

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, HELD MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026
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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Council Members: Council-at-Large - Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; 2nd Ward – Anne Marie Etienne; Council-at-Large – Michelle Patton; 4th Ward – Scott Radcliffe; Council-at-Large and Council President – Brian Fischer; Mayor - Bryan Jensen; Planning and 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:

3rd Ward – Anthony Moore; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Jensen reported that he had spoken with Mr. Cummins earlier in the week, who indicated he had to call in for possible jury duty but planned to attend tonight’s meeting. The Mayor noted that Mr. Cummins’ absence suggested he may have been held for jury duty and they would need to coordinate getting necessary information from him for upcoming meetings.

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mrs. Demaline to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Work Session of Council held Monday, February 16, 2026, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 23, 2026, and to approve said minutes as published, and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-26 – AMENDING SECTION 660.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND OCCUPIERS FOR THE CITY’S WALKING PATHS AND TRAILS

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 14-26 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.05 OF THE CODIFIED

**ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AVON TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS
AND OCCUPIERS FOR THE CITY'S WALKING PATHS AND TRAILS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

The Chair declared this to be the third of three readings of Ordinance No. 14-26.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to amend Ordinance No. 14-26, and the vote was: Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mrs. Demaline to adopt Ordinance No. 14-26 as amended, and the vote was: Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

Mr. Cummins arrived at 7:33 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-26 – CREATING THE AVON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND FILE THE APPROPRIATE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 16-26 by title only, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE AVON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND FILE THE APPROPRIATE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The Chair declared this to be the second of three readings of Ordinance No. 16-26.

Ms. Berges inquired about the potential costs for setting up the corporation after being asked by a resident. She noted there was a \$99 filing fee but asked about legal fees. Mr. Gasior estimated the legal fees would likely be under \$2,500.

Mr. Fischer asked about clarifying who would serve on the CIC. Mayor Jensen explained this would be discussed in the upcoming Economic Development Committee meeting, noting that two Council Members could serve on the CIC. He suggested the Council President or another Council Member as a recommendation and indicated these details could be incorporated into the Ordinance before the final reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-26 – TO AMEND THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF AVON FOR A PUBLIC PARK LOCATED AT 3701 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND KNOWN AS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 18-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT
GRANTED TO THE CITY OF AVON FOR A PUBLIC PARK LOCATED
AT 3701 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY AND KNOWN AS VETERANS
MEMORIAL PARK TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 18-26, and the vote was: Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Etienne to adopt Ordinance No. 18-26, and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-26 – TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE SECTION
1262.07(e)(3) AS IT RELATES TO THE WESTERN RESERVE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN
AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 19-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING SECTION
1262.07(e)(3) AS IT RELATES TO THE WESTERN RESERVE
DEVELOPMENT DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS**

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Ordinance No. 19-26 and announced a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:25 P.M.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-26 – TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING SECTION
1246.05(b)(2) AS IT RELATES TO WALKING PATHS AND TRAILS**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 20-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PLANNING AND ZONING
SECTION 1246.05(b)(2) AS IT RELATES TO WALKING PATHS AND TRAILS**

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Ordinance No. 20-26 and announced a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:20 P.M.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-26 – TO ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAS AT CHESTER
COMMONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
CONSISTING OF PUBLIC WATER, SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND APPURTENANCES
THERETO**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 21-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAS AT
CHESTER COMMONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSISTING OF PUBLIC WATER, SANITARY**

**SEWER MAINS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

The Chair declared this to be the first of three readings of Ordinance No. 21-26.

Mr. Gasior clarified that the Administration requested this be a first reading, as the developers were still working on a few items and were not in a hurry to proceed. The City was willing to allow this to remain at first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-26 – AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL ACTION
NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL
(NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)**

The Clerk read Ordinance No. 22-26 by title only, entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL ACTION
NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY
COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S)
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mrs. Demaline to suspend the rules and act on Ordinance No. 22-26, and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Ms. Berges to adopt Ordinance No. 22-26, and the vote was: Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 6 for and 0 against and the Chair declared the motion passed.

REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN reported receiving an email from the electric company about changing all City street lighting to LEDs. He explained they were looking at going through the City to change lights to LEDs, with two styles or brightness levels available. The City would work with the electric company to discuss lower density lights instead of the bright white options. The Mayor emphasized wanting consistency throughout if they proceeded, believing this would help address brightness complaints on some streets.

The Mayor confirmed Mr. Cummins’ arrival at tonight’s meeting despite his earlier comment regarding Mr. Cummins’ absence. He noted that he plans to meet with Mr. Cummins the following day to finalize the capital improvements and sidewalk program information to provide to Council by the end of the week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE, expressed enthusiasm about the new equipment at Every Child's Playground, particularly the replacement of the challenging gravity rail with the zip lines

and inclusive swings as they were great additions. Mayor Jensen confirmed the inclusive swings were already installed and the new areas have been opened as of Friday. He noted the zip lines were being installed, creating two racing zip lines, and mentioned an inclusive zip line for children with disabilities.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1, had no comments.

