



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:05 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

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

Committee of the Whole adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Kelley said, "Good evening. Welcome to our special Council Meeting, it's running a little late but I'm sure things are okay at Motorcars Honda - a little plug for you, Chuck.

Tonight this special meeting is here to honor our favorite basketball coach for many, many years. We have a proclamation for you, but we're also here to honor our basketball team that's really had such a fantastic year and some of the gentlemen are here that played on the team. I have a proclamation for the coach and a special proclamation for someone else [that] I will read in a minute and for the team and Council will have their comments. I will begin by reading the proclamation to our coach who has been our coach for 33 years and hopefully he will be our coach for many, many more years. Sit back and relax - it's kind of your night, so sit back and enjoy it for a minute or so and then we'll ask you to say a few words and I know Council will want to say a few words. It's on marble, too, Jim, it's not on the usual paper stock - you probably have a half dozen or so back in your office somewhere. Proclamation reads:

Whereas, Jim Cappelletti has been a coach at Cleveland Heights High School for thirty-three years; and Whereas, a graduate of William and Mary College, he began his teaching career at Wiley Middle School; and Whereas, once Jim joined the coaching staff of Heights High, it didn't take long before he began making his indelible mark; and Whereas, in his thirty-three years as the Heights High Varsity Basketball Coach, he has achieved an amazing record of 506 wins, one state championship and five trips to the Final Four; and Whereas, Jim has run the successful summer Youth Basketball League for the City for many years; and Whereas, even more impressive than his list of accomplishments is his reputation as a mentor to the young men he coaches; and

Whereas, he has given his heart and soul to the Heights High Varsity Basketball team; and Whereas, Jim and his wife Nancy have made a long-term commitment to support and care for young people; Therefore, on behalf of the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, I hereby issue this Proclamation of Congratulations to Coach Jim Cappelletti for his many years of dedication to the Heights High Varsity Basketball team. We are proud of his career and coaching landmarks, and wish him many successful years to come!

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It is my pleasure to ask you to come forward and receive the proclamation."

Coach Cappelletti replied, "I remember this past summer when we were sitting in the Pavilion and you said, 'Cap, let's get down to the state championship', and little did I think that might happen, but I always planned to work one game at a time. And as we moved along this year and I saw these things begin to come together, I really had the feeling it could be a special season. We miss not coming here. So that was one of our incentives, was to try to get to Columbus so we could come here for an honor's night and without the players and their dedication, without the coaches and their tremendous dedication and Mr. Cippolletti who has been a great supporter of Heights' athletics and Heights' basketball and our new athletic director, Andy Fetchik. I told Andy every time we get a new AD we go to Columbus, so --"

Mayor Kelley interjected, "Not next year, Andy."

Coach Cappelletti continued, "I just want to thank Council and the City of Cleveland Heights for the tremendous opportunities that I have at the Pavilion to work with young kids and to the players and everyone here. It's just a tremendous honor. I can't believe that I've been so blessed, but I look forward to as many years as the good lord gives us. We'll just keep working hard and try to win our league and try to get to Columbus again. Thank you very, very much, I really appreciate this."

Mayor Kelley replied, "Thank you, Coach. I know Council has some very special comments for you directly and we're going to start with our Vice Mayor."

Vice Mayor Montlack proceeded, "Coach, this is getting to be deja vu and what a nice deja vu it is. We all know that you certainly know basketball and know sports. It's obvious that you know people and you certainly know young people and all I can say is you are absolutely a community treasure and we treasure you. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley stated, "I'm going to turn this over to Councilwoman Evans, who has made several trips to Columbus to watch you play in the final four."

Council Member Evans replied, "I certainly have and I'm sorry that I missed your games this past year. There was a time when that was the thing that I did. I love basketball and I certainly love Heights High basketball and I was at every game I could possibly be at, whether they were in-town or out-of-town and perhaps maybe I'll have a little time to get back there again, to get back to some of those games. You've been blessed and we've been blessed to have had you as a coach for all those years. It's certainly an accomplishment to have so many winning games over all those years. I certainly want to extend my belated congratulations and wish you many, many years of success."

