



CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:20 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

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

Council Member Tumeo moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. Second by Council Member Caplan.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

Topic of discussion included litigation.

Executive Session concluded at 7:32 p.m. moved into Committee of the Whole and adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:42 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, March 15, 2010 were signed by

Mayor Kelley along with the ordinance and resolutions passed at that meeting.

“Good evening. My name is Mani Ayodele, 2849 Mayfield Road. I want to show my appreciation to Cleveland Heights, the Council Members, the Mayor and law representatives for fixing the traffic light on the corner of Eddington and Mayfield. For years it didn’t change over when you pushed the button, so it really wasn’t safe to cross the street and now you push the button and the light changes. So in my mind it might not be much, but it is safer to cross the street. Thank you.”

Mayor Kelley added, “I think we really want to - we’ll take credit for it obviously, we don’t mind that. I think the real credit probably goes to our Police Department and Signs and Signals, probably Alex Mannarino. He’s not with us tonight, but we will certainly relay it to both of those and Mr. Downey as the Safety Director, probably had a little hand in it too. But, thank you. If there is anything else you need, please let us know.”

Mr. Ayodele stated, “Thanks, a lot.”

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

Mrs. Niermann O’Neil stated, “I have no report, your Honor.”

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Malone stated, “I need to notify Council that three resolutions of the Board of Zoning Appeals have been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and are requested by the following: BZA Calendar No. 3213 Allan and Tanita Taub, 3663 Bendemeer Road, accessory use regulation; BZA Calendar No. 3214 Allison Dunbar, 1119 Woodview Road, accessory use regulations; and BZA Calendar No. 3215 Euartha L. Edge, 932 Selwyn Road, accessory use regulations. Your Honor, I need to make these a matter of record.”

Mayor Kelley made them a matter of record and referred them to the Planning and Development Committee of Council.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Stephens stated, “Thank you, Mr. Mayor. This evening I have the privilege of introducing Ordinance No. 25-2010(AS), Second Reading, an Ordinance of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, establishing salary schedules, position classifications and other compensation for officers and employees of the City; and declaring an emergency.

This was reviewed with the Council and staff previously. There is only one change and that is on Page 14 of the document. It is under the section for the Courts and it is the last position on Page 14 to be summarized, the Security position where the minimum pay is \$17.00 an hour and the maximum pay is not \$19.85 it is \$21.00. That being said, Mr. Mayor, I ask that this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being to provide a schedule of adequate compensation for various officers and employees of the City, in order that satisfactory personnel may be retained in the City employ; wherefore, Council declares that an emergency exists and that this emergency Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage. Mr. Mayor, I present this Ordinance for the vote of Council.”

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 25-2010(AS), Second Reading.

Mr. Gibbon stated, "Just for the record, could you read the title of the Ordinance into the record?"

Mayor Kelley asked Council Member Stephens to read the title.

Council Member Stephens read, "An Ordinance of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, establishing salary schedules, position classifications and other compensation for officers and employees of the City; and declaring an emergency."

Mr. Gibbon responded, "Thank you."

Mayor Kelley added, "That is indeed Ordinance No. 25-2010(AS), Second Reading."

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Council Member Stephens continued, "One of the city's partners in helping to restore and fight vacant, abandoned and foreclosed housing structures in the community, the Home Repair Resource Center is having a fundraiser and a joint venture with Bremec on the Heights Garden Center. This is a way to cultivate your non-profit as well as your yard. So on Sunday, April 25th, and Sunday, May 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bremec on the Heights will be providing a way for you to buy your fruit, vegetable plants, flowering plants and support Home Repair Resource Center. So, if you are interested in doing this, there is a postcard up here that you can obtain and it will give you a discount on your purchases and also give them a way to track what was purchased that should be a share of the funds that would go to the Home Repair Resource Center. That's it for me."

