



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:03 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Caplan, Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox

Council Members absent: None

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Malone, Niermann O'Neil, Ruane, L. Wagner, R. Wagner, Wong, Zins

Mayor Kelley excused Council Member Caplan's early departure from the Committee of the Whole.

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

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:45 p.m. and resumed following the Regular Council meeting, adjourning at 8:45 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:55 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

Council Members present: Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox

Council Members absent: Caplan

Staff present: Carter, Czaga, Downey, Malone, Niermann O'Neil, Ruane, L. Wagner, R. Wagner, Wong, Zins

Mayor Kelley excused the absence of Council Member Caplan.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, May 3, 2004 were approved and signed by Mayor Kelley along with the resolutions passed at that meeting.

Mayor Kelley continued, "Before we go on with the personal communications from our citizens, it is my pleasure tonight to honor our championship hockey teams. Before we begin to honor them I am going to ask Council to speak and to speak only one time. Usually when we have different groups here we speak more than one time, but we'll save it for one time only. We'll begin with Vice Mayor Montlack, who would like to say a few words to our student athletes and the parents and their supporters who are

here tonight.”

Vice Mayor Montlack stated, “What a good looking group. Congratulations - great playing - great team work - great practice, I know that was a big part of it. You know we always save the congratulations for your teachers and especially for your family and especially of all those, your folks, because we know about not just hockey players, but hockey parents. Hockey parents have the well-deserved reputation of the most fearsome group on the face of this earth. They are in there fighting for their kids. I know that that’s the case here. I always have to add a little something, that I’m sure that most of you will go on to be professional hockey players for the rest of your lives, but just in case you don’t - keep studying. But, congratulations - you are a wonderful looking group and it’s an honor to be with you.”

Council Member Evans stated, “Having been a hockey mom for more than ten years those were some of the greatest hours that I’ve ever spent at sporting events. It happens to be one of my most favored sports and I know what hard work and dedication it takes for you guys to be - guys and gals - are there girls on the team too? I know the hard work and dedication it took you to get to that point and I’m really proud of you and I hope you continue to stay with the sport. It certainly helps to build that great character that I know all of you have anyway, but enjoy yourselves. I wish you luck in the future.”

Council Member Hicks said, “I’m not a hockey mom but I want to congratulate you for your victories and being here with us today, with very bad weather out there, but all of you came up here and so it’s our honor and pleasure to be able to recognize you tonight. So thank you all for coming and again congratulations.”

Mayor Kelley said, “Jimmie, if anyone knows about weather, each and every one of them - where they travel, cold hockey rinks. I’ll tell them a few things about hockey. Another proud hockey mom, home grown —”

Council Member Dietrich said, “And I’m happy to be a hockey mom. I’m going to be missing hockey from my life because my son is graduating this year, so I think we’ve seen our last of hockey but I have some old friends here in the audience the Shoger’s, the Bilyk’s and others who are having younger siblings playing right now and I hope none of you - I think you don’t have to have 4:30 a.m. practices anymore now that we have the second rink and I’m so glad that we got the second rink because we did that for about three years and it just does take dedication. I wish you all the best of luck as you go on and keep playing hockey.”

Council Member Wilcox stated, “Not a hockey dad, but a soccer dad at least. It’s great to see everybody here tonight. You did our city proud. Thanks for your hard work and your dedication and the great season you had. It’s always great to see so many parents here and we know that’s the real support for everybody and your coaches and your teachers. So, again, congratulations and thanks for being here.”

Mayor Kelley stated, “I’m going to really embarrass somebody, I’m going to ask our City Manager to say a few words, a proud hockey dad. His son played on a state championship team. I think he has another son getting ready to play on another team so they can finally get past St. Ed’s one of these years. So, Mr. Downey, I know you want to say a few words. I know you have a lot of friends out here.”

