

**AVON CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

7:25 P.M. – Council President Fischer opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 29-22.

ORDINANCE 29-22 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 38-10 TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.40 FOR CERTAIN PARCELS COMPRISING THE CITY’S TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT NO. 6/7, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.51 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

There being no comments, the Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 29-22 was closed at 7:27 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022
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 – Craig Witherspoon; Council-at-Large and Council President – Brian Fischer; Mayor – Bryan Jensen; City Engineer – Ryan Cummins; Planning/Economic Development Coordinator – Pam Fechter; Law Director – John Gasior; Finance Director– William Logan; Safety/Public Service Director – Duane Streator; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks

1. [ORDINANCE NO. 29-22](#) – TO AMEND ORDINANCE. NO. 38-10 TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF IMPROVEMENTS PROVIDED FOR BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.40 FOR CERTAIN PARCELS COMPRISING THE CITY’S TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT NO. 6/7, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.51 Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised this was mentioned at a previous meeting of Council and they have since formally notified the Avon School District and the Lorain County Joint Vocational School District as required. He explained this Ordinance is asking Council to extend this TIF district for thirty years, meaning instead of it ending in 2040, it would end in 2070. Mr. Logan stated Ohio Revised Code section 5709.051, which came out a couple of years ago, allows entities to extend a TIF whenever that TIF District has collected \$1.5 million or more in a calendar year. He said this TIF No. 6/7 has done that and if Council is going to extend it, they have to do it in the year after it collects the \$1.5 million as that is one of the requirements. Mr. Logan mentioned that they would most likely be presenting another TIF extension by Ordinance in a couple of weeks that also meets these same standards. He advised the other one has a lot more parcels involved and is taking a little more time to put it all together. Mr. Logan stated this particular TIF No. 6/7 is what is called the Nagel Road Interchange TIF and Exhibit A to the Ordinance shows the original seven parcels that were included, and those parcels have now grown to seventeen and none of the original parcels exist as they have all been split, subdivided, etc. He said the seventeen parcels listed on Exhibit A are who the City is collecting all the TIF revenue from. Mr. Logan advised this Ordinance keeps the Schools whole through the entire term, like all the City’s other TIF agreements have done, but instead of ending collections in 2040 it will extend an additional thirty years and he is asking Council for their consideration of passage of this Ordinance at next week’s Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gasior added that the City is also complying with the Charter requirements by issuing the notices to the schools.

2. [ORDINANCE NO. 36-22](#) – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO AVON PLAZA, LLC TO ALLOW THEIR TENANT, DJ STEAKBURGERS, LLC (dba FREDDY’S FROZEN CUSTARD & STEAKBURGERS), TO CONSTRUCT A 386 SQ. FT. CONCRETE PATIO/OUTDOOR SEATING AREA ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35815 CHESTER ROAD Planning Referral

Ms. Fechter advised this is a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. She said this is a Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburger restaurant that will be located in front of Wickens Herzer Panza on Chester Road.

Ms. Fechter noted the hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 10:30 am to 11:00 pm. She stated music will only be on the inside of the restaurant with no music on the patio. Ms. Fechter advised Lieutenant Dudziak of the Avon Fire Department has reviewed the planned bollards to be placed around the facility to protect the patio and the outdoor seating and Mr. Dudziak is comfortable with what has been presented. She said there is a representative from the company present if Council has any questions.

No questions were asked.

3. [ORDINANCE NO. 37-22 – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO BENCHMARK AVON, LLC TO ALLOW THEIR TENANT, CITY BARBEQUE, LLC TO CONSTRUCT A 598 SQ. FT. CONCRETE PATIO/OUTDOOR SEATING AREA ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35495 CHESTER ROAD](#) Planning Referral

Ms. Fechter advised this is also a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. She said this restaurant will be located in front of Ashley Furniture which is also on Chester Road. Ms. Fechter stated they have provided for the City thirteen stacking spaces for their drive-thru. She explained the drive-thru will be set up so there will be nine stacking spaces behind where you place your order in the drive-thru and four more ahead of where you place your order to help with the stacking issues. Ms. Fechter stated if there is any backup with their drive-thru business, it will be on their site only and will not affect Chester Road. She advised there will be no music on the patio and their hours are 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Ms. Fechter said Lieutenant Dudziak has also reviewed the plans for bollard placement around the facility and he is comfortable with what is being proposed.

