



## CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:25 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Evans

Mayor Kelley excused the absence of Vice Mayor Evans.

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann  
O'Neil, Wagner, Wong

Topic of discussion included general information pertaining to the City Manager's weekly memo.

Council Member Caplan moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Second by Council Member Tumeo.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Evans

Mayor Kelley excused the absence of Vice Mayor Evans.

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann  
O'Neil, Wagner, Wong

Topic of discussion included personnel issues.

Executive Session concluded at 7:30 p.m. adjourning into Committee of the Whole and concluding at the same time.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:37 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Evans

Mayor Kelley excused the absence of Vice Mayor Evans.

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Gibbon, Malone, Mannarino, Niermann  
O'Neil, Wagner, Wong

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, February 1, 2010 were signed by Mayor Kelley along with the ordinance and resolutions passed at that meeting.

Mayor Kelley stated, "I know we have Troop 403 here from Forest Hill Church to earn their citizen's badge. Is there a leader here for the group? Will you come and introduce yourself to us and tell us why you are all here tonight.

"My name is David Shellenberg. I live on 2939 East Overlook Road. We're here tonight to earn part of the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. We have to come see a city council meeting and discuss with our merit badge counselor what happened at the meeting."

Mayor Kelley asked, "Why don't you tell us what grade you're in and where you go to school."

David stated, "I go to Cleveland Heights High School and I'm in 11<sup>th</sup> grade."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Now, you're going to earn that citizen's badge, so everyone who is here tonight to earn the badge, I'd like you to come up and introduce yourself to us. Tell us your name and address and where you go to school and what grade you are in. So, thank you for starting it off."

"I'm James Ryan. I live at 1152 Yellowstone Road."

Mayor Kelley said, "Welcome, James. Where do you go to school?"

James replied, "I'm in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Benedictine High School."

"I'm Nicky Baumgartner. I live at 1017 Rushleigh Road. I go to Cleveland Heights High School and I'm in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade."

"My name is David Pecoraro. I live at 2863 Scarborough Road. I go to Roxboro Middle School. I'm in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade."

"My name is Michael Pecoraro. I live at 2863 Scarborough Road. I am a junior at Heights High."

"My name is James Gifford. I live at 2888 Meadowbrook Boulevard. I am home-schooled and I am in 8<sup>th</sup> grade."

"My name is Ryan Secard. I live at 2853 Berkshire Road and I'm a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Ann's."

"My name is Alan Jesberger. I live at 5956 Woodside Road and I am a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Mayfield High School."

Mayor Kelley asked if there was a troop leader present and added, "Welcome. You are indeed going to have a very short meeting tonight, but we want to thank you and I remember coming to your summer jamboree at Forest Hill Church and seeing a lot of you this summer. So, thank you and thank

you for coming to our meeting to earn part of your citizen's badge."

"Hello, Mayor, Councilmen, Councilwomen, City Officials, Scouts, Citizens. My name is Dan Mohney, 3969 Orchard Road. As you know, the first part of the city's aggregation program with Integrys Energy started and part of that was a quarterly rate. The quarterly rates came out and they came out to \$7.60 and I thought that's high, something is wrong here. So I called Integrys several times and finally a woman named Brenda Copley called me back and she said that the program with Cleveland Heights was \$.10 under the quarterly price offering on Dominion's Apples to Apples which the City Law Director will attest to. But, to get the quarterly rate what they're doing is they are taking the weighted average of the NYMEX for the current quarter and they're taking that NYMEX average price for the current quarter and adding that \$1.27 add-on charge and that's where they got \$7.60. And I thought, why did I sign up for this quarterly? Well, I went back and I got the Integrys' City of Cleveland Heights Natural Aggregation Program that they sent the citizens. What it says here is under the quarterly variable rate option, your cost for gas will vary quarterly depending upon the gas commodity market, the NYMEX. The rate for each quarter will be calculated by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the last month of the previous quarter. And really based on Integrys' energy charges plus the NYMEX closing price on that date, the quarters will be November 2009 service and then December 2009 through February 2010. So, December 2009 through February 2010 is a quarter. According to this mailing, it's supposed to be calculated on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November - not for the current quarter. Now, there is a dollar difference in the price here. I don't know if you guys are aware of that, but, so what they've given the residents is not the same as what they're doing."