Council Member Caplan added, "Thank you. Over 500 wins is a whole lot of wins. Actually, the thing that's the most impressive is the number of years that you've been dealing with young people and helping them to grow up; to learn to work as a team, to be respectful, to develop as wonderful young men and that I think is really the best achievement - the things that you've given all of these young kids. Thank you so much for what you've done for our community and congratulations."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Thank you, Councilwoman Caplan. Councilman Hicks."

Council Member Hicks said, "My turn already. This is an honor. This is the first time since I've been on Council that I've had the opportunity to have Coach Cappelletti here and I think the last time I was on vacation. But being one of his students from Heights High and a prior coach, I really like this opportunity to honor you. A lot of people don't know that he was also a track coach with Dick Mann back in the 70's and an excellent coach. I know that all of your students have benefitted from everything that you've taught them and they'll go on and do well, and again, I'm just overwhelmed, just for the opportunity to thank you in this way."

Council Member Dietrich stated, "Coach Cappelletti, it takes a special something to get a group of kids motivated and we all know it isn't just knowing the game and the strategy and the skills that go with that, but something special and kind of intangible inside you that makes your teams want to go on and excel the way they do. We are so lucky to have a guy like you here and thank you so much."

Mayor Kelley added, "Thank you, Councilwoman Dietrich. Councilman Wilcox."

Council Member Wilcox added, "I wanted to also add my thanks and your commitment to the community - all you've done for Heights High and the kids that you've coached over the years. I've had the pleasure of going down to Columbus to watch some of those games. I remember Zanesville a number of years back where you were behind and came back in the 4th quarter - lost in overtime, but that was an exciting game. I saw you beat Zanesville for the state championship. I was able to go down this year and I don't know what you said to those kids with six minutes to go in that game but they were 19 points down and that was impressive. I'll always remember the way they came back. The kids had a lot of character and obviously that was coming from you and we thank you."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Thank you, Councilman Wilcox. Again, I want to thank you for all you did, but more importantly I want to thank you for your camp last summer and for what you did for my son. Really putting Gardner on his tail made a big difference this year. When we came to the games Osbourne would always come over and say hello to him and ask him how he's doing. I'm happy to report back that he's playing AU basketball now and we've been in nine tournaments, one of which Chuck sponsored for the team. They've won two of them. They've been to five final games and they've won two of them and we'll get to go to all places, Dayton, Ohio and qualify to go to a tournament there. He really took him under his wing and made a difference and really made an impact on his game. Actually, the week-long camp that you ran was very special to him. So special, that we'll be back sometime this year for it. We're going to be on vacation, but it really makes a difference. I saw you run

that camp and you know we sat down and chatted at the bleachers and we talked a little bit about basketball and life and I kidded you about you getting your 500th win under my watch as the mayor and getting to Columbus and you delivered. I really appreciate you doing that but I watched the way the kids came up to you, talked to you, and the families and really it's not just the kids you coach on the court, it's the other students, the cheerleaders, the moms and dads, the extended family - they all love you. The kids come back whether they go away to college. I know you have one playing for the Boston Celtics now and they talk about Coach Cap with such enthusiasm and such love and the tradition of excellence and there are so many kids that really think of you as a second father. It's really a tribute to you what you do and what you do for our community. I know there are so many kids that you have helped out - it probably could fill up a bunch of legal pads. The special things you do and I know you reach out to them and you help them out in so many little ways and so many big ways that we never hear about and that's very important to us as a community and I want to thank you for all you do. Thank you for what you've done for my son and his basketball career and I really appreciate it.

We have another proclamation for your wife Nancy who is not here but I am going to read it into the record but you can take it home for her. We certainly don't want to forget the years that she's missed because of Friday and Saturday nights. Originally, they played on Friday and Saturday nights, now it's either Tuesday or Wednesday or Friday or Saturday, so I'm going to read it into the record.

