MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON, OHIO HELD MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:
Council Members: Council-at-Large – Mary Berges; 1st Ward – Jennifer Demaline; 2nd Ward – Anne Marie Etienne; 3rd Ward – Anthony Moore; Council-at-Large – Michelle Patton; 4th Ward – Scott Radcliffe; 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; Safety/Public Service Director – Duane Streator; Clerk of Council – Barbara Brooks.

ABSENT:
Finance Director – Steve Presley.

Council President Brian Fischer called the meeting to order.

1. PURSUANT TO CHARTER ARTICLE IV, SECTION 16: THE CHAIR ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE NO. 62-26 - TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR TIF #3 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 YEARS — Mr. Fischer

President Fischer opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 62-26 as required under Charter Article IV, Section 16. No members of the public came forward to be heard, and the public hearing was closed.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE HISTORIC COLVIN SWEET HOUSE (KELLER ESTATE) LOCATED AT 32135 DETROIT ROAD — Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki and Ms. Szippl

Two members of the Avon Landmarks Preservation Commission, Cynthia Murnyack-Czarnecki and Theresa Szippl addressed Council on behalf of the full Commission.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki, resident and Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, addressed President Fischer, members of City Council, and Mayor Jensen on behalf of the Commission. She respectfully and formally requested financial assistance for the preservation and rehabilitation of the Colvin Sweet House built in the early 1840s located at 32135 Detroit Road. Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki stated that the property in question possesses significant architectural history and holds meaningful potential to enhance the community's character and preserve Avon's cultural history for future generations. She noted that preserving this property aligns closely with the goals of the Landmarks Preservation Commission and reflects the community's shared commitment to protecting Avon's heritage while supporting thoughtful growth.

Ms. Szippl, resident and member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, concluded the Commission's remarks stating that their vision, with Council's support, would be to work collaboratively with Petros Development Group to preserve the home in its current location and have it serve as an anchor for the developer's new project, rather than being demolished. She expressed the Commission's eagerness to work with Council throughout the process to discuss next steps, and she thanked Council for their time, leadership, and dedication to protecting Avon's historic heritage.

Ms. Berges inquired about the condition of the home, noting that when the matter first came before the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the developer's representative had stated the house was in disrepair and could not be refurbished. She asked the speakers to address the property's actual condition.

Ms. Murnyack-Czarnecki responded that all four members of the Commission had toured the home, both the interior and exterior. She stated they did not observe any mold and did not see disrepair. Rather, they found a home that was "in need of cleaning up and some TLC."

Ms. Szippl added a personal perspective, noting that she herself resides in an 1888 historic home listed on the Avon Landmarks Historic registry, and that the subject property "is nowhere near a demolition status." She described a beautiful sandstone dry basement that, despite having had no electricity and no sump pump for several months, remained completely dry with no visible mold. She also emphasized that the Commission had communicated to the developer, Mr. Modic, that a full historical restoration would not be mandated. She explained that the home would not need to be returned to its original windows and finishes—that it could be remodeled and brought up to current standards. She stated the Commission had tried to encourage Mr. Modic by stressing their willingness to work with him and the limited nature of their mandates.

Mr. Radcliffe recalled a prior presentation by a Mr. Morahan, a member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, who had also toured the house and described it as being in solid condition and easily repairable with minimal work. Mr. Radcliffe said he believed preservation was possible and expressed curiosity about how the developer had responded to the Commission's request, specifically whether the developer seemed open to incorporating the house into the development or potentially relocating it.

Ms. Szippl explained that the location of the house is where the developer plans to place the retention basin for their project. She noted that two representatives from Petros Development appeared before the Landmarks Preservation Commission on April 8 and later met with the Commission at the site. She further noted that, during a subsequent conversation regarding those meetings, Mr. Modic appeared taken aback upon hearing claims of mold and disrepair. She reported that a formal meeting with Mr. Modic through the Landmarks Preservation Commission had not yet occurred, but that he was scheduled to attend their June 10, 2026 Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting next week. The Commission's intention at that meeting was to explore financial support options, discuss the possibility of relocating the retention basin, and find a way to preserve the home in its current location. Ms. Szippl acknowledged she had not yet looked into the details of what it might cost to move the basin.