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Evans stated, "Thank you, your Honor. Resolution No. 32-2010(CRR), joining with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and other communities throughout the nation in the observation of "Fair Housing Month"; reaffirming the City of Cleveland Heights' commitment to open housing; and declaring an emergency. Whereas, in celebration of the 42th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Law, HUD has promoted the observance of "Fair Housing Month" throughout the communities of this nation. This City, since the year 1965, has continually and consistently approved and encouraged the concept of fair housing throughout the City of Cleveland Heights and the entire Cleveland metropolitan area. Thirty-four years ago, in 1976, this Council committed itself to a Resolution establishing the Nine-Point Plan to promote a well-maintained, full-service residential community and prevent resegregation, and to develop programs with residents, community organizations, the Board of Education, the business community, and other institutions to implement this Plan. Since that time, the City of Cleveland Heights has created and operated programs to continue integration, and to educate and persuade residents and non-residents of the benefits of integrated neighborhoods in this City and others across the country. I'd like to present Resolution No. 32-2010(CRR) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 32-2010(CRR).

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Vice Mayor Evans continued, "Thank you. I have several announcements. The first one has to do with the census. For those of you who did not receive your form, misplaced it, just need some TLC, you can come to City Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 11:00 and 4:00. You may also go to the Community Center, Monday through Friday, 2:00 to 7:00. There will also be a table set up at Zagara's on Saturday and the main library also has representatives there. I don't know the hours for that particular one.

As many of you are well aware, we have an agreement with our wonderful school district to have the opportunity to use the Heights High pool. There is a schedule that you can obtain on the website and of course you can call the Community Center at 691-7373. Family passes are \$55.00, the adult passes are \$27.00, a senior pass is \$21.00, water aerobic classes twice a week, \$46.00 and there is the swim team which is a \$44.00 residence fee. I do want to encourage those of you who have been looking for a way to get into the water to investigate this, go over there and sign up. The program runs from today, April 5th through June 10th.

We have a couple of updated brochures. The first one is about our wonderful Community Center and the inside gives you tidbits of information and also the fee schedule. That should be very helpful. We believe that it is a wonderful way to exercise at a low cost.

The next one [brochure] is a renewed community block organization, if you want to have a block club. Again, some tidbits of information about how to organize, what the City will do and wants to encourage people that if you see a concern on your block, in your neighborhood, never hesitate to call Community Relations at 291-2323. Thank you. That concludes my report."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Tumeo stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have no legislation to do. However, I do have a couple of informational items. First of all I'm sure you saw in the newspaper we did receive our grant to the Fire Department of almost \$500,000. This is federal money coming through the efforts of our Senator Sherrod Brown and it is to help us to make sure we're at full force in the future. As we all know, we have a department that there may be retirements in and we'd like to have people on board when those retirements occur so you can backfill quickly and never be at low force. So, this will allow us to make sure that we have people available and the kind of equipment that we need to move forward. It comes at a very important time for us. As you know, we've been really tight on budgets and every little penny counts. So this money from the federal government is really helpful for us and I want to make sure that everyone knows we owe a debt of gratitude for Sherrod Brown stepping up and making sure that we're getting what we can from the federal government to help us.

While we're talking politics, I'd like to remind everybody - and it's hard to believe we just went through a big election, but there is a primary coming up on May 4th. You may already gotten your information to vote by absentee if you want to do that. Get those forms in so you can get your ballot back and vote in the primary. So don't forget to vote. Express your voice. It may seem like we do it a lot, but it's nice to be asked. So, it's important that you get your voice out there.

Finally, I want to follow up with Vice Mayor Evans' information on the census. Please, please, please, as a financial matter it's critical to this city that every person gets counted. That information is completely confidential. Nothing is going to be used against you. It's just a count, a number, to make sure that we get every person to count. There are some coordination problems that we're finding

with the federal government. I know that's a big surprise. If you are in an area and you didn't get a census form and you find out that your neighbors didn't get a census form, let us know. Please call Community Relations at 291-2323. We are aware that there were some houses on Queenston, a group of houses on Queenston that did not get census forms. We submitted the addresses, but apparently they didn't make it into the federal data base, the federal data base. You need a form, if you don't fill out a form, you don't get counted. That's a really bad thing. So, if you don't have a form, please get one, as Vice Mayor Evans said, you can get it at the main library, the Community Center, City Hall, Zagara's. You can get help filling them out. If you didn't get one and you know your neighbors didn't please let us know so we can make sure that the federal government is getting their data bases updated. That's the end of my report, your Honor."