Mr. Downey replied, “Thank you, very much and you are putting me on the spot, but I do recognize a number of parents; the Shoger’s, the Bilyk’s and some others. I recognize some younger siblings here. But, I have to tell you though, I know what it takes to win a city championship and the leagues are

getting better and better and tougher and tougher. The coaching level is getting better and stronger and it takes just that much more to win a championship now. We have two teams this year that did it, so that is terrific and not that I get up at 4:30, but I still get over to the rinks some mornings and see some games on Saturday and some in the evenings so congratulations and we're really happy to have you here tonight."

Mayor Kelley stated, "Before I read the proclamation I just want to say to all the young men and women that were part of these championship teams, we're very proud of you. We're proud of the commitment, the time you put in to it, but we're also proud of what you do in the classrooms and that's why you're here not just because you won a championship but because of the excellent work you do in the schools you go to. What you do in the classrooms, you excel and we're proud of that also. But, we also want to make sure that you recognize the commitment that your parents put in for you, the time they do to cart you around not just to our community center but to the various places you go, to the various tournaments you go to both here and out of the state of Ohio. It is such a time commitment that they put in for you, the sacrifices your brothers and sisters make for you, especially when you come home after you lost a game and you're grumpy all the rest of the day. Is Chris Greve out there? I see Chris there - yeah you've been grumpy a time or two, but it really is a commitment. We're really proud of what you do. We're proud to recognize you today. You really are heroes in the community. We love to do this. It's a special part of Cleveland Heights. But, again, don't forget the level of commitment and the sacrifices that your parents make for you during that long November / December / January or February and into March and some of you play hockey year-round or nine or ten months of the year. So don't ever forget that. Don't forget what your brothers and sisters do for you and stuff like that and all the washing [of uniforms] and things like that. Don't forget what some of the people do for you, your coaches do for you - the time commitment they do for you and some of the people and what our staff does for you when they are down with you at five or six in the morning or ten or eleven o'clock at night when you are having that extra practice or game. It really is a commitment and we're proud of you and it's great that we recognize you today.

I'm going to start with the Pee Wee team. I'm going to read the first proclamation to the team and then I'll call you up individually to get your certificates and at the end one of the coaches wants to speak a little bit about the season or spend a few minutes with us, you're more than welcome to do that. This is on film and it will be on cable so it is G rated or maybe PG rated if we get to the bantam team, but bear with us. We've done this before, so sit back and enjoy yourselves, it's really coming from our heart to your heart. We are very proud of you. When it is over with we are going to ask each team to come up and take a picture with council so we can put it in our Focus magazine so we can celebrate this with the 50,000 residents in Cleveland Heights and maybe a few other people will see it also. We are very proud. This is your moment and we really appreciate what you do and continue to excel in the classroom. You can do whatever you want on the hockey field, but win, lose or draw, but we expect you to be student athletes and that's why you're here in addition to what you've done on the hockey field. So, don't ever forget that. We'll begin with the Pee Wee Team.

Whereas, The Cleveland Heights Hockey Pee Wee AA Team, a group of fourteen driven players, gathered in the fall of 2003 for competition, fun, development and camaraderie; and

Whereas, they, under the leadership of Head Coach Bill Phillips. (Where's Bill Phillips? Is he here tonight? Let's give Bill a hand.) Assistant Coach Rob Krueger. (Is Rob here? When I watch the NHL on tv I always notice one thing about hockey coaches, they are not shy.) And Team Manager (In a yellow shirt, you're shy. We saw you from a mile away. John Burke, you better quit laughing, I'll get you before.) Toby Hirshman (Where's Toby?) discovered the spirit of teamwork and unity; and

Whereas, the Pee Wee Team, determined and tenacious, swept past their opponents finishing the regular season with a record of 12-3-1; (let's give that a hand, that's a great record) and

Whereas, climbing to the highest level of competition - the finals - they captured the topmost title, becoming the Pee Wee AA Cleveland Suburban Hockey League City Champions; (let's love that team)

Therefore; on behalf of the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, I hereby issue this Proclamation of Congratulations to

The Cleveland Heights Hockey Pee Wee AA Team

Hard work and dedication pay off. But, of course, you know that. You wouldn't have made it as far as you did without them. You, with your teammates and coaches, are a shining example of the power of unity and perseverance. (Again, you, with your teammates and coaches, are a shining example of the power of unity and perseverance.) We're proud of you. Always remember the joys and payoffs of setting your mind to being the best at what you do. It can take you, just as this season, to the high places of life. Congratulations.