Mr. McBride advised it looks as if there is a complete lane around for the drive-thru so if service is backed up that a vehicle could choose to drive out of the lane and leave as there would be no curb or impediments of vehicles exiting the drive-thru lane.

Ms. Fechter confirmed Mr. McBride's statement to be true.

No further questions or comments were made.

4. [ORDINANCE NO. 38-22 – TO AMEND THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT GRANTED TO THE AVON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE \(3\) ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURTS, THREE \(3\) NEW PICKLE BALL COURTS AND LIGHTING LOCATED ON THE AVON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AT 37545 DETROIT ROAD](#) Planning Referral

Ms. Fechter advised this request is also a positive recommendation from the Planning Commission. She said Council all heard last week from the Schools about their plan. She said she would like to ask Mr. Fishleigh to confirm and verify that the City has the correct number of courts that will be replaced and/or installed.

Bill Fishleigh, Director of Operations of the Avon Local School District, advised currently there are five tennis courts, and they are requesting to add three more tennis courts and add three pickle ball courts as well.

Mr. Logan advised there is a financial contribution involved here and the way he understands it the City will contribute up to \$250,000 toward this project, but specifically the City is paying for Alternate A, which is two new tennis courts and Alternate C, which are the three pickle ball courts and the City's share of the lighting which gets us to the \$250,000.

Mrs. Demaline advised the high school is in Ward 1 and there have been some comments brought to her attention and concerns about the traffic. She asked Mr. Fishleigh if he feels that adding the additional courts will increase the traffic congestion that is already being experienced in that area.

Mr. Fishleigh advised they obviously will not know until they start using the new courts, but they are talking about a handful of people that would be using them at one time for tennis or pickle ball. He said there would not be many tennis tournaments, but he felt the other facilities that the School has on that site, such as the Performing Arts Center, the gymnasium, and the softball field have more of an impact on traffic than a few tennis courts added.

Mrs. Demaline asked Mr. Logan if there was a user agreement or a partnership agreement in place that specifies that the City will be paying a certain amount and therefore the City receives XYZ and the Schools are responsible for the maintenance and the like.

Mr. Logan advised they have not in this instance. He said he does not believe the City has done anything like that in the past with the Schools that he was aware of.

Mayor Jensen advised they typically have not because the School will use the courts during the school year and the City will use it during the summer months through the Parks and Recreation Department similar to what has been agreed upon with the shared use of the basketball courts. He said the Schools have agreed to assume all responsibility for the maintenance of the courts and lighting. Mayor Jensen reiterated that they have had no issues in the past and have had no reason to question the working relationship between the City and the Schools. He stated the pickle ball courts are being installed more for the City's use than for the Schools and they are still looking into if it is feasible to put four additional pickle ball courts on two of those tennis courts.

Mrs. Demaline advised she is pleased to see the partnership between the City and the Schools.

Ms. Fechter advised she would like to add that our Safety/Service Director, Mr. Streater as well as the Schools have been working closely having conversations about what can be done to help alleviate the traffic issues in the future. She said the Schools and the City are well aware of the traffic concerns and they have a great partnership and are trying to see what they can do moving forward.

Mrs. Holtzmeier asked for clarification that the partnership is the \$250,000 and that amount is not coming out of the General Fund.

Mr. Logan confirmed Mrs. Holtzmeier's statement and advised the City's share of the funds for this project would be coming out of the City's Park Operating Fund.

Mr. Gasior inquired if there is lighting at the current tennis courts.

Mr. Fishleigh advised there is no lighting at the current tennis courts, and he confirmed the lighting would be brand new to the area. He said the light poles were planned to be right next to the courts and he clarified the parking lot next to the existing courts have lights.

Mayor Jensen advised he does not know if Council will want to put some kind of lighting agreement in place before they vote next week to specify the times the lights would be on. He said the lighting will be directed downward and there was some discussion that 9 pm would be the latest the pole lighting would be lit, but he did not know if that was something that Council wanted to put in the Ordinance.

Mr. McBride advised before he would even consider putting restrictions in place, he would like a better site plan. He said the church next door is essentially a commercial property, but he would like to see the courts in relation to the closest residential properties as that is his biggest concern.

