

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Council Members: 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; Council-at-Large – Tammy Holtzmeier; 2nd Ward - Dennis McBride; 3rd Ward -Tony Moore; 4th Ward - Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large and Council President – Brian Fischer; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; Planning/Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Finance Director– Steve Presley; Safety/Public Service Director – Duane Streator; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

ABSENT: Council-at-Large – Craig Witherspoon; Mayor – Bryan Jensen

1. [ORDINANCE NO. 4-23](#) – REAPPROPRIATIONS Mr. Presley

Mr. Presley explained the reappropriations as follows:

General Fund No 101

Increase appropriations for Social Services by \$15,000 to Include the Village Project

Mr. Presley advised the Village Project made a presentation before Council looking for funding to help provide meals for those individuals who are unfortunately going through active cancer treatment. He clarified that while they are appropriating \$15,000, they will only be paying the requested \$8,000 to the Village Project initially and the remaining \$7,000 will be held back until it is needed for Avon residents.

Total General Fund Re-Appropriations	\$15,000.00
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Park Operating Fund No. 250

Increase appropriations for Land by \$80,000 for the option payments on the acquisition of the Koosh property.

Mr. Presley advised this amount represents four option payments for the Koosh property and they are still working on a permanent funding to purchase that property. He said in the interim they will be making these lease payments as they go through the onset of this year.

Total Park Operating Re-Appropriations	\$80,000.00
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Total Re-Appropriations All Funds	\$95,000.00
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2. [RESOLUTION NO. R-2-23](#) – TO APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MADE BY JOAN F. BEETLER & JUDY A. BUZAS TO HAVE CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM LOCATED AT 3990 NAGEL ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 10-04-00-024-105-170 DESIGNATED AS BEING LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT Mr. Gasior

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023

Mr. Gasior advised this is the typical Agricultural District application asking for renewal. He said he does not see any reason to not pass this resolution to approve such.

3. [RESOLUTION NO. R-3-23](#) – TO APPROVE, WITH MODIFICATION, THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MADE BY JUDY A. AND RICHARD R. BUZAS TO HAVE CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY THEM LOCATED AT 3756 NAGEL ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 10-04-00-024-105-056 DESIGNATED AS BEING LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT Mr. Gasior

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023

Mr. Gasior advised this is the same as the previous agenda item as it is also a renewal request for property located in an Agricultural District to continue to be designated as such. He recommended that this designation be approved for another five years.

4. [RESOLUTION NO. R-4-23 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CHERRY STREET, PEAR STREET, WILLO ROAD, & JENNIE STREET PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROJECT](#) Mr. Cummins

Mr. Cummins advised these four streets are along the east side of Nagel Road and were identified by the Roadway Superintendent to be part of this year's pavement maintenance program. He said this legislation is asking for authorization to go out for bids and then the bid results will come back before Council asking for approval of a construction contract.

5. [RESOLUTION NO. R-5-23 – TO APPROVE WITH MODIFICATION THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MADE BY SUSAN K. SPAETZEL \(fka SUSAN SPAETZEL AND BRUCE KLINGSHIRN\), TO HAVE CERTAIN LAND OWNED BY HER LOCATED AT 3880 CENTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 10-04-00-013-000-211 DESIGNATED AS BEING LOCATED WITHIN AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT](#) Mr. Gasior

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023

Mr. Gasior advised this is another renewal application and it has been five years and with Mr. Klingshirn's passing he believes Susan Spaetzel is the sole owner of the property and he made reference to that in the title of the legislation.

6. [RESOLUTION NO. R-6-23 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO NEW HVAC SYSTEMS AT 2009 BASEBALL BOULEVARD \(MERCY HEALTH STADIUM\)](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this legislation is to seek bids for the replacement of the two HVAC systems at the stadium. He said as Council is aware, over the summer, the heating and air conditioning system in all the suites failed. Mr. Streator stated the system was installed in 2009 when the stadium was built. He advised the current system is not made any longer and they cannot get replacement parts. Mr. Streator said this is for a complete new system and the system in the office area, which is a separate system, needs replaced as well.

Mr. Radcliffe advised over the years, there has been a fair number of issues or concerns with that system. He said he is assuming this will not only be a replacement, but also an improvement to ensure all the suites have properly working heating and air conditioning.

Mr. Streator advised yes, they are looking at the most recent version and the most efficient system. He said in discussions with the mechanical engineer, that he recommends each suite having its own VRF (variable refrigerant flow) control system because otherwise they will need to run all new duct work and the new systems seem to be holding up. Mr. Streator stated the current system was installed in 2009 so it most likely would not have lasted much longer regardless.

Mr. Radcliffe stated it would be nice to not only update the system, but also improve on what was already there to make it better for the residents to use.

Mr. Streator advised that is the goal.