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
City of Cleveland Heights
May 17, 2004

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This is team one, so I'm going to ask the head coach, maybe I should ask the shy guy in yellow to come up. Do you want to say a few words before I give out the proclamations? Go ahead. Just don't go game by game, we don't need a game summary."

Head Coach Bill Phillips proceeded, "I first [want to] thank you, Mayor Kelley, and Council People, for this honor and on behalf of myself and Coach Krueger and all the players I want to thank you. It was certainly a season of hard work and [I] appreciate everything the boys did, parents too, they are certainly a big part of that, they always are. This was a very very special season for us and we're looking forward to this fall and I think maybe an even better season. We're looking forward to good things this season. I want to thank you all for this award."

Mayor Kelley said, "As I call your name, come up and get your proclamation. We'll begin with Patrick Burke. Congratulations. Stay up here because we're going to want to take a picture with you. Ryan Dempsey. With wounded knee, Christopher Greve. Noah Hirshman, Anthony Krueger, Graham Lang, Geoffrey Lawrence, Michael Phillips, Liam Robinson, Nolan Schade, Jordan Shoger, Michael Wells, Stevie Williams, Christopher Zirm and we have one for the Head Coach, we can clap for him again, and for our Assistant Coach Rob Krueger and one for our Team Manager Toby Hirshman, who is not here

either. We're going to take a picture now."

Pictures were taken of the Pee Wee AA team, coaches, and council.

Mayor Kelley continued, "Now we will do the Bantam team.

Whereas, Bantam is a word often meaning spirited, teeming with life and vigor; and

Whereas, this year's Cleveland Heights Bantam Hockey AA Team was no exception to that definition; and

Whereas, characterized by an eagerness to contend and led by Head Coach Steve Bogas, (is Steve here and it was noted he was in attendance) Assistant Coaches Dan Gilliam (is Dan here) and Bill Phillips and Team Manager Debbie Bilyk, (is Debbie here and it was noted she was in attendance) the Bantams secured a place in the finals; and

Whereas, with a season record of 11-5-2, they triumphed and hold for this year the distinction of the Bantam AA Cleveland Suburban Hockey League City Champions;

Therefore, on behalf of the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, I hereby issue this Proclamation of Congratulations to

The Cleveland Heights Hockey Bantam AA Team

With fire as your force, you shot to the top. The City of Cleveland Heights salutes you. Remember all of the lessons learned as a member of this team and take them with you. Whatever you do, do it with everything you have. You'll see that, armed with such an attitude, success will be something with which you'll be well acquainted. Congratulations.

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Head Coach Steve Bogas spoke, "First of all thank you, Mr. Mayor, Councilmen and women. This is a very strange year and a strange team and we started off slow and then they all bought into the system and listened to me and became winners. After struggling last season, they basically came in with their heads down and they all vied in the system and it worked and we took it there. Thank you, guys, thank you, parents, and that's really about it. Thanks again."

Mayor Kelley called the team up as follows: "Daley Baker, Chelsea Bilyk (do you play on the wing and she replied defense), Andrew Brandt, Tom Gigliotti, Rollin Hannah (you have the best-dressed award so far), Travis Kelce (still playing baseball), Matthew Kreiner, Andrew Phillips, Brian Rinz, Brad

Shoger, Erick Veenstra, Christopher West, Head Coach Steve Bogas, Assistant Coach Dan Gilliam, Assistant Coach Bill Phillips, and Team Manager, Debbie Bilyk.”

Pictures were taken of the Bantam Hockey AA Team, coaches, and council.