Mr. Fishleigh advised he could provide that to Council for next week.

5. [ORDINANCE NO. 39-22](#) – GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO FIRST INTERSTATE PROPERTIES, LTD TO ALLOW THEIR TENANT, HAVONP, LLC (dba MEZQUITE) TO CONSTRUCT A 764 SQ. FT. CONCRETE PATIO/OUTDOOR SEATING AREA ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35846 DETROIT ROAD Planning Referral

Ms. Fechter advised this is a positive referral from the Planning Commission. She said Mezquite is a Mexican restaurant that will be taking over the former IHOP location in the Avon Commons. Ms. Fechter stated they will have some streamed music on the patio during their normal hours and will be open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, Friday from 11:00 am to 10:30 pm and Saturday from noon to 10:30 pm so 10:30 pm was the latest that this restaurant would be open. She advised they have worked very closely with the City as their original design had some sidewalk eliminated from the side of the building and the owner has agreed to

put that sidewalk back into the plan and there will be sidewalk all the way around. Ms. Fechter said they have incorporated the patio inside to not get into the traffic pattern that is already created. She stated Lt. Dudziak has worked closely with the business, and they are going to install some stone piers possibly incased with concrete into their fencing and Lt. Dudziak is good with what is being proposed.

Mr. McBride inquired if there were any restrictions on the patio.

Ms. Fechter advised currently there were no restrictions. She said they are planning on having music streamed from inside.

Mr. McBride reminded everyone that patio will face residential property. He said it probably was not going to disturb anyone on Detroit Road.

Ms. Fechter advised they can let the owner know that if there are complaints that they will be brought back before the Planning Commission and City Council.

6. [ORDINANCE NO. 40-22 – AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE ONEOHIO OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND NO. 288](#) Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised there was a recent bulletin from the Auditor of State suggesting that entities that have entered into this OneOhio Subdivision Settlement, like Avon did back in December with Resolution No. R-37-21, establish a Special Revenue Fund to account for the settlement. He said any expenses out of that fund will have to be accounted for accordingly as well. Mr. Logan stated this Ordinance is asking Council to establish this Special Revenue Fund. He advised they do not need State Auditor approval as they are basically suggesting entities do it in this way so that is all that is necessary if it receives Council’s approval.

7. [ORDINANCE NO. 41-22 – REAPPROPRIATIONS](#) Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan explained the reappropriations request as follows:

General Fund No. 101

Increase appropriations \$27,379.00 for the purchase of a 2022 GMC Terrain for the Zoning Department. This had been budgeted and paid for in the Building Department but belongs to the Zoning Department. Once we have re-appropriated these funds, we will perform an expense reclassification.

Total General Fund Re-appropriations \$27,379.00

Total Re-appropriations All Funds \$27,379.00

8. [ORDINANCE NO. 42-22 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 413-68, PASSED JANUARY 15, 1969 COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO, AS AMENDED, REZONING A PORTION OF LAND \(7.89 ACRE PARCEL\) LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF CHESTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 10-04-00-009-000-181 FROM M-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE PARTIES DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT](#) Planning Referral

First of Three Readings will be held at the Regular Meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Jensen advised as they know, the City hired Attorney Anthony Coyne to work with the City to help get some form of an agreement with the property owner to be able to move forward. He said Attorney Coyne was not able to be here tonight, but he wanted to assure Council that before this item comes to a vote that Attorney Coyne will have been in one of the meetings to answer any questions from Council and go over everything in the agreement that was agreed upon by both parties. Mayor Jensen stated this topic has gone through Planning Commission and the Planning Commission recommended it to come before City Council. He advised he will ask Attorney Coyne to be here in the next week or so to explain to Council exactly what happened. Mayor Jensen advised he knows there may be some residents in the audience that might want to make a statement about this

item and he did not know if the Council President would want to hear from those people now or wait until the audience comments time later in the meeting.

Mr. Fischer asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to be heard on this matter.