Mayor Kelley called on Mr. Gibbon to comment.

Mr. Gibbon stated, "You and I have talked before, haven't we?"

Mr. Mohney replied, "Yeah! I asked you how they're going to do this, but you never got back to me."

Mr. Gibbon replied, "I thought that we had gotten to the bottom of the last issue. Didn't you approach me to do a competitive?"

Mr. Mohney answered, "Yes, at one time I used to do this. I don't do this anymore."

Mr. Gibbon continued, "I'll have to look at what you've brought to Council tonight and I'd be very pleased to do that. So, if you discuss it with me, I will talk with Integrys and be sure we're getting what it is that we bargained for."

Mr. Mohney said, "They charge a \$35.00 fee to change and I think they mislead the citizens with this. It comes out to about \$10.00 a person a bill, but if you got 10,000 people on it, it's \$100,000 that they're taking."

Council Member Caplan interjected, "Can I ask you a question?"

Mr. Mohney answered, "Sure."

Council Member Caplan continued, "This \$7.00 and whatever you said."

Mr. Mohney answered, "Sixty cents, yes."

Council Member Caplan continued, "Because I'm on the quarterly rate. I just paid the bill. It was \$6.92 mcf. That did not include the delivery charges from Dominion. So what is this \$7.00?"

Mr. Mohney answered, "They're charging - Integrys is charging \$7.60. Do you have your bill on you?"

Council Member Caplan replied, "I paid \$6.92."

Council Member Tumeo added, "So did I and I'm on the quarterly as well."

Council Member Caplan continued, "So I don't understand. I paid -."

Mayor Kelley said, "I'm on the monthly and I paid \$6.92. So, I think what it shows is - ."

Mr. Mohney said, "The \$6.92 is the yearly rate."

Council Member Caplan said, "I'm on a variable every three months."

Mr. Mohney said, "That's the default rate too."

Conversation continued between Council and Mr. Mohney.

Mr. Mohney said, "What I was reading, if you signed up and you didn't attest to one or another they were going to give you the yearly rate."

Mayor Kelley said, "I signed up for this."

Council Member Caplan said, "I signed up for it too, but it's a Cleveland Heights variable rate."

Mayor Kelley said, "I think this goes to show that John is more than happy to spend some time with you after the meeting. We are going to have to look into this and if they are indeed not charging what they are supposed to, we will come down on them with the full strength of our law department and our almost 48,000 residents, because what it is - it should be, it will be, and if it's not - we can prove it's not, whether it's pennies or a dollar, whatever, we're going to pursue it. Right, Mr. Gibbon?"

Mr. Gibbon answered, "Right."

Mr. Mohney said, "According to the contract, they're doing the \$.10 under the Dominion's Apples to Apples."

Mayor Kelley said, "Right."

Mr. Mohney said, "But what they sent the citizens was the quarterly rate was based on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before. So anybody who follows this will know that , *"Oh, my quarterly rate, this should be my quarterly rate."*

Mayor Kelley said, "Even with our talking, we have three different rates going on here. I'm sorry, two different rates within the quarterly with you and the two council people and I have the same rate they have and I'm on the monthly. So there is some issue that needs to be flushed out. I have all the confidence in the world that Mr. Gibbon will do this. If you can stay around a few more minutes, we'll begin to get to the bottom of this. Unless you want to give him a copy of the letter. I'm sure we

have a copy of the letter, we can make it for you. I just want to make it as smooth as possible. That's all."

Mr. Mohney said, "I just wanted to bring it to your attention that there is something wrong."

Mayor Kelley said, "The letter would be great to have, even though we probably have it somewhere in a file."

Mr. Mohney answered, "I don't have the letter, I have her giving the response on my phone."