Mayor Kelley continued, “Since you are really not here to see us have a council meeting, we will not be offended if you want to leave. However, there are power lines down at Mayfield and Lee, so I would avoid that area on your way home if you are going that way or around that way. Go a different way, maybe down Taylor or cut down Compton. There are power issues at Mayfield and Lee with the power lines actually being down on the street. I would avoid that way. Thank you for coming. Enjoy your summer and get back at it in the fall.”

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Downey stated, “Thank you very much, your Honor. I have just one item this evening and that would be to request authority to advertise for bids for the Queenston Road area waterline cleaning.”

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

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

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox

Nays: None

Motion passed

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Malone reported, “Thank you, your Honor. I have no report tonight.”

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Hicks stated, “Thank you, your Honor. I have no legislation this evening, but I would like to let residents know that the wood chips that were available on Noble will now be available in the Forest Hill Parking Lot off of, I believe that would be the Forest Hill Boulevard entrance, for the remainder of the summer. If you need wood chips do not go the service center on Noble, go to the Forest Hill Parking Lot off of Forest Hill Boulevard. That’s all that I have. Thank you, your Honor.”

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Montlack stated, “Thank you, your Honor. There is no report tonight except to advise that Ordinance No. 75-2004(PD), which is on our agenda, is not going to be read tonight because we think that there is more work that is needed on this legislation. That completes this report.”

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Evans stated, “Thank you, your Honor. I’d like to present Ordinance No. 76-

2004(PSH), adopting and enacting a new Section 509.09, entitled "Illegal Commercial Parties"; and declaring an emergency. It has come to our attention that there are a number of parties in our residential areas in which there is an entrance fee that is charged by the person in control of the premises and which is generally advertised by flyers. Such parties are illegal commercial activities in residential neighborhoods and frequently result in serious disturbances to the neighbors. It would be in the best interest of the City to codify the prohibition on such commercial activities in the General Offenses Code. Therefore, in Section 1, entitled Disorderly, Conduct and Peace Disturbance, Chapter 509, of Part Five of the General Offenses Code, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and hereby is amended to adopt and enact a new Section 509.09, which Section shall read as follows:

509.09 Illegal Commercial Parties.

- (a) No owner, occupant or person in control of any residential property in the City of Cleveland Heights shall conduct, host or allow to be conducted on said residential premises any party or other activity for which all or some of the persons attending such party or other activity are required to pay an entrance fee or other monetary compensation.
- (b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to fundraisers for the benefit of political parties or candidates or for non-profit organizations provided that the persons attending the fundraiser are advised of the intended donee of the proceeds of the fundraiser prior to attendance.
- (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

This is on first reading this evening. It is going to be discussed in committee meeting next Monday and will probably be back on our agenda at the next Council meeting."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 76-2004(PSH) on first reading.

Council Member Evans continued, "Ordinance No. 77-2004(PSH), amending subsections (a) and (d) of Section 1775.10, "Weed or Tall Grass Removal", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to raise the minimum charge for grass cutting and to specify means of notice of the order to abate the nuisance; and declaring an emergency.

Very often a good number of our properties have tall grass and weeds and the owners have failed to keep the grass at an acceptable height. The cost of cutting the grass has not been raised since 1992 and we're finding that the price of \$75.00 is not adequate to cover the City's administration and labor cost. It is also necessary for us to state what kind of notice there will be.

In Section 1. Subsection (a) of Section 1775.10, it will be amended to add an additional sentence which will read as follows:

For the purposes of this subsection, "oral" notice may be in person or by phone, and "written" notice may be by ordinary mail, e-mail, or by prominently posting the notice on the lot or parcel of land in question.

Section 2, which will be Subsection (d) of Section 1775.10, will be amended to read:

(d) When it is deemed necessary to cut and destroy weeds or grasses on private property, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the owner shall be charged at the rate of One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per hour or portion thereof, or the actual cost of work,

whichever is the larger. The minimum charge therefor shall be One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00).

Section 3 is notice of passage and Section 4 declares this Ordinance to be passed as an emergency. I submit Ordinance No. 77-2004(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 77-2004(PSH).