Audra Bailey of 1452 Chenin Run in the Concord Village Subdivision, Phase 2 advised she wanted to share her concerns about this planned Phase 3 in the neighborhood where she lives. She said she has concerns about the construction, noise and traffic as she works from home now in this post pandemic world. Ms. Bailey stated she lives on the west side of Chenin Run, which is the construction entrance right now and the road is always filthy, and they have had numerous flat tires. She advised she has not even lived there a year as they moved in July of 2021. Ms. Bailey said beyond that her biggest concern is that if they move forward with Phase 3 that they were probably looking at a few years before they can get an actual road installed in Phase 2, where she lives. She stated the road now is considered temporary and they were told that when Phase 2 was completed a new road would be installed and that it would be a concrete road. Ms. Bailey advised what she is looking for is a commitment for that to happen. She said the temporary road right now is not pitched correctly as there is no grading on the road, so the road is actually lower than the grates in the street and then there are a variety of other holes and odd pitches throughout the road including at the end of her driveway. Ms. Bailey stated anytime there is a little bit of precipitation such as rain or snow, the water does not drain, and the streets flood and it turns into ice which is dangerous for all of them. She advised she is concerned that without getting a road by while Phase 3 is under construction that they will not have a road for a few years. Ms. Bailey said the road also sits lower than the ends of the driveway and our sidewalks so when the snowplows come through, they have actually been damaging the end of our driveway, through no fault of the snowplow drivers. She stated but now she and her neighbors will probably be putting in requests for their driveways to be fixed and they frankly do not want to have to deal with that for an unforeseen amount of time. Ms. Bailey advised she also wanted to voice some displeasure that she heard that the plan for the road was that it might be an asphalt or blacktop surface and she is looking for some confirmation as to whether that is true. She said that concerns her because Phase 2 is right in the middle of the subdivision and they have put so much effort into the design and having a nice visual aesthetic in the community that she did not quite understand how a blacktop road surface meets that aesthetic and she felt it would look odd for all of them who live there to have a concrete road in some sections and a blacktop road in other sections as she did not quite understand the rationale for that and quite frankly she feels it cheapens the value of her home. Ms. Bailey stated she does not know any other residential neighborhoods in Avon where they have that especially when there so much other focus on the visual appeal of the neighborhood. She said those are her concerns with Phase 3 and she thanked Council for the opportunity to allow her to share those concerns.

Mr. McBride asked Mr. Cummins if any of these streets in the Concord Village Subdivision were public roads.

Mr. Cummins advised no; they are private roads.

Mr. McBride advised he does not know what the agreement was that Ms. Bailey made when she purchased her condominium. He said he will say to the developer that it is nothing but bush league that they have not brought up the grade of the street whether concrete, asphalt or otherwise, so that it drains when it rains. Mr. McBride stated to him that is the developer's liability because if someone hydroplanes and crashes that was on the developer. He advised this development is not the only one in town that is like that as there is another development where there are similar issues. He suggested these residents could file a small claims case in court for a front-end alignment, but he felt developing like that was not the way to go. Mr. McBride said unless there is a specific development agreement with the City that the streets be concrete it was up to those residents to decide whether to seek to file a suit. He stated this next phase looked like a long bowling alley and he did not know how many square feet these units are, but 20 parking spaces in his estimation is not enough.

Ms. Bailey said the parking was definitely another concern of hers and her fellow residents as there is not enough additional parking and she believes they requested that as a potential compromise for the third phase.

9. [ORDINANCE NO. 43-22 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 76-18 ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME, UNCLASSIFIED PAYROLL/HUMAN RESOURCES CLERK FOR THE CITY OF AVON](#) Mr. Logan

Mr. Logan advised this amendment is necessary to keep up as the part-time payroll clerk took another position in another municipality in the last couple of weeks, so they are looking for a replacement. He said the pay range currently ends at \$21/hr. even though the employee that just left was making \$21.50/hr. Mr. Logan stated the Administration would like to make this range \$20 to \$30/hr. He advised if they hired someone with good experience, he would expect their starting pay to be somewhere in the middle of the range. Mr. Logan said it is a fact of economics today that the City has to compete with retailers and other entities for some of these jobs and they have to get the wages up a little for this particular position.

10. RESOLUTION NO. R-14-22 – TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WINTER CONTRACT FOR ROAD SALT Mr. Streator

Mr. Streator advised this Resolution is similar to the one Council passed last year and it allows the City to participate in the program with ODOT for the purchasing of salt for next year. He said there is a small window of time to pass the Resolution to be able to participate in the program.

11. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN advised he is requesting that another combined Service/Finance Committees meeting be called sometime in April to continue the discussion on how Council wants to move forward with the sidewalk program. He said Council will be touring the completed Cahoon House on April 4th, but a subsequent Work Session date in April would most likely work. Mayor Jensen stated he would try to meet with Mr. Cummins and Ms. Clements to come up with a better separation of the suggested ideas that were presented. He said they will have a better idea of where concrete prices stand as well as what some of the other costs would be. Mayor Jensen advised they plan to keep moving forward with the projects already in place such as some of the small improvements to make those sidewalk connections. He said they may ask Council for a way to help supplement a few of those areas, but the biggest question moving forward is to how do they make sidewalks more of a priority? Mayor Jensen felt the goal was to do bigger sidewalk projects and save the residents money and make them happy that they can see the connectivity.

Mayor Jensen pointed out two chair styles that are suggested to replace the pews in the Council Chambers. He indicated that often there is not enough room in the Caucus Room for meetings with more than a handful of people and the chairs connect into rows when you need them to and are easily moveable for other meeting settings when needed. Mayor Jensen advised the chairs are stackable and have a 25-year warranty and he believes they already have money set aside in the budget for this purchase, but he wanted to let Council know what they were considering purchasing to better utilize this space.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1 had no further comments.

MRS. HOLTZMEIER, AT LARGE asked for clarification from Mayor Jensen that the suggested date for the combined committee meeting would be before the Work Session on April 18th to which Mayor Jensen confirmed that was the suggested date.

Mrs. Demaline asked if it was possible to have the discussion on the week ahead prior to the Regular Meeting. She asked if it is allowable have a committee meeting prior to a Regular Meeting.

Mr. Gasior advised there is no issue with that, but he clarified that whatever the outcome of the committees meeting, there would not be time to prepare something for placement on the Regular Meeting agenda that night. He said that Council certainly can hold a committee meeting prior to a Regular Meeting.

Mr. Fischer asked the Clerk to schedule a Service/Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Mayor Jensen advised they would try to provide some information for Council to look over prior to that combined committee meeting.

Mrs. Holtzmeier advised she liked the approach of having each Council Member provide Mr. Cummins with a list of suggested priority project areas in their Ward or in the whole City.

Mr. Cummins advised if it is helpful, and he is more than happy to sit down with Council Members individually prior to that Committees meeting to help identify priority areas and start laying some of those things out. He mentioned he is out of the office this week, but he was back next week and happy to start scheduling some of those meetings.

Mrs. Holtzmeier advised to sum up a good discussion and one that needs to be continued and one that can be one on one with Mr. Cummins and see where that leads.

Mr. Fischer advised he believes the past few years Council would receive a list of streets for suggested improvement of sidewalks from the Zoning Enforcement Officer and that list was typically very small. He said his point is that he feels that Council needs to triple those efforts to get more accomplished in a shorter amount of time.

Mrs. Holtzmeier added she is glad they are continuing that process.

MR. MCBRIDE, WARD 2 advised not that this is an excuse, but he felt that Avon is far ahead of where Westlake was at this point in their build-out before Westlake had a major push to complete sidewalks throughout the City. He said as he was looking at some of the Ward maps and the City has changed a lot since he started his tenure on Council as the farmland really has decreased. Mr. McBride stated they still have some parcels where the property is farmed and where the City could not force the property owner to put sidewalks in, but he felt they are in pretty good shape and he would like to see, with limited exception, sidewalks everywhere within three years. He said that would allow two additional years for the difficult locations as he knew of a couple places on the north side of Detroit Road where there is going to be some engineering required and quite a bit of expense where the City could not assess those homeowners to put a sidewalk in. Mr. McBride stated moving forward with sidewalks, he felt they should be able to complete within three years most areas of the City.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 had no comments.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4 inquired regarding the proposed chairs for the Council chambers if the grate shelving underneath was necessary for the purposes that they would be used. He asked if there would be dollies to move the chairs around as needed as there was not a lot of storage space in City Hall.

Mayor Jensen said for the most part they have areas to stack the extra chairs at the back of the room and most of them would be left in place. He advised they are also moveable if City Hall is ever relocated that the chairs can go with in the event of a move. Mayor Jensen stated the intention is not to remove them from this location, but they could be moved around within City Hall. He said the shelving was a part of the chair and could not be left out of the order.