Mayor Kelley stated, "I thought you said something about a letter."

Mr. Mohney pointing said, "Oh, this letter that they mailed out. Everybody has one." Mayor Kelley said, "We'll make a copy, if you don't want to stay, that's fine, but, let's get the information [and] we have in our hands and your notes and we can move forward with this and not to drag on three or four months with this. If they are wrong - they're wrong."

### **REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER**

Mr. Downey stated, "Thank you very much, your Honor. I have just a couple of items this evening. The first of which would be to request authority to advertise for bids for catch basin cleaning and the televising of sewers."

Mayor Kelley made them a matter of record and referred them to the Municipal Services Committee of Council.

Council Member Caplan moved that the City Manager be given the authority as requested.

Second by Council Member Tumeo.

Roll Call: Ayes: Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox

Nays: None

**Motion passed**

Mr. Downey continued, "Your Honor, I think Councilwoman Caplan would be more than happy to work with the scouts who are here this evening and tell them all about televising of sewers. Next to recycling, that's one of her favorites."

Mayor Kelley said, "You make it sound like a field trip."

Council Member Caplan added, "If it's a field trip, we could take them down into the sewer on Coventry, that's a field trip."

Mr. Downey continued, "Okay. Not a field trip though, but pursuant to Ordinance No. 65-2009 and that one authorizes the City Manager to purchase vacant, abandoned and foreclosed homes for the purpose of demolition or rehab and sale to an owner/occupant. I would like to report and make a matter of record that the City has entered into an agreement for the purchase of the property at 850 Helmsdale for the sum of \$10,000 plus costs. I would request it be made a matter of record."

Mayor Kelley made it a matter of record.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Malone stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have no official report tonight, but unofficially there are 27 more days to March 17<sup>th</sup>." Mayor Kelley asked, "For those of us who are counting? That's less than four weeks."

## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Caplan stated, "Thank you. I have two resolutions tonight. The first is Resolution No. 15-2010(MS), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for engineering and support services relative to the planning and implementation of the City's year 2010 street resurfacing program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City is committed to an annual program of street resurfacing, and the City has made a preliminary identification of those streets which are in need of resurfacing during 2010.

Although those streets that were determined (this is a little side bar) to be in need of resurfacing, clearly there are more that need resurfacing, I know that everyone of you lives on a street that you think needs to be resurfaced, but that's impossible for us to do at this time. So we're doing the worst first.

CT Consultants, Inc. has presented to the City an estimate of costs and a description of the engineering and support services to be performed for this project, and is well-qualified to perform all work contemplated. The City Manager has recommended the employment of CT Consultants, Inc. for its professional services on this project. Therefore, be it resolved that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for the services to be provided by the engineer as set forth and they include things like development of project mapping and subsequent construction plans utilizing procedures supplemented by field surveys, development of traffic maintenance plans, coordination of utilities, preparation of detailed drawings to show the character and scope of the work to be performed by the contractor on the project for incorporation into the contract documents, preparation of technical data in the form of work and material specifications to be performed and/or furnished by the contractor on the project for incorporation into the contract documents. And then there are those kinds of things and they will also provide periodic on-site inspection services. The fee to be paid to CT Consultants, Inc. for the aforesaid basic services shall be a sum equal to nine and two-tenths percent (9.2%) of the first Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) of actual construction costs, plus six and four-tenths percent (6.4%) of the next Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) of construction costs, plus five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) of construction costs over One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

So, I know you guys have all added that up.

The agreement shall also provide for compensation for additional services, if requested by the City, and reimbursable expenses in an additional amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00). Notice of passage shall be given and this Resolution shall be passed as an emergency measure. So, I offer Resolution No. 15-2010(MS) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 15-2010(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan

Nays: None

**Resolution passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now, I have Resolution No. 16-2010(MS), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Neff & Associates for engineering services to assist with the preparation of an application to the Ohio EPA for grant funding under the Surface Water Improvement Fund ("SWIF") Grants Program for surface water discharge restoration of Cumberland Park Parking Lot; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency.