Roll Call: Ayes: Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Council Member Evans continued, "Resolution No. 78-2004(PSH), declaring the property at 3959 Ardmore Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. The City Manager and the Certified Building Official have reported to this Council that the residential property known as 3959 Ardmore Road owned by Kenneth L. McRay has not been maintained for a number of years and is in a state of severe disrepair. This property has had little progress over the past six (6) years. There will need to be about almost Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) of corrections made to this property and keep in mind although it is a city expense now, when the property is sold that that amount of money is attached to the tax liens so that the dollars do come back to us. We find that it is a good use of our money. It helps to make the neighborhoods look great and maybe even helps to sell the property somewhere down the road. I'd like to present Resolution No. 78-2004(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 78-2004(PSH).

Roll Call: Ayes: Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich, Evans

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Thank you. Just listening to those three Public Health and Safety ordinances in a row brings home to me how really, really serious we are about making sure people maintain their homes and behave in a neighborly way. It is really important to us. On to Administrative Services. The first thing that I have is Resolution No. 79-2004(AS), authorizing an agreement with CompManagement, Inc. for the provision of workers' compensation services to the City; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City has a need for periodic safety consultations, audits, review and evaluation of claims, representation at hearings, and other services relating to workers' compensation. In previous years this Council has authorized agreements with CompManagement, Inc. for the provision of such services. CompManagement, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide such services for an additional one-year term at a minor increase in fees. The City Manager has recommended acceptance of the proposal as CompManagement, Inc. has performed its services in a very competent manner and its fees are reasonable and competitive. These services are professional services for which bidding is not required. Resolution No. 79-2004(AS), authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CompManagement, Inc. for the provision of workers' compensation services to the City for the period from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 at a cost of Twenty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$28,840.00), in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the proposal submitted by CompManagement, Inc. I offer Resolution No.

79-2004(AS) for passage.”

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 79-2004(AS).

Roll Call: Ayes: Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich, Evans, Hicks

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Dietrich continued, “I also have various appointments and reappointments to make to some of the city’s boards and commissions. First of all, I would like to offer the reappointment of four members of the Recreation Advisory Board whose current terms end on May 31st. This Board has been really busy lately doing a few new things. In the past year and a half [they have] begun arranging with staff help, of course, monthly Friday evening activities for middle schoolers at the Community Center and right now they are in the process of arranging for middle school classes to visit the Community Center so the kids can see what’s offered and to try to entice them to participate. The four people on the REC Advisory Board whose terms are ending and eligible to be reappointed are Kari Elsila, Tim Collins, Wanda Solaru and James Moore. Their new terms would be for five years beginning June 1, 2004 and extending through May 31, 2009.”

Second by Council Member Evans.

Roll Call: Ayes: Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley

Nays: None

Reappointments passed

Council Member Dietrich continued, “Next, we have a vacancy as the alternate on the Architectural Board of Review. That has been vacant for some months and since that is only a three person board it’s really important that there be an alternate. Terry Saylor has applied for that position. He is a twenty-five year Essex Road resident. He has been a licensed architect for twenty years and in case that’s not enough to place him, he is also the girls’ Lacrosse coach at Heights High. Terry would be filling an unexpired term so he would begin immediately and this term will expire at the end of this year December 31, 2004 at which time he will be eligible to be reappointed for a three- year term. I offer Terry Saylor for the ABR alternate.”

Second by Council Member Hicks.

Roll Call: Ayes: Wilcox, Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack

Nays: None

Appointment passed

Council Member Dietrich continued, “Third, I’d like to recommend moving Ian Hoffman from the Cable Television Commission to the Citizens Advisory Commission which is a position he has been waiting for and this would fill an unexpired term so it would begin immediately and end December 31, 2004. These are one-year terms and at that time he would also be eligible to be reappointed. I offer Ian Hoffman for the Citizens Advisory Committee.”

Second by Council Member Evans.