MS. ETIENNE, WARD 2, congratulated the boys' basketball team for making it to the Sweet 16, expressing hope they would advance to State.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3, was absent.

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE, praised the additions to Every Child's Playground but emphasized her continued interest in getting another surface installed that would be easier for some people to navigate.

Ms. Patton also mentioned she compiled information and notes regarding the referral sent to the Planning Department to enhance Avon's buffering standards when one type of zoning district abuts another. She proposed rewriting the purposes and adding some definitions. She noted that it was sent to both Council and the Planning Department requesting feedback. She asked whether this would be discussed at the March Planning Commission meeting, and Ms. Fechter indicated the March agenda was already set when the referral was received. She mentioned she would need to have some discussions with the Administration to know exactly what was going to be presented to the Planning Commission before it could be placed on a Planning Commission agenda.

Mayor Jensen asked Ms. Patton if the new surfaces installed in the other two playground areas would be sufficient for the older area. Ms. Patton confirmed the surfaces seemed appropriate, noting they were easier to maintain, lasted longer than the rubberized surface that required resealing, and had a longer lifespan compared to the previous 10–15-year lifespan that required resurfacing every couple years.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4, supported the electric company's LED lighting initiative, noting neighbors who would appreciate having different voltage LEDs tested in their areas. He emphasized the benefits of improved efficiency and uniform appearance across neighborhoods. He reminded residents to be mindful of sidewalks and pedestrians with the nice weather bringing more people outside, which is wonderful to see.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE, joined in congratulating the boys' basketball team on their district championship. He announced that he and the Mayor were working with Mr. Frombach and the Avon athletics to arrange a meeting to congratulate and acknowledge the championships of boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, and the football team, with details to be finalized soon.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER, apologized for his tardiness, explaining he had lost track of time in his office. He confirmed he was on the list for jury duty but did not need to report that week, though he might need to report the following week.

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

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR, had no comments.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR, had no comments.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, had no comments.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

Eva St. Clair addressed Council regarding her mother's property at 39348 Colorado Avenue, across from the Crusher Stadium. She noted her mother would turn 100 next month and they were trying to determine what to do with the property.

Ms. St. Clair discussed the sewage system connection challenges, revealing that their new neighbor had informed them they would need to tunnel underneath the ditch to connect to the sewer line, which would be very expensive. Mr. Fischer suggested she speak with the City Engineer, and Mr. Cummins advised that whichever engineer she engaged to create plans could guide her through the process, noting that street regulations might require tunneling instead of open cutting.

When Ms. St. Clair asked if the City could help with sewer line costs, Mayor Jensen explained there was interest in the property behind her mother's and he hoped that if that large tract was developed, it would allow her to connect at the same time. He noted this was currently on hold but emphasized it would benefit everyone if development happened simultaneously, as it would increase property values.

Ms. St. Clair mentioned speaking with Ms. Fechter about C-4 zoning to understand permitted uses. She also discussed attending ODOT meetings the previous year regarding the middle lane on Colorado Avenue in front of her property, where all arrows currently direct traffic into Crusher Stadium (Recreation Lane). She reported that an ODOT representative had recently called suggesting some arrows could be redirected toward her property to allow safer access, as currently they must cross multiple lanes to reach their property with 44,000 cars passing daily.

Ms. St. Clair expressed frustration about fighting for her mother's property for 21 years, particularly since a car accident sent a vehicle into their house and ended up in the basement. She noted that while the City had installed a deer crossing sign, accidents continued, particularly at the McDonald's intersection and Miller Road. She worried about someone getting hurt again and questioned whether the speed limit could be reduced.

Mayor Jensen explained that the City had no jurisdiction over ODOT roads, noting that ODOT controlled speed limits and had even required the City to raise speed limits in some areas to install traffic lights. Mr. Cummins confirmed the City could engage ODOT to conduct a study, but it would follow ODOT guidelines with little flexibility.

Ms. St. Clair expressed concern about continued safety issues and mentioned that ODOT had previously told her it would take two years to install NASCAR-style railing on their 2.5-acre property to prevent vehicles from entering their property from Sheffield Township.

ADJOURN: 7:56 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mrs. Demaline to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Council, and the vote was: Ms. Patton, "yes"; Mr. Radcliffe, "yes"; Ms. Berges, "yes"; Mrs. Demaline, "yes"; Ms. Etienne, "yes"; Mr. Fischer, "yes".

The vote was 6 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