What this means is that Cumberland Parking Lot right now is a very large paved over asphalt parking lot. Our goal would be to resurface that lot so that it becomes more water permeable and to put some more green in there, put in some trees and some grass in the middle and reorient the parking so not only can we get more cars in there, but it would be better for the environment.

Ohio House Bill 119 created the Surface Water Improvement Fund ("SWIF") which authorizes the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") to provide grant funding to local governments, park districts, conservation organizations and other governmental and nonprofit entities for water quality improvements projects. The City intends to submit an application for funding under SWIF for a surface water discharge restoration of Cumberland Park Parking Lot. It is necessary for the City to retain an engineer to assist with the grant application. Neff & Associates has submitted a proposal to provide the necessary engineering services for the application, the terms of which are reasonable and competitive. Such services are professional services for which no bidding is necessary. Therefore, be it resolved by this Council that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Neff & Associates for engineering services so that we can apply for this grant and I might add that if we don't get the grant we don't do the parking lot. The scope of the work shall be as set forth in the Engineer's proposal and compensation for such services shall be at the Engineer's usual hourly rates, with total fees and expenses not to exceed the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$4,750.00).

So, actually spending \$4,750.00 for our project that probably will cost several hundred thousand dollars, if we get the grant, is really a good investment.

The agreement and any related documents shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law. Notice of passage shall be given and I offer Resolution No. 16-2010(MS) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 16-2010(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Kelley

Nays: None \_\_\_\_\_ **Resolution passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. I only have one reminder, today feels like a Monday, but really it's Tuesday and that means that the people whose garbage is supposed to be picked up on Thursday and Friday, both of those garbage pickup days will be on Friday. So there will be no Saturday pickup for the Friday people. Both will be on Friday, so Thursday people remember that, don't put it out too early. Garbage pickup for Thursday and Friday will be on Friday. That's all I have. Thank you."

## **REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. Just a reminder, that the update on the music settlement project for the Coventry School location will be tomorrow at the Community Center, Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. So, if you're interested to find out an update on that project, that would be the time to do it. That concludes my report."

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Montlack stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is one piece of legislation, Resolution No. 17-2010(PSH), in support of the *Save Transit Now, Move Ohio Forward!* campaign to reverse the decline of public transportation locally and across Ohio and to urge state lawmakers to safeguard public transportation users from further service cuts and fare increases and save Ohio's economy from further decline by seeking alternative sources of funding for public transportation; and declaring an emergency.

I will not read you all the whereas in this Resolution, but will only comment that we all who read the newspapers and listen to news reports are vaguely aware that there have been continuing service cuts in our Regional Transportation Authority, transit authority, I should say. We know that our system is in bad trouble and we have meetings. Those folks who would like to use the system come to tell of their hurt and it is our responsibility as public officials to look beyond that and find out what the problem is. And the problems, as in many cases, come down to allocation of funds. There was a time, going back more than ten years, when the federal government funded its share of local mass transportation. We know what has happened to that and Ohio, the state with its budget problems, and its essentially rural outlook in the legislature has continued that trend by cutting its funding. So, the result is, there is more and more reliance, as necessary, on local taxes, which only adds to the burden. We know that for public transportation - public transit - it now becomes the lifeline of the poor to meet their essential needs and get to work. We know that, at the same time, middle-class folks who would like to use that transportation and especially folks in inner ring communities like Cleveland Heights who would like to use that transportation say to get to jobs downtown and not use your automobile, not send your money to our middle-eastern friends and all that - would like to use mass transit, but are unable to do so, because of this vicious cycle. So, for all sorts of reasons and environmental and otherwise, we need to do something about the funding. Ohio is the 7<sup>th</sup> most populous state, but ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation for relative commitment to public transit. Our next door neighbors, Pennsylvania, spends 33 times more on public transportation than Ohio and even Indiana spends 3 times more.