Mr. Radcliffe expressed support for the effort, calling it "a wonderful opportunity to try to save that home," and suggested Council wait to see what the developer has to say at the upcoming Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting.

No further questions from Council were raised, and President Fischer thanked both speakers.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 21-26 – TO ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAS AT CHESTER COMMONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND APPURTENANCES THERETO — Mr. Streator

The third of three readings of Ordinance No. 21-26 will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. Gasior reported that he had spoken with the developer's attorney earlier that day and anticipated the developer would be delivering the required deposits and maintenance bond during the week. All other outstanding requirements for the development had been addressed. Mr. Streator noted that Mr. Presley would be out of the office that week so he would notify the staff to monitor the incoming deposits to avoid any delays.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 42-26 – 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 THE 17.7 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NAGEL ROAD BETWEEN MIDDLETON & DETROIT ROADS, PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 04-00-022-102-044, 04-00-022-102-043, 04-00-022-102-039, 04-00-022-102-041, 04-00-022-102-042, 04-00-022-102-047 & 04-00-022-102-048 FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-4 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT — Planning Referral

This Ordinance was Tabled at the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Motions to Remove from the Table and Act on Ordinance No. 42-26
will be held at the Regular Meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026

Council made no additional comments.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 61-26 – TO AWARD THE PUBLIC BID FOR THE 2026 AVON PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM — Mr. Cummins

The second of three readings of Ordinance No. 61-26 will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026

Mr. Cummins briefly identified the Ordinance as pertaining to the citywide pavement marking program and that bids were opened on April 30, 2026. He said there was one bidder and that bid came in just below the estimated cost of the project and is a company that the City has worked with in the past on this same type of program. Mr. Cummins advised he reviewed the bid and found it to be the lowest and best for this project.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 62-26 – TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 156-06 TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FOR TIF #3 FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 YEARS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5709.51; AUTHORIZING OTHER RELATED ACTIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(B), 5709.42, 5709.43, AND RELATED LAWS — Mr. Presley

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Mr. Gasior described the matter as straightforward. He explained that TIF #3 was established in 2006 under Ordinance 156-06, and that Ohio statutory provisions authorize the City to extend a TIF for an additional 30 years if the properties within the district are generating a qualifying threshold of revenue—approximately $1,000,000 to $1,500,000. He noted that the City's finance staff identified that TIF #3 had reached the required level of revenue generation, prompting the decision to extend it. Mr. Gasior further clarified that the extension does not impact the School District, as the City is keeping the schools whole, and that the TIF captures only incremental revenue flowing directly to the City.

No questions were raised by Council.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 63-26 – TO AWARD A BID FOR THE 2026 PAVEMENT RESURFACING PROGRAM — Mr. Cummins

To be addressed at a Special Meeting immediately following this Work Session

Mr. Cummins reported that bids for the 2026 Pavement Resurfacing Program were opened on May 14, and that seven bids were received. He stated that the lowest bidder was Specialized Construction Incorporated, whose bid came in right at the engineer's estimate. Mr. Cummins noted that Specialized Construction has performed work for the City over at least the past two years and has a strong track record. He confirmed that the bid documents were reviewed and found complete, and he recommended Specialized Construction be considered the lowest and best bidder.

Mrs. Demaline asked about paving Mills Road, noting she understood it was not included in this current bid. Mayor Jensen responded that the City is still working with North Ridgeville on that project and that North Ridgeville may be seeking to delay going out for bid. The Mayor indicated he had asked Mayor Corcoran to go ahead and bid the work this year and to proceed if prices come in favorably, rather than waiting until the following year. He added he was still awaiting a response to that.

Mrs. Demaline also asked Mr. Cummins when paving work would likely begin once the Ordinance is approved. Mr. Cummins estimated construction would start within approximately one month, noting it typically takes three to four weeks to execute contracts, hold a pre-construction meeting, and allow the contractor to line up materials and resources.

No further questions were raised.