7. [RESOLUTION NO. R-7-23 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 1 \(THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SOCCER FIELD COMPLEX, AQUATIC FACILITY GROUNDS, FIRE STATION SITE, POLICE STATION SITE AND THE AVON POST OFFICE SITE\)](#) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this, and the next four Resolutions, are the annual request to bid for the annual mowing contracts that are separated out. He said this way of advertising for bids by separating the areas into groups worked well last year. Mr. Streator stated they are trying to get an earlier start this year in hopes that we will

receive bids from more companies and be a bit more competitive. He advised it is also the City's intention on all these bid requests to add an alternate second year option.

Mr. Fischer advised he knows this was discussed last year, and he believes there was a cost benefit analysis done last year. He said while he is still of the opinion that this service is something that the City employees could be doing in-house, he asked Mr. Streator to provide how it went last year and what the City is paying in total.

Mr. Streator stated in reviewing this, both he and Mr. Loeser looked at what was paid last year and the year before. He said that from a cost benefit analysis, it still makes more sense to outsource this work. Mr. Streator advised the City could not provide the service that these companies can without hiring a lot more employees and a substantial increase in purchasing the necessary equipment.

Mr. McBride advised probably ten years ago the City employees used to cut a lot more grass and there was a lot of wear and tear on the equipment, and it was expensive and one of the reasons that it was decided to go out for bids to get out of the grass cutting business. He said some mowing still needs to be done in-house, but generally mowing contractors can do it much more efficiently.

8. [RESOLUTION NO. R-8-23](#) – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 2 (THE AVON ISLE, THE COMMUNITY CENTER, AVON CEMETERY, STATE ROUTE (SR) 83 RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE NORTHWEST QUADRANT OF SR 83 & SR 254 INTERSECTION, STONEY RIDGE ROAD GAZEBO SITE, OLD VILLAGE HALL, AND THE SENIOR CENTER & LITTLE LEAGUE PARK COMPLEX) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this is similar to the previous item, just different locations, but the same bid process. He said the bids will be brought before Council for approval in awarding a contract.

9. [RESOLUTION NO. R-9-23](#) – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 3 (SCHWARTZ ROAD PARK) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised similarly this request for bids is only for Schwartz Road Park because of the size of the park it will be contracted separately.

10. [RESOLUTION NO. R-10-23](#) – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 4 (VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK AND ITS ENTRANCE WAY UP TO DETROIT ROAD) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised similarly Veterans Park is being contracted separately due to the size of the park.

11. [RESOLUTION NO. R-11-23](#) – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AVON PARKS MOWING CONTRACT NO. 5 (THE AVON CITY HALL COMPLEX INCLUDING THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE MIDDLE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE NORTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER SITE, NORTHGATE PARK, THE OLD COLORADO RIGHT-OF-WAY AT EATON DRIVE, AND THE CRUSHER STADIUM COMPLEX INCLUDING THE RECREATION LANE ENTRANCE UP TO STATE ROUTE 611 (COLORADO AVE.)) Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator confirmed this is the fifth request for bids for mowing City properties.

Mr. Moore asked if it would make more sense to have them all together in one piece of legislation as opposed to breaking them out in five separate Resolutions.

Mr. Streator advised it is a better deal to break them out into five because they accept different contractors for the various areas of the City. He said last year they contracted with three different companies, and they can get a better price per company by separating them out rather than having one large contract for all the properties. Mr. Streator stated in looking at some of these companies he does believe they would be able to do all the properties involved.

Mr. Moore asked if there was a problem with one area versus another or were they all consistent that the mowing all got done.

Mr. Streator advised they all got done consistently. He said each company has a specific mowing schedule and if there were only one company doing all the mowing and the weather pushes them back by a day, it becomes more of an issue. Mr. Streator stated there was not a problem last year getting everything taken care of and if there was a random day that they could not mow then they made that day up on another day that week.

Mr. Fischer advised he believes a few years ago when there was only one company mowing all the properties there were problems with them trying to keep up.

Mr. Streator advised he was not sure, but he could see where that could happen. He said similarly if the City crews were doing the mowing and they got behind then there were not enough employees or mowers to keep up.

Mr. McBride advised there were larger contracts in the past, but there were requests from some smaller companies who could do a good job and it would generate more competition.

12. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN was absent.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1 had no comments.

MRS. HOLTZMEIER, AT LARGE had no comments.

MR. MCBRIDE, WARD 2 had no comments.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 had no comments.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4 had no comments.

MR. WITHERSPOON, AT LARGE was absent.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE had no comments.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER had no comments.

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

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR had no comments.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR had no comments.

AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

13. ADJOURN: 7:47 p.m.

There being no further business, the Work Session of Council was adjourned.

PASSED: _____

SIGNED BY: _____
Brian Fischer, Council President

ATTEST: _____
Barbara Brooks, Clerk of Council