibits parking on the hydrant side of the street; people still park on that side. In his neighborhood, every landscaper parks on the landscaping side [sic], and when someone parks on the permitted side, opposite of someone parking on the prohibited side, vehicles cannot pass through. He has called the Public Works Department and the Police Department, and no one enforces it.
  - <u>Dog Running At-Large</u>. Recently, he was walking with his wife in Walker Road Park, and his wife was bitten by a dog. A Police Officer told them that the incident would not be prosecuted because there were no witnesses even though Mr. Phillips and his wife were witnesses. There is an Ordinance<sup>2</sup> that says dogs should be on a lease.
  - <u>BZA</u><sup>3</sup>. [sic] Mr. Phillips stated that whoever<sup>4</sup> is in charge of re-appointing any of the current members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) should replace them. It was his opinion that the ZBA was incompetent, and he recited the Avon Lake Animal Clinic case as an example. He gave evidence at a past ZBA meeting regarding the United Church of Christ. The ZBA minutes did not document that he spoke at that meeting.
  - Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). Mr. Phillips asked Law Director
    Ebert how long he has been the Law Director and if he knew of the City's
    Second CIC. In response, Law Director Ebert stated that he has been the Law
    Director for Avon Lake for four years, and he is aware of the Second CIC. Mr.
    Phillips stated that Community Development Director Ted Esborn amended the
    Articles for the Second CIC and asked who authorized him to do so because

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Cod. Ord. Section 618.01 Dogs and Other Animals Running at-Large.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Avon Lake has a Zoning Board of Appeals or ZBA not BZA like other municipalities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Mayor selects the ZBA appointments.

practicing law without a law license is illegal<sup>5</sup>. He further stated that Director Esborn abuses his power.

Stormwater Connection. He stated that there is a procedure to handle problems with stormwater issues, and an alternate Stormwater Manager could have been appointed. The Mayor isn't the Stormwater Manager, and former Mayor Zilka should not have authorized that connection. It is illegal. If a resident connected to the stormwater and was polluting it, the City could enforce violations. He asked who Mr. Deigan was and why former Mayor Zilka talked to him. If he was a consultant, he had no authority to connect to the stormwater. Mr. Phillips found Mr. Shahmir's previous presentation to be very enlightening and was shocked that the City allowed water into Lake Erie without ensuring its quality. Mercury is one of the most harmful chemicals.

Mr. Phillips also noted that he, too, has received documents in his mailbox.

Council President O'Donnell asked Director Liskovec to investigate the leaf situation because the issue of leaves in the street has been expressed many times by residents. He asked Mayor Spaetzel to speak with the Police Chief about parking and to investigate the dog bite Mrs. Phillips experienced while walking in Walker Road Park.

Mrs. Fenderbosch announced that poisonous hemlock was recently discovered along the walking path in Walker Road Park, and the Cities of Avon Lake and Bay Village will treat it.

Mrs. Fenderbosch moved for adjournment.

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

No: None

Absent: Shahmir Motion carried.

Adjournment: 7:58 p.m.

Approved: /s/ Martin E. O'Donnell
Council President Attest: /s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Community Development Director Ted Esborn is a licensed lawyer in the State of Ohio.