8. ORDINANCE NO. 64-26 – TO APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER (#1) FOR THE STATE ROUTE 83 & STATE ROUTE 254 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PID 111283, LOR SR 0254 05.66 — Mr. Cummins

To be addressed at a Special Meeting immediately following this Work Session

Mr. Cummins explained that as the SR 83/SR 254 Intersection Improvement Project has progressed, several items arose that required cost adjustments, both increases and reductions—as well as a schedule change. He stated that the construction administration firm, K.E. McCartney, compiled the change order document now before Council. In summary, the change order increases the overall contract cost by $26,660.13 while reducing the project schedule by 16 days, establishing a new contractual completion date of September 29, 2026.

Mrs. Demaline offered praise for the schedule reduction, saying, "Kudos to getting this done 16 days early. We'll take it." Mr. Cummins credited the Administration's decision to allow construction work to continue through the wintertime, which he said enabled the contractor to complete the most intrusive underground work during the off-season and get ahead of schedule. He noted that while more large-scale work remains—particularly along Detroit Road and at the SR 83 corridor—pavement is beginning to be laid on Route 83 and barriers are starting to come down. He noted that underground work and water main work along Detroit Road has been substantially completed, and that subcontractors are actively working on the traffic signals at the intersections. He expressed confidence that the project would "come together kind of quickly," acknowledging that while it "looks like a mess right now," meaningful progress is being made.

Mrs. Demaline thanked Mr. Cummins for his involvement in keeping the project on an improved time frame.

Mr. Radcliffe asked whether the $26,000 in additional expenses represented truly unforeseen costs or routine overruns. Mr. Cummins explained it was a combination of both—some items involved different materials being used, some were genuine unknowns encountered during construction, and the schedule adjustment was also included. He noted that the change order covers 11 individual items, each described in the attached documentation, and characterized the total as a reasonable amount given the scope of work completed to date.

Mr. Radcliffe asked whether any further significant costs were anticipated. Mr. Cummins said he was not aware of anything large on the horizon, though he cautioned there are no guarantees.

Mr. Gasior interjected to clarify an important point regarding the Ordinance as written. He explained that an earlier draft of the Ordinance had included language authorizing the City to execute up to an additional $100,000 in change orders without returning to Council, to avoid procedural delays if unexpected issues arose before the end of the project. He noted that Mr. Presley had requested that this contingency amount instead be incorporated into a separate reappropriation Ordinance, and that accordingly, the $100,000 authorization was removed from the current draft. Mr. Gasior indicated that Council may see a reappropriation Ordinance at the June 8, 2026, meeting or shortly thereafter.

Mr. Cummins seconded the rationale, explaining that for ODOT-administered projects the City was unable to build a contingency amount into the original bid, as is typically done for City-managed projects. He noted that having contingency funds available is important because if an unexpected issue arises and the contractor cannot receive a timely commitment that additional work will be compensated, it can cause project delays.

Mrs. Demaline asked for clarification after reading the Ordinance and not finding the $100,000 authorization. Mr. Gasior confirmed it had been removed at Mr. Presley's request and would be handled through a reappropriation at some later date.

No further questions were raised.

9. ORDINANCE NO. 65-26 – AN ORDINANCE 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 PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) ACRES LOCATED AT 34550 CHESTER ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NO.: 04-00-021-000-092 FROM C-4/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY TO C-4/M-1/O-2 GENERAL BUSINESS/GENERAL INDUSTRIAL/PLANNED RESEARCH OFFICE PARK OVERLAY

Planning Referral

The first of three readings of Ordinance No. 65-26 will be held on Monday, June 8, 2026

A Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 65-26 will be held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:25 p.m.