So what are some of the specific recommendations here and some of these have been studied and studied for decades. First of all, our state administration and legislators need to prioritize local public transportation. We should look at overturning, that is to say amend it, the state constitutional prohibition on using Ohio gas tax revenues and motor vehicle fees for non-highway purposes in order to stop this crazy construction of more and wider roads and more interchanges, etc., but to use that for mass transit, which can help reverse that trend. We need use flexible transportation funding sources currently available in Ohio, such as gas taxes collected from off-road vehicles, farming and landscaping equipment, etc., etc. And, of course, we call on ODOT, the Ohio Department of Transportation to take advantage of flexible federal highway funds that still are somewhat available. Copies of this Resolution will be sent to the Ohio Governor, State Senator Shirley Smith, and our State Representative Barbara Boyd and in addition I will certainly send it on to some folks at ODOT who have really been launching a campaign over the last year or so appearing at public meetings to tell us that a new day is coming to ODOT and this might be a good opportunity to test their sincerity. So, Resolution No. 17-2010(PSH) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 17-2010(PSH) and stated, "The only comment, Mr. Malone, would you make sure that Mr. Joseph Calabrese, the General Manager of RTA also gets a copy of this so we can pass on what we're doing, to the Board of our RTA."

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Kelley, Montlack

Nays: None

**Resolution passed**

Council Member Montlack continued, "Thank you. I'd like to remind any folks who are here tonight or are watching the rebroadcast on the cable channel. If you are a Cleveland Heights employer, employer in this city, and you have some employees who may not be residents of Cleveland Heights, remember that recently through legislation in this Council, we opened membership in the fieldhouse at our Community Center, an excellent workout facility and more to non-residents who are employed in Cleveland Heights, among other folks. Because our broadcast goes only to Cleveland Heights' residents I'll focus on this, so remind them or tell your employees who may not be residents of this opportunity. The price is right and it would be an excellent opportunity for those folks to lead a healthier lifestyle and have fun.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank the Mayor of Dartmoor Road, Ozzie Oswald, who throughout this winter has taken his snow plow and gone from one end of the street to another, to take care of the sidewalks. He must still think he's employed here in Cleveland Heights, but he is a wonderful citizen and from a personal standpoint, thank you, Ozzie and that completes this report."

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Council Member Stephens stated, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This evening I have the privilege of recommending to the balance of Council that we appoint individuals to serve on boards and commissions. We have five boards and commissions for which I'll be making recommendations. The first is to the Board of Zoning Appeals where I recommend that Michael Wellman be appointed full member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. He has served most recently as an alternate."

Second by Council Member Caplan.

Council Member Stephens added, "I need to add to this that his term will start effective tomorrow, February 17, 2010 and it is a four year term. He will serve until 2014."

Mayor Kelley reiterated, "His term will start February 17, 2010 and end January 31, 2014."

Second by Council Member Caplan.

Roll Call: Ayes: Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens

Nays: None

**Appointment passed**

Mayor Kelley added, "Mr. Wellman is appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective basically immediately through January 31, 2014. However, he had been serving as an alternate, so we probably will be looking for an alternate in the not too distant future for the Board of Zoning Appeals."

Council Member Stephens stated, "That is correct."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Michael Wellman is already up to speed, ready to go."

Council Member Stephen continued, "Next, we have Community Improvement Awards. I am recommending that two individuals be appointed to that committee, John Wagner and Rebecca Brunt."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Those are one-year terms, if I'm not mistaken, so they will be effective March 1, 2010 and ending February 28, 2011.

Second by Council Member Tumeo.

Roll Call: Ayes: Wilcox, Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo

Nays: None

**Appointments passed**

Council Member Stephens continued, "Mr. Chairman, the next committee for recommendation is the Financial Institutional Advisory Committee and I do not remember what the term is for that?" I am recommending that Judith Miles be placed on that committee."

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

Mayor Kelley added, "On FIAC we don't end their terms. We just let them stay on as long as they can serve. And sometimes if it's within a different company, although she is, I believe, a kind of prosecutor, if I'm not mistaken.

Council Member Stephens added, "That's correct."