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Caplan stated, "Thank you. I have two pieces of legislation. The first piece is Ordinance No. 33-2010(MS), amending Ordinance No. 3-2009 which authorized the City Manager to execute two easements to The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba ATT Ohio on a portion of City-owned property identified as P.P. No. 683-25-014 located at Severance Center Access Drive No. 3 to change the location of the easements authorized therein; and declaring an emergency. Ordinance No. 3-2009 this Council authorized the granting of two easements to The Ohio Bell Telephone Company dba ATT Ohio ("ATT") on a portion of the City-owned property. After the work commenced the City requested the relocation of the equipment and wiring; and it would be in the best interest of the City of Cleveland Heights and its residents to amend the easements authorized by Ordinance No. 3-2009 to place the equipment and wiring in more favorable locations in the City-owned property. Therefore, be it ordained by this Council that Ordinance No. 3-2009 shall be amended so that the City Manager is authorized to execute two easements on a portion of the City-owned property as follows: (I) the first easement shall be an exclusive easement located on the property identified as Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of construction and maintenance of equipment; and (II) the second easement shall be a non-exclusive easement located on the property identified as Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for the purpose of installation and maintenance of electrical service and other communications wiring.

It just allows them to put their equipment and wiring so they can do their upgraded services.

Notice of the passage shall be given and this Ordinance shall be declared an emergency for passage tonight. So, I offer Ordinance No. 33-2010(MS) for passage."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 33-2010(MS).

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

Nays: None _____ **Ordinance passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. Now I have Ordinance No. 34-2010(MS), authorizing an agreement with Franklin Tractor Sales for the purchase of a new brush chipper for the Forestry Division of the Public Works Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City has determined to purchase a new brush chipper for the Forestry Division. The Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04 authorizes municipal corporations and other governmental entities to purchase supplies, equipment and services through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program without obtaining competitive bids. By Resolution No. 115-1988, this Council authorized participation in said Cooperative Purchasing Program. The City Manager

has determined that the selected equipment may be purchased through this Program at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding, and that it would be in the City's best interests to purchase said equipment by this means. Therefore, be it ordained by this Council that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with Franklin Tractor Sales for the purchase of a new brush chipper. The agreement shall provide for the purchase of a Model 750 Brush Chipper with hydraulic winch package and jack at a total cost of Forty-three Thousand Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$43,609.00). All agreements shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law. Notice of passage shall be given and this Ordinance shall be declared an emergency for passage tonight. I offer Ordinance No. 34-2010(MS) for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 34-2010(MS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Stephen, Tumeo, Wilcox, Caplan, Evans, Kelley

Nays: None _____ **Ordinance passed**

Council Member Caplan continued, "Thank you. The only other comment, of course, that I have is spring clean-up seems to be the order of the day since the weather has been so conducive for that. Please be reminded that there will not be a pickup of loose leaves. So don't leave them on your tree lawn. They won't get picked up. You need to put them in those Kraft bags so that they will be picked up. Don't put them in plastic bags. They won't get picked up. Do your clean up. It's a wonderful thing. It's great to be out there and put all of your debris in an appropriate package and tie up your brush into 4 feet or 6 feet lumps tied up. Because if it is loose it won't get picked up either.

Enjoy being outside and we look forward to having a beautiful spring and summer. That's all I have."

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you. There are several pieces of legislation, but there are also three resolutions from our Board of Zoning Appeals from the March 17, 2010 meeting and Councilwoman Stephens was at that meeting is going to read these into the record."

Council Member Stephens stated, "Mr. Mayor, on behalf of Council, the City of Cleveland Heights Board of Zoning Appeals made the following motion, BZA Calendar No. 3213, whereas, Allan and Tanita Taub, of 3663 Bendemeer Road, in an 'A' single-family district, hereinafter referred to as the "applicant" have made formal application requesting a variance from the accessory use regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit installation of an air-conditioning condenser west of the house and 1'-10" from the property line. On careful review by the City Council, we are asking BZA Calendar be held for at least two weeks so we can do some additional review with staff."

Mayor Kelley stated, "BZA Calendar No. 3213 will be held for two weeks for our staff to gather a little more information and hopefully, we'll be able to work on this at our meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010 and it will be well under the thirty days of coinciding with the signing by the Clerk of Council. So thank you for that one."

