

COUNCIL CHAMBER

City of Mentor

Council
08/18/2020

ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-066

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA ACCESSIBLE BOARDWALK, OBSERVATION DECK, AND OBSERVATION TOWER AT THE MENTOR LAGOONS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE ELECTORATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded grant funding in the amount of \$115,050 towards the construction of an ADA-accessible boardwalk at the Mentor Lagoons;

WHEREAS, subsequent phases of the project will include the construction of an observation deck and observation tower provided that further grant funding becomes available;

WHEREAS, the City will lose this grant money in the event the improvements are not constructed;

WHEREAS, the boardwalk, observation deck and observation tower will be sited along the western rim of the Marsh basin in close proximity to existing parking and a boat storage warehouse, as shown on the concept site plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the boardwalk will be of approximately 300 feet in length, the observation deck approximately 13 by 32 feet in area, and the observation tower would be up to 80 feet in height occupying an area of approximately 50 by 50 feet at ground level;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to move forward with this project to enhance the visitor amenities at the Lagoons and in particular its accessibility to persons with physical limitations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 3.09(A)(6) of the Charter, the people of Mentor have reserved to themselves the right to determine through referendum whether construction of this type shall be permitted at the Mentor Lagoons;

WHEREAS, the Council determines that it is therefore necessary and appropriate pursuant to the Charter to enact this ordinance providing for the approval of this construction project and that it be placed upon the November 3, 2020 ballot for referendum at which time the question of its approval shall be decided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENTOR, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO:

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SECTION 1. That a boardwalk of approximately 300 feet in length, an observation deck approximately 13 by 32 feet in area, and an observation tower up to 80 feet in height and occupying an area of approximately 50 by 50 feet at ground level along the western rim of the Marsh basin at the Mentor Lagoons, as shown on the concept site plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, are hereby approved for construction;


SECTION 2. That pursuant to § 3.09(A)(6) of the Charter this Ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Mentor at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 and shall appear as a separate and distinct ballot question to be submitted on said ballot.

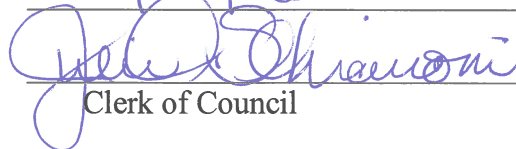
SECTION 3. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Ordinance to the Board of Elections of Lake County, Ohio, which Board shall make the necessary arrangements for submission of said question to the electors of the City of Mentor on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

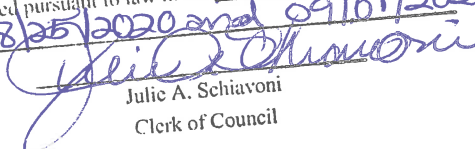
SECTION 4. Public notice of the time and place of holding such election shall be given as required by law.

SECTION 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including § 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance constitutes an emergency measure necessary for the peace, health, and safety of the City of Mentor in that the same is part of a mandatory Charter process which requires the proposed construction be approved by the City's electors at either a general or primary election, and, in order to comply with a 60-day advance submission requirement to the Board of Elections and a September 18 deadline for finalizing ballots in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, this Ordinance must and shall take immediate effect in accordance with the provisions of Article III, § 3.10 of the Charter of Mentor.


Vice President of Council

PASSED: 08/18/2020
ATTEST: 
Clerk of Council

I, Julie A. Schiavoni, Clerk of Council of the City of Mentor,
do hereby certify that Ordinance Resolution
No. 20.0.01de passed/adopted by the Council
of the City of Mentor on 08/18/2020 was duly
advertised pursuant to law in the News Herald
on 08/25/2020 and 09/01/2020

Julie A. Schiavoni
Clerk of Council

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