Whereas, Nancy Cappelletti has been the driving force of support behind Coach Jim Cappelletti; and Whereas, she deserves recognition for all of his team's 500 plus wins just as much as he does; and Whereas, she didn't need to be in the gymnasium to show her enthusiasm and support, her presence was always felt at the Tigers' games; and Whereas, her kindness, generosity and caring manner have been much appreciated by every team for these many years; and Whereas, she has been a champion in her own right to so many people whose lives she has touched; Therefore, on behalf of the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, I hereby issue this Proclamation of Recognition to Nancy Cappelletti for her many years of dedication and support to the Heights High Varsity Basketball team. We are so fortunate to have Nancy and Jim Cappelletti on our team.

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I'd like you to come up and take this home to Nancy, we'd really appreciate it."

Coach Cappelletti said, "Nancy would have been her. Her grandson's 21st birthday. We can't believe that's happened already. He just played for us a couple years ago and so he's turned 21 today and so she's taking care of his mother and our other grandson and our granddaughter so that's the reason she's not here, but thank you ever so much, she'll really cherish this."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Now I have the proclamation for the team and I'm going to ask the Vice Mayor to read it into the record."

Vice Mayor Montlack stated:

Whereas, the Cleveland Heights High School Varsity Basketball team had a terrific 2002-2003 season; and Whereas, among their many accomplishments, the Team earned the title of Lake Erie League Champions and advanced to the Division I Final Four for the first time since 1997; and Whereas, the Tiger's successful year marked a coaching landmark for Head Coach Jim Cappelletti, who celebrated 500 wins in this his 33rd season; and Whereas, assistant coaches Brian Burdine, Michael Carter, Vince Johnson, Chuck Lamb and Derrick Russell also guided the team to its memorable season; and Whereas, the success of the team is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of each player, coach and assistant; Therefore, on behalf of the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, I hereby issue this Proclamation of Congratulations to the Cleveland Heights High School Varsity Basketball Team for their excellent 2002-2003 season. We wish the Tigers many more successful seasons to come!

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At this time, I think it would be appropriate to call the players and their coaches forward and introduce yourselves and we would like to present you with this proclamation. Would you like to come to the podium and introduce yourselves?"

The following students introduced themselves: Marlon Sanders, Darren Jones, Antoine Gray, Norman Strickland, Harold Haynes.

Vice Mayor Montlack asked, "Why don't you come forward and we'll take pictures downstairs. To all of you collectively and your teammates we proudly present this proclamation. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley continued, "I now have some proclamations for those of you who are here tonight. We'll begin with the coaches, Brian Burdine is not here [at school]. Mike Carter, Mike, I know you're here, come on up. How long have you been with the team now?"

Mr. Carter replied, "About seven years."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Mike is one of the best-dressed assistant coaches in the LEL. Our very own Vince Johnson [at school], Chuck Lamb, directly from Motorcars Honda. How long have you been there [assistant coach] - about 20 years now?"

Mr. Lamb answered, "Twenty-four years."

Mayor Kelley continued, "So Chuck has seen about 380 victories. Have you ever been teed- up? Good Catholic boy. Assistant Coach Derrick Russell. Statistician Gus Coniglio. How many years have you been with the team?"

He answered, twenty-two years.

Mayor Kelley continued, "Lamb's got you beat by a couple years. Trainer Maureen Parnin."

Coach Cappelletti mentioned, "There was a game tonight."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Student trainer Danielle Allen - not here. Team Physician, Dr. Thomas McLaughlin. Well, we sure have an entourage. A lot of free passes when we go away. Athletic Director Andy Fetchik and our Principal, Jim Cipolletti."