Council Member Stephens continued, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The next is BZA Calendar No. 3214, whereas Allison Dunbar, 1119 Woodview Road, in an 'A' single-family district, hereinafter referred to as the "applicant" has made formal application requesting a variance from the accessory use regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit a 14'-6" x 20' 1 1/2-car garage. The applicable provision of the

Zoning Code is contained in Sections 1121.09(b) and 1161.03(a), which require all single-family homes to have a two-car garage; and whereas, the public hearing to consider this application was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Whereas, it is the opinion of the Board of Zoning Appeals, the applicant clearly demonstrated there were special conditions and circumstances resulting in practical difficulty in complying with the requirements of the Zoning Code. Be it resolved by the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Cleveland Heights that the applicant will suffer practical difficulty if the variance is not granted because of the irregular shape of the lot, small size of the lot, narrowness of the lot and the location of the house on the site make construction of a two-car garage where the second bay is accessible to a car impossible and impractical. The issue of a special permit is hereby authorized to Allison Dunbar, as shown in plans submitted to the Board. The applicant is required to obtain a building permit prior to any demolition or construction. All construction which is the subject of this application shall be completed within 3 months of the date of approval of the resolution to City Council. Mr. Mayor, I recommend that this be approved."

Second by Vice Mayor Evans.

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

Nays: None _____ **Resolution confirmed**

Council Member Stephens continued, "Mr. Mayor, the final Board of Zoning Appeals request this evening is BZA Calendar No. 3215, whereas, Euartha L. Edge, 932 Selwyn Road, in an 'A' single-family district, hereinafter referred to as the "applicant" has made formal application requesting a variance from the accessory use regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit a 16' x 20' 1 1/2-car garage. Whereas, the applicable provision of the Zoning Code is contained in Sections 1121.09(b) and 1161.03(a), which require all single-family homes to have a two-car garage. Whereas, the public hearing presented to this application was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. It is the opinion of the Board of Zoning Appeals, the applicant clearly demonstrated there were special conditions and circumstances resulting in practical difficulty in complying with the requirements of the Zoning Code. Therefore, it was resolved by the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Cleveland Heights that the applicant will suffer practical difficulty if the variance is not granted because of the size of the lot, the narrowness of the lot and the location of the house on the site making construction of a two-car garage where the second bay is accessible to a car impossible and impractical. The issuance of a special permit is hereby authorized, as shown in plans submitted to the Board. The applicant is required to obtain a building permit prior to any construction. All construction which is the subject of this application shall be completed within 3 months of the date of approval of this resolution by the City Council. The Secretary is hereby directed to forward this to the City Council and I recommend approval, Mr. Mayor."

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

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

Nays: None _____ **Resolution confirmed**

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Next on the agenda is Ordinance No. 35-2010(PD), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Solar Impact LLC for design-build services relative to the construction of solar bus shelters at the intersections of Mayfield and Coventry Roads and Mayfield and Warrensville Center Roads; and declaring an emergency.

After further discussion and consideration, we are going to defer consideration of this matter

dealing with solar powered bus shelters as somewhat unique, so we need a little bit more time to deal with this particular matter. So we will read this again and consider it at our next meeting on April 19th."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Ordinance No. 35-2010(PD) is on hold for tonight."

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Next I have Resolution No. 36-2010(PD), authorizing an agreement with Kerry, LLC dba Cedar Lee Pub & Grill for the use of a portion of City-owned property known as P.P. No. 687-06-096; and declaring an emergency.

And again, discussion on this, we will defer consideration of this tonight and I will read this and consider it at our next meeting on April 19th."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Resolution No. 36-2010(PD) is also on hold for tonight."

Council Member Wilcox continued, "Thank you. Next, I just wanted to again, I think it's been mentioned, there is an election going on May 4th and many people are voting early and voting absentee. I just wanted to remind people when they look at their ballot to take special consideration on two issues, one is State Issue 1. This is the renewal of the Third Frontier Program in Ohio. This is an important economic development tool. It does not raise taxes. It is a bonding program and it's accredited with creating 48,000 jobs in its first go around and hopefully, many more if this is approved on May 4th. Again, this promotes, not only manufacturing and agriculture jobs, but bio-medicine and renewable energy jobs. Many of these jobs are being created at University Circle from the Third Frontier Program, so this is a very important issue for those of us in Cleveland Heights to support. I would also point out, because it is so unusual these days, that this has broad-based bi-partisan support from both Republicans and Democrats and it is not too often these days when something gets the support of both sides of the aisle and I think that's a good indication that this is something worth considering. Also, I would urge voters to vote in favor of the renewal of Issue 15, which is a county issue, Health and Human Services Levy. This is only a 2.9 mill levy. It is a renewal and that means it does not raise your taxes, but it does provide very important services in these tough economic times for the safety net of our residents that truly need it. So, again, I would urge our voters to vote "yes" on Issue 15. 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 on for first reading only tonight. It is Ordinance No. 37-2010(PSH), amending Section 355.07, "Fees and Rental Periods," of Part Three, "Traffic Code," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to raise the fees for parking permits and replacement permits.