Ms. Fechter identified the property as a five-acre parcel located on the north side of Chester Road, across from where the R7 Motors dealership is being developed, commonly known as the former Retek building. She noted the property was recently purchased by a new owner. The parcel is currently zoned C-4 and O-2; the applicant wishes to add an M-1 (General Industrial) overlay. Ms. Fechter explained that properties to the north and east of this parcel are already zoned M-1, and the applicant is seeking to bring their parcel into alignment with surrounding uses. She described the applicant's concept as being similar to a Lear Industrial Parkway style of development, attracting light industrial and service-oriented tenants. She noted that given the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Chester Road widening and surrounding development activity, the applicant wished to secure the overlay and then determine a more defined development plan once conditions become clearer. She mentioned the possibility of renovating the existing Retek building in the interim. Ms. Fechter also reported that the Planning Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the referral and confirmed in response to a question from Mr. Fischer that the rezoning does not require a vote of the electors.

Mayor Jensen provided additional context, noting that the applicant's ownership group also operates Mitchell's One Hour Heating & Air Conditioning on Moore Road, and that he is familiar with their track record of keeping their properties occupied and well-managed. He indicated that from a planning perspective, the prospect of bringing the building back into active use—with the associated income tax revenue—was viewed favorably.

Monte Mitchell, of Montera Holdings, LLC, briefly confirmed that the request was about flexibility, specifically, the ability to attract the right kind of tenant. He noted that the current building is dated and that having the M-1 overlay would enable them to pursue appropriate businesses and "do a little bit of beautification of the area."

Mrs. Demaline asked Ms. Fechter to clarify what uses an M-1 overlay would permit. Ms. Fechter explained that M-1 zoning allows for light industrial uses—such as refrigeration companies, service-type industries, and light assembly manufacturing—but explicitly excludes heavy manufacturing, which falls under the M-2 zoning district. Mrs. Demaline expressed some concern about traffic, noting the area is still limited to two lanes of roadway. She asked whether the M-1 overlay would generate significant vehicle traffic, and Ms. Fechter confirmed that M-1 uses are more service and worker-oriented rather than high-volume retail, meaning the anticipated traffic impact would be modest. She also acknowledged the complexity of forecasting specific uses given the high volume of inquiries the City receives for that stretch of Chester Road.

Mrs. Demaline then asked Mayor Jensen about the City's plans to widen Chester Road in that area. Mayor Jensen responded that the City is actively working on the project—specifically, moving a gas line in the area across from the new dealership site. He noted that a turn lane installation is planned to accompany the dealership construction, followed by the full roadway widening. He confirmed the intention is to bring Chester Road in that area up to the same five-lane configuration found on the other side, not merely to three lanes.

No further questions were raised by Council.

10. RESOLUTION NO. R-10-26 – TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FRENCH CREEK GREENWAY TRAIL PHASE 1 PROJECT — Mr. Cummins

The second of three readings of Resolution No. R-10-26 will be held at the Special Meeting
To be addressed at a Special Meeting immediately following this Work Session

Mr. Cummins reported that all necessary easement rights for the French Creek Greenway Trail Phase 1 Project have been secured, and that the next step is to proceed with advertising for bids.

No questions were raised by Council.

11. REPORTS AND COMMENTS

MAYOR JENSEN offered several updates for Council's awareness:

Inn the Doghouse: Mayor Jensen reported a difficult start following the recent opening of Inn the Doghouse business, noting that residents on the other side of the creek have been experiencing noise issues. He indicated the City is working to arrange a meeting between those homeowners and the business ownership to address the concerns proactively. He noted that the primary leverage available to the City is the business's Special Use Permit for outdoor operations, and that the ownership has been made aware of the need to work cooperatively with affected neighbors. He expressed hope the situation would not escalate further, but wanted Council to be prepared in the event constituents raised the matter with their representatives.

Detroit Road Lighting Extension: Mayor Jensen reported that the hanging basket lighting being installed along Detroit Road in the construction corridor looks attractive. He noted, however, that there is a gap in lighting coverage east of the Pickering Hill Farms area toward the Seton Drive intersection near the school. Mr. Riley suggested extending the lighting all the way to that intersection. Mayor Jensen indicated that, absent any objection from Council, he would direct Mr. Cummins to proceed with an engineering study for that extension, noting that NOPEC funding may again be available and that a reappropriation would be needed.

Pedestrian Bridge Grant: Mayor Jensen announced that the City received a call from State Representative Gayle Manning confirming that the City has been awarded $500,000 for a pedestrian bridge across the Traxler property. He indicated this grant funding could be combined with other trail-related funds already identified, with a goal of completing the bridge before the end of the year.