Roll Call: Ayes: Caplan, Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox

Nays: None

**Appointment passed**

Council Member Stephens added, "For Housing Council, we have one new name to appoint tonight. We may need another name. These are three-year appointments and they review the tax abatement and financing issues for the community. Rebecca Brunt."

Mayor Kelley asked, "That's the only one?"

Council Member Stephens replied, "That's correct."

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

Council Member Stephens added, "This is also an immediate appointment."

Mayor Kelley said, "They will be working on March 10<sup>th</sup>, if I'm not mistaken."

Council Member Stephens stated, "That is correct."

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelley, Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan

Nays: None

**Appointment passed**

Council Member Stephens continued, "Mr. Mayor, my final recommendation this evening is for Planning Commission. This is a six-year term. This position, I'm recommending be filled by Alex Pesta."

Second by Council Member Caplan.

Mayor Kelley asked, "It would be your unexpired term. Do you know when it ends?"

Council Member Stephens replied, "That goes for six years. The balance of my term is four

years, therefore it ends December 31, 2013.”

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Stephens, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Kelley

Nays: None

**Appointment passed**

Council Member Stephens concluded, “Thank you, Sir. I have no other comments to make this evening. I love the fact that we got all these board and commissions filled up.”

### **REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Council Member Stephens stated, “This evening, I have no information. I’m looking forward to my colleague, Vice Mayor Evans returning and joining us.”

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council Member Tumeo stated, “Thank you, your Honor. I have no legislation tonight, just two short things. First, I want to take a moment and encourage everyone as you’re driving through all the snow and if you are fortunate like I am and you have to drive into Cleveland and back up into Cleveland Heights you recognize the unbelievably high quality work that our public works does in cleaning the roads, keeping intersections salted, and keeping that hill safe to go up and down. So I wanted to commend them on that fine work when they are out there. It’s really bad weather, ugly weather and doing a good job and I think we owe them a great debt of gratitude and so I just wanted to make sure that we publicly acknowledge that.

Second, I want to thank the Boy Scouts for coming. As an Eagle Scout, myself, I had to go through the same thing. Only, I didn’t have to get up and do my name. The badge work is very important and hopefully some day you’ll step up and serve the community and run for this deed as well. That’s my report.”

### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mayor Kelley stated, “I, too, want to take a moment to thank our workers. Our Municipal Service workers - knock on the table. Mr. Mannarino is in charge of our workers. Alex is one of our unsung heroes here, but I can honestly say, this is the first season where I have received zero phone calls about our snow plowing - bad phone calls. I’ve received a number of other phone calls.”

Council Member Tumeo added, “Don’ jinx it.”

Mayor Kelley continued, “I don’t want to jinx it, but I just wanted to point out our Municipal Services workers, whether they’re snow plowing, salting, picking up your garbage - doing double duty this Friday, they’ve done an excellent job. The weather really has not been conducive. Most of us are not out in this cold weather - eight/ten/twelve hours a day doing what they are doing. I also want to thank our police and fire who are out there. Our fire, as you know, when you call the fire department they’re raring to go and they don’t know what situation they’re getting into, whether it’s a 9-1-1 call for an emergency for a health issue or whether it’s a fire in a house. These are tough times to do that kind of work. Our policemen also who get called. You know they come in and they are out there working. These are really the unsung heroes in our community, as well as our staff at the Community Center who greet you with such a smiling face when you come in to do your workout and other things. I’m missing a lot of people, but I wanted to just say, thanks to each and everyone of our city employees for what

they do. I can't remember the last time I got a complaint about a city employee and it's very gratifying and it makes my job a lot easier. But, they are doing things, in difficult, tough economic times. You have heard us say many of them are doing two or three jobs and the city looks great. When you drive through other cities and I'm not going to mention because I have a lot of friends in those cities who have mayors, the snow plowing cannot even touch Cleveland Heights. If you are in Cleveland or on a side street in Cleveland forget about it. That concludes my report.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1, 2010. The meeting is adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Thank you for coming."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor  
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone  
Clerk of Council

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