

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

The Chairman, Council President Craig Witherspoon, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT**

Council Members: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward – Mary Berges; 1<sup>st</sup> Ward – Bob Butkowski; Council-at-Large – Brian Fischer; Council-at-Large – Tammy Holtzmeier; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward – Dennis McBride; 4<sup>th</sup> Ward – Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large – Craig Witherspoon; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; Parks Director – Diane Corrao; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; Service Director – Michael Farmer; Planning and Economic Development Coordinator - Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Finance Director – William Logan; Clerk of Council – Ellen Young

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Jensen reported that there were 164 rescue and 49 fire calls in the month of March.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mrs. Holtzmeier to amend the agenda to delete item No. 8, Ordinance No. 49-16, to enter into an agreement with North Ridgeville regarding the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of Mills Road and State Route 83, and to add Item No. 8(a) to the agenda, which was to appoint a Council President Pro Tem, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Holtzmeier and seconded by Mr. McBride to accept the agenda as amended, and the vote was: Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016**

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 11, 2016, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Fischer to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 11, 2016, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-16 – REAPPROPRIATIONS

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 48-16 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT  
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 150-15  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Butkowski to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 48-16, and the vote was: Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Mr. Radcliffe to adopt Ordinance No. 48-16, and the vote was: Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Ms. Berges nominated Mr. Butkowski. There were no other nominations and the Chairman declared Mr. Butkowski Council President Pro Tem.

## REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Jensen stated that Council members had copies of statistics from Stealth Stat in anticipation of residents attending the meeting to express their concerns regarding traffic in the Stonebridge Creek subdivision. He pointed out that on April 13 and 18, 2016, the average speed of eastbound traffic was recorded as 25.18 miles per hour, and the average speed of westbound traffic was 25.48 miles per hour. He said this information was supplied that night by Police Captain Fischbach.

Council also had copies of a Proclamation he wished to present in the near future, on behalf of Council and himself, to proclaim the Sunflower as the Flower of the City of Avon. If Council agreed that this would be a good idea, his intention was to have the proclamation signed by all of them and made into two plaques. One of the plaques would be presented to the family of Maria McNamara, the child whose memory inspired the planting of the field of sunflowers, located at Jaycox Road and I-90, and for whom the foundation Prayers From Maria was named, and one to be placed in a municipal building.

Mr. Butkowski thanked Council for appointing him as Council President Pro Tem. He also stated that he loved the idea of the Sunflower as the City Flower and Mayor Jensen had his full support in that effort.

Mrs. Holtzmeier stated she was present for the Swearing In Ceremony for Avon's new Police Officer, Jared Linden, whose mother was able to pin the badge on his uniform.

Mr. McBride also supported the idea of the Sunflower as the City of Avon Flower, stating that he thought it was a great idea.

Mr. Radcliffe also supported the Sunflower of the City of Avon and asked if there was a space dedicated for the continued planting of the field each year. Mayor Jensen said the property was donated for that use, but there would be areas on municipal property throughout the City where the flowers will continue to be planted. He already spoke with Mr. Betzel, who has done the planting the past two years and will plant again this year. The City will purchase the seeds from him and will continue this as a tradition.

Mr. Witherspoon concurred, supporting the Sunflower as the City Flower.

Ms. Fechter stated that she forwarded an email to Council regarding an Economic Development Week, touching on Team Northeast Ohio (NEO) and will be an update on changes they have made and where they are headed; namely the International Economic Development Council, which is having their event in Cleveland this year.

Mr. Gasior congratulated Mr. Butkowski on being appointed Council President Pro Tem.

Mayor Jensen added that a new Fire Fighter would be sworn in on May 2, 2016 and invited Council to attend.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Norwalk, Ohio resident, Dick Stein, announced he is running for the 57<sup>th</sup> District State Representative. He spoke briefly about his family, residency, business history, past community efforts and his beliefs / intentions as a representative.

## ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. McBride and seconded by Ms. Berges to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Butkowski, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”; Mrs. Holtzmeier, “yes”; Mr. McBride, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Witherspoon, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for with 0 against and the Chairman declared the motion passed.