Roll Call: Ayes: Dietrich, Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox

Nays: None

Appointment passed

Council Member Dietrich concluded, "Finally, to fill Ian's position that he is vacating from the Cable Television Commission, I'd like to nominate Elton Parker who is an attorney with Squire Sanders & Dempsey. His term would also begin immediately and would extend through February 29, 2008."

Second by Council Member Wilcox.

Roll Call: Ayes: Evans, Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich

Nays: None

Appointment passed

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Hicks stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have one piece of legislation this evening, Resolution No. 80-2004(CRR), authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with York International for an overhaul of the "C" and "D" compressors at the North Ice Rink at the

Community Center; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency. The City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with York International for an overhaul of the "C" and "D" compressors at the North Ice Rink of the Community Center, as set forth in the proposal dated April 3, 2004, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of Council. Compensation for said services and costs shall be on a time and material basis, with total fees and expenses not to exceed the sum of Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$28,980.00). All documents related to said agreement shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law. Your Honor, I offer Resolution No. 80-2004(CRR) this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 80-2004(CRR) for passage.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hicks, Kelley, Montlack, Wilcox, Dietrich, Evans

Nays: None

Resolution passed

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There is no legislation from the Finance Committee tonight but I did have a couple of comments to make. One was just to remind everyone that the Cain Park season is up coming, and for Cleveland Heights' residents only, tickets will go on sale at [the] Cain Park ticket office on Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Again, this is for Cleveland Heights' residents only. We make a special block of seats available for all events at Cain Park for the summer, and the tickets must be purchased in person, and you have to bring a photo id such as a drivers license and two proofs of current residency. Again, the ticket office then opens to the general public on Saturday, May 29th. If you are interested in getting Cain Park [tickets] as a Cleveland Heights' resident, get there early on Saturday, May 22nd.

Also, I wanted to just comment briefly on something you'll probably be hearing more about. This Council and the city is going to be emphasizing our recycling efforts more and more as we go on this year. I know we've talked about it in Municipal Services [Committee] and from a public health and safety standpoint and community services, but I just wanted to hit on a financial aspect of this, because not only is not recycling wasteful of natural resources it's wasteful of financial resources. Look at it this way, when you don't recycle something that you can recycle and throw it in the garbage

it's like throwing your tax dollars away because the city has to pay to dispose of that in a landfill and we pay money to do that. When you recycle sometimes we can get money for the items and we have grants that help us with our recycling so not only is it healthy for the environment but it's healthy for the city's finances. If you look at just what we recycle in blue bag recyclables, which is bottles, cans, and plastic. If we would increase that and what people throw away in terms of newspapers and magazines we could save substantial dollars for the city over the course of the year. Again, we will be bringing this subject up more and more and trying to make residents more aware of the need to recycle and again it's voluntary but we'd like to make people think of it as something that is important both for our natural resources and again, as I said, for our financial resources. That concludes my report."

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Kelley stated, "I just want to remind everybody about our award-winning Memorial Day parade which is two weeks from today, Monday, May 31, 2004. It starts at 10:00 a.m. here at City Hall and probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 10:30 or 10:45 we'll be at the War Memorial across the street from the Community Center so begin your day with us before you go onto your picnics. It's very fitting this year to participate in some way, fashion or form with especially with what's going on with Iraq, so enjoy us. Come join us this day. Again, it's Monday, May 31st and we'll begin at 10:00 here at City Hall and we'll probably be down by the War Memorial sometime between 10:30 and 11:00 for a very short, but very uplifting program for Memorial Day.

Council Member Wilcox mentioned the Cain Park season. Our award-winning play this year and our main play will be Grease. For those of you who haven't seen Grease for a while, I'm sure you'll want to come down and see it and it will certainly be a good time and we have many other great and fantastic acts coming to Cain Park. As I've said in the past, year in and year out many of the events at Cain Park are free and open to the public. Don't forget our award-winning art festival which comes to Cain Park again this year.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2004. This meeting is adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Thank you."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone
Clerk of Council

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