Mr. Radcliffe asked regarding the current pews if there was a plan for repurposing or selling.

Mayor Jensen advised they would be advertising them on GovDeals.

Mr. Logan stated some pews were sold that way a few years back and while he does not know how much value they have now, he was confident they would sell.

Mr. Radcliffe advised he was sure there were groups who would appreciate them and be interested in using them such as historical public places so he would hate for them to be scrapped.

MR. WITHERSPOON, AT LARGE inquired if there were plans to replace the carpet.

Mayor Jensen advised they would talk about that possibility as it was not something that has to be done at the same time as the chairs since the chairs are moveable. He said ultimately, he felt they would want the carpet to be replaced, but they also want to decide how much longer City Hall will be in this building as there is some interest in this location. Mayor Jensen stated if they are going to be here awhile then he felt they were going to have to replace the carpet.

Mr. Witherspoon felt that when they pull the pews up there would be some strange looking areas and he suggested they keep that in mind.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE had no further comments.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER had no further comments.

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

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR had no further comments.

MR. LOGAN, FINANCE DIRECTOR advised regarding the sidewalk improvement program he is hearing completing the majority of it in three years and as a resident, he certainly likes that. He said according to Mr. Cummins' maps that were handed out, it seems to him that there are about 128,000 linear feet of sidewalk that needs to be installed in the four Wards. Mr. Logan stated if that number is divided by 3 they were looking at installing 42,000 to 45,000 linear feet of sidewalks per year. He suggested each Ward could be looked at in thirds with their priority third being what they would like to do now and so forth. Mr. Logan advised if they can do all of that in three years that would be fantastic.

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

AUDIENCE:

Natasha Daina of 2432 Deerfield Drive, Avon addressed City Council and Mayor Jensen by thanking them for the opportunity to speak about an important issue that is affecting our world that hits close to home for some Avon residents. Since February 24, 2022 they have all witnessed the unprovoked, unjustified, brutal invasion of the peaceful, democratic nation of Ukraine and the slaughter of its citizens. As a Ukrainian-American constituent of our beautiful City of Avon, she is asking for Council's support of Ukraine and local Ukrainians, many of whom are fearful for the safety of their loved ones in Ukraine.

Ms. Daina advised in light of this horrifying violence, it is important to use our voices to support Ukraine and stand together with others to rebuke a war-mongering bully. She said she is appealing to Council to strongly denounce and condemn the violent Russian invasion of Ukraine. Ms. Daina asked that Avon take a stand to recognize a secure, independent, and democratic Ukraine, and give recognition to and honor the courage of the Ukrainian people. She asked that Avon encourage the United States to continue to impose significant sanctions on Russia. In the same vein, she requests that Avon cease any ties to any Russian entities. She also urged Council to appeal to our County, State and Federal leadership to assist in the safe evacuation of Ukrainians to the great State of Ohio and cities like Avon.

Ms. Daina said while Ukrainians fight for their lives and their freedom against the aggressor, Russia, she calls on them to stand on the side of good against evil. She felt this is a defining time in the history of the world, and we must stand together at every level of government to support a free and democratic world and stand with Ukraine.

Ms. Daina thanked Council for their consideration of her urgent request in support of Ukraine. She stated she has a great appreciation for her grandparents for coming to the United States from Ukraine to live in freedom that allows her this opportunity to speak publicly, a right that is being taken away from Ukrainians in their own country.

Mr. Fisher thanked Ms. Daina for coming.

Mr. Gasior advised he was able to locate a few sample Resolutions and if Council so desires, he would be happy to draft something for next Monday night's Regular Meeting. He said perhaps Council could pass the Resolution and send it along to our Congressmen and Senators and let them know how City Council feels as a way of showing support, if that is Council's desire.

Mr. Witherspoon said to Mr. Gasior that he felt that was a terrific idea. He felt they all as a Council would be in favor of passing such a Resolution.

Mrs. Demaline advised she is a proud friend and neighbor of Ms. Daina's and she thanked her for coming tonight and her family as well and providing that information to Council. She said she looks forward to Mr. Gasior bringing that Resolution to consider next week.

12. ADJOURN: 8:12 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