As you know these permits relate to the city municipal parking lots, as well as other public parking. The last time such fees were raised was in 2004 and since then the cost to maintain and repair public parking lots have increased substantially. Here again, just as we have been doing in several other areas, the review of the fees shows that an increase is needed.

Section 355.07 Subsection(a) of that referenced Ordinance is amended to read that with certain exceptions, each renewal - this is for a three-month period, will be at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per rental period. The rental periods are three months, expiring on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of any year, with prorations to be in effect for purchases in between. The replacement fee or transfer fee as in a situation where a permit may be lost, etc., is ten dollars (\$10.00). Now, those increases take the permit fees from ninety dollars (\$90.00) for a three-month period or thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or thirty three and change a

month, and the transfer or replacement fee from five dollars (\$5.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00).

A few comments may be in order. As I said before, we know that other fees, especially those that impact landlords, tenants, and rental housing have been enacted in the past several months. I could give you the list, but most of those who deal with rental housing, be they landlords or in some cases tenants have seen these increases. We also know that in this housing-related set of misfortunes visited upon the country and upon our region even for a longer period of time, rental housing, a very important commodity in Cleveland Heights. As a matter of fact, one that is among other things, essential for our survival, has been hard hit. I personally am conscious of the substantial impact on an investment that [I] need to say on this first reading, the city cannot continue to provide important services in each area - in this case, municipal parking lots, without this kind of an increase that relates to the increased costs.

We're trying to help in the rental housing field also and soon we will be announcing a series of scheduled meetings and conferences with landlords. Especially, those who own or operate two- or three-family houses. The emphasis will be on safety and security, meeting with the police, getting important information from all of our city departments and it will be a repeat with even more improvements of a very successful set of seminars that happened a few years ago. We're trying and we understand what many of you are going through. Of course, we speak also to the tenants, most of whom, in the case of parking permits, one way or another have those fees passed on to them and we're very conscience of trying to limit the increases to taking into consideration the situations of all of the folks that I just mentioned.

Therefore, Ordinance No. 37-2010(PSH), is introduced on first reading only tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 37-2010(PD), first reading only.

Council Member Montlack continued, "I would like also finally to add one more voice of congratulations to HRRC, which has now successful rehabbed and upgraded two properties, one on Westover and one on Edison and as of today it appears that second property like the first is under contract for sale. So, a job well-done by our partner HRRC and that completes this report."

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Kelley stated, "I just want to spend a minute and thank Senator Brown for the fire grant. It's very important to note that this will allow us to bring back the three fire fighters that we laid off. It will also help us as Councilman Tumeo explained when we have some kind of movement which will happen in the next year or two to some of our members of our fire department that are in the Drop Program. But more importantly, what this does for your City of Cleveland Heights it returns our fire department and our police department to full staff and back where they were before we had the lay-offs almost a year and a half, two years ago. So we put five new policemen on in February of this year to bring up back to our full compliment of policemen before all of the misery with the economic situation in the city. With this, we will bring back the three fire fighters or three new fire fighters depending on how the list works or how the civil service issues are worked out. I want to thank Senator Brown for doing this, but I want to let you know that we are one of the first cities, if not the first city, to bring back our fire and police and bring it back to full capacity when many other cities have laid people off or contemplated laying people off. I want you to be assured that here in Cleveland Heights we have a full compliment of both our police and our fire when this takes effect - which will be very soon. You know that your city will continue to be one of the safest cities in the State of Ohio.

So I want to thank Sherrod Brown. I also want to thank our fire chief for putting this grant proposal together and going forward and getting it. We were only one of four cities to get this type of money, but we'll gladly take it, we'll use it and we won't be missing a beat with it. Glad to have it and thank Senator Brown again.

This meeting is adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2010. Thank you for coming tonight."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone
Clerk of Council

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