Sidewalk Program Updates: Mayor Jensen reported that Trio Concrete Construction on Moore Road has been contracted for sidewalk installation. Brushwork along Detroit Road has been completed, clearing the way for construction to begin within the coming weeks. On Jaycox Road, crews are working to complete brush removal so that work can proceed continuously from one section to the next. He also noted an outstanding issue on Colorado Avenue where one property had been missing its sidewalk connection, explaining that he suggested Trio Concrete Construction to install the driveway apron and sidewalk concurrently rather than risk having the sidewalk broken up if a pending house demolition at the property causes construction traffic.

Kinzel Road Property (Code Enforcement): Mayor Jensen indicated that Law Director Gasior would provide a detailed update on the ongoing code enforcement matter involving a resident on Kinzel Road, noting the parties had spent time in court the previous Friday.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

MS. BERGES, AT LARGE, offered praise for the pedestrian bridge grant, calling it wonderful news. She also commended the community garden ribbon cutting, expressing enthusiasm about watching plants grow over the summer and the potential for participants to share surplus produce with the broader community.

MRS. DEMALINE, WARD 1 thanked the Mayor for the sidewalk update.

MS. ETIENNE, WARD 2 also praised the community garden ribbon cutting, describing it as "gorgeous." She noted for the record that she would be absent from the following week's meeting due to a conference out of town.

MR. MOORE, WARD 3 noted that a constituent had reported one of the French Creek Foundation signs appeared to be leaning or in need of repair but could not recall precisely which sign it was. He indicated he would follow up with an email to the Mayor's office. Mayor Jensen confirmed he would have the signs checked and noted that the City is already considering relocating the sign near the French Creek District entrance to a more visible location, and that he would coordinate with Mr. Moore on the preferred placement.

MS. PATTON, AT LARGE echoed appreciation for the community garden ribbon cutting, calling it "a lot of fun." She then offered a more substantive comment on the topic of noise and buffering. Referring to the noise concerns raised by the Mayor regarding Inn the Doghouse, she suggested the situation reflects a broader gap in the City's development standards. Ms. Patton expressed concern that Avon is developing at a rapid pace—noting approximately 51% of the City has been developed—under current landscaping, screening, and buffering Ordinances that may be insufficient, particularly where commercial uses abut residential zones. She observed that neighboring communities such as Bay Village and Lakewood maintain more robust buffering and landscaping requirements. Ms. Patton expressed a sense of urgency, stating that "once it's built, it's built" and that the City should be more proactive about defining what Avon will look like when fully developed. She indicated her intention to push for a review of these standards, including possibly the sign Ordinance.

Mrs. Demaline expressed agreement with Ms. Patton's comments regarding a review of landscaping and buffering standards. She asked how such a review would be initiated—whether it would be referred to the Planning Commission. Mayor Jensen responded that the recommended process would be to convene a Committee of Council Meeting, develop recommendations and then route those recommendations to the Planning Commission for formal consideration. He surmised the topic would most likely fit best in a Legal Committee of Council.

MR. RADCLIFFE, WARD 4, advised he would not be present for the June 156, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council or the June 17, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting.

MR. FISCHER, AT LARGE, echoed the Mayor's appreciation for the Detroit Road flags, lights, and hanging baskets, noting they "look really nice." He thanked the French Creek Foundation for funding the hanging baskets that the City crews hung on the light poles. He asked that thanks also be conveyed to Representative Gayle Manning in connection with the pedestrian bridge grant. He similarly praised the community garden ribbon cutting.

DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATION:

MR. CUMMINS, CITY ENGINEER, had no comments.

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

MR. GASIOR, LAW DIRECTOR, provided a detailed update on the code enforcement trial involving a property owner on Kinzel Road, Haydar Bektas. The case, which involves violations related to arborvitae in the right-of-way, signs in the right-of-way, and signs in the front yard, went to trial the previous Friday in Avon Lake Municipal Court. Mr. Gasior reported that the defendant, Mr. Bektas, attempted to delay proceedings by informing the court he intended to fire his attorney. Judge Manning, however, declined to allow the delay and ordered the trial to proceed, permitting Mr. Bektas to represent himself while allowing his previously appointed attorney to remain present in an advisory capacity.

The City presented its case with Zoning Enforcement Officer, Jill Clements, serving as the key witness to establish the violations. Mr. Gasior noted that Mr. Bektas attempted to introduce evidence and arguments the judge found irrelevant to the charges. The Mayor and Chief Building Inspector Emily Hanson were subpoenaed to testify. Mr. Bektas had also subpoenaed neighbors, but after the judge carefully explained to him what evidence was relevant to the specific charges, he chose not to call those witnesses. No verdict was issued at the conclusion of the Friday trial. The Judge indicated she would review all the evidence submitted—approximately 10 to 15 photographs of the property and documents from the Lorain County Health Department—over the weekend, and that she would issue her opinion on Friday morning before the start of the animal cruelty trial being brought by the APL (Animal Protective League) against the same defendant.

Mr. Gasior noted that even if a conviction were to result, sentencing would likely not occur until July, as the court would likely order a pre-sentence investigation to assess the defendant's background and capacity to remediate the property. He noted that Mayor Jensen has offered to undertake cleanup of any violations located within the right-of-way. He expressed cautious optimism that within the next month or so, meaningful visible improvements to the property's front yard may be achieved.

Mr. Gasior then turned to the subject of expiring moratoriums. He advised Council that the car wash and self-storage moratorium and the congregate care moratorium are both set to expire on June 23, 2026. He indicated he would bring forward legislation to extend the car wash and self-storage moratorium, expressing hope that this would be the final six-month extension needed before permanent Zoning Code amendments are finalized. Regarding the congregate care moratorium, he stated the City had received data from the Fire Chief regarding an increase in emergency calls to nursing homes, and that additional analysis is warranted before permanent regulations are enacted; he expressed a preference for a one-year extension of that moratorium. He also noted that the extended stay moratorium expires on July 14, 2026, and is connected to pending legislation in Columbus aimed at regulating short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO. He indicated a desire to wait for the State to act but acknowledged the City may need to produce its own local regulation. He suggested a six-month extension of the extended stay moratorium as well. Finally, he noted that moratoriums relating to gun ranges, R-3 zoning, Western Reserve, and data centers—all passed earlier in the year—are not set to expire until October and December. He flagged the data center moratorium as a particularly active topic, noting that a citizen group in the State is attempting to place a ballot measure banning data centers, and that if sufficient signatures are gathered for a November ballot appearance, the City would likely wish to extend its own moratorium past that date to observe the outcome of the statewide vote.

MR. PRESLEY, FINANCE DIRECTOR, was absent.

MR. STREATOR, SAFETY DIRECTOR/PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, reported that May Fire Department call volumes showed a significant increase compared to both the prior month and the same period in the prior year. Rescue calls totaled 302 and fire calls totaled 88.

Mr. Streator also advised Council that night work related to the SR 83/SR 254 intersection improvement project is scheduled for Thursday and Friday of that week, with crews working on curb construction on the east side of the intersection near the cemetery. Traffic will be reduced to one lane during those nighttime work windows.

AUDIENCE:

There were no public comments made by the audience members.

12. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>: 8:19 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mr. Moore to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase/sale or lease of real estate and for the purpose of considering the discipline of a public employee or official and to invite Mayor Jensen, Mr. Gasior and Mr. Streator; and the vote was: Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

13. <u>RECONVENE</u>: 9:04 P.M.

A motion was made by Mr. Radcliffe and seconded by Mrs. Demaline to reconvene the Work Session of Council; and the vote was: Mrs. Demaline, “yes”; Ms. Etienne, “yes”; Mr. Moore, “yes”; Ms. Patton, “yes”; Mr. Radcliffe, “yes”; Ms. Berges, “yes”; Mr. Fischer, “yes”.

The vote was 7 for and 0 against, and the Chair declared the motion passed.

14. <u>ADJOURN:</u> 9:05 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