Principal Jim Cipolletti said, "I just wanted to take a second again to congratulate the team and the coaches, all the coaches. I consider myself fortunate to be principal of Heights High School when Cappelletti reached 500 victories. I wasn't there at the time. I happen to be, this year, president of the LEL and I was at Severance and I was running in and out trying to get scores. They must have wondered what the heck was going on with me, I kept running outside to hear the score. So it was exciting to hear that he got his 500 victories. I also appreciate that the team shared some of the excitement this year with me. I really enjoyed going down to the state. That was a real opportunity for the entire school. I think one of the most important things is whenever I talk to a coach, I like to win like anybody else, but I always tell all of my coaches that what's more important to me is that the students on the team represent the school in a positive manner and certainly these young men did that for us this entire basketball season, so I congratulate them again."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Thank you, Jim. We're going to move to the players. Jonathan Battle, he's probably practicing his free-throws. What did you shoot? About 80% this year. Donovan Boyd, Shawn Butler, Jeremy Cauley, Jamal Cotton, my good friend Osbourne Gardner, Antoine Gray."

Coach Cappelletti said, "Our forward and center."

Mayor Kelley continued, "I don't think anyone would think you're a point guard my friend. Congratulations."

Coach Cappelletti added, "He does."

Mayor Kelley continued, "Harold Haynes, Darren Jones - one of the best point guards in the area. He'll be back next year and a pretty good three point shooter - probably from the NBA line or the college line. Donte Ledwell, James Alex Nixon, Roderick Powers, Marlon Sanders, and Norman Strickland. We'll move onto the cheerleaders: Tiffany Amos, Brittany Barron, Nikita Collier, Megan Gonzalez, Akia Gross, Jarusha Phelps, Mya Toppin, and Tracy Woods. The coach of the cheerleaders, Stacey Warner. Congratulations.

Now, we're going to have a reception downstairs and we'll take pictures downstairs. So if you want to adjourn the meeting and go downstairs, that's what we'll do. Wait, Council wants to talk to the team. We're going to start with the Vice Mayor."

Vice Mayor Montlack said, "I'm going to keep it real short. You heard enough speechifying and you know I always say the same thing, thank you to your brothers and your sisters and especially to your parents, and to your teachers and to the ones who got you here. And if you needed to hear a lecture from an old guy, keep your eye on the prize. It's a great start. You've done terrific. There is a lot more to go now and I hope in college and beyond that. Keep going. Stay on the straight and narrow. I warned you it was going to be an awful lecture. Thank you."

Council Member Evans said, "I was very impressed when the first three came in and sat in the first row and I said I bet they walk in their classroom and sit in the first row all the time. But you guys really hung in there and showed that you were the team to take very seriously this year. I think it shows that you have a lot of respect for each other. You are very talented and that you had the drive to really be number one and you came very close. I really admire you all for that. I know you had a lot of fun and these memories are going to take you very, very far. I still remember '97."

Council Member Caplan added, "It's so great to see you all here and to see your parents behind you because they have been behind you your entire lives, driving, feeding you. It's just amazing to see how great you look and you've gotten so much support from your family. You learned great lessons; some about yourself and some about team work and these are lessons that are great not only for playing basketball but also for everything you attempt to do in life. So, I hope you'll remember what winning is about, how wonderful it feels and the same feeling will come no matter what you chose to attempt because you can win in what ever it is. So thank you for representing our city so well and for representing yourself and your school and your families. We really appreciate it and congratulations to all of you."

Council Member Hicks said, "Great job to all of you. Thank you for representing the city the way that you have. As the names were given off, I never put it together with Chuck (Motorcars) until just now. I saw the article in the paper and Marcy Warner's daughter in the back, I didn't put that together. So much of the people in the community who are part of this and are continuing to come back and give. I heard Russell Toppin's daughter's name as someone who is helping out. I'm proud of you and again, I'm proud of everyone who has banded together to keep the tradition of Cleveland Heights a great one."

Council Member Dietrich added, "For those of us who are up here, are pretty much past the point where we're getting to experience what it's like to be on an athletic team, if we ever did. My experiences were few and very precious. I just want to say that I hope that you savor being part of a team right now and for as many years as you're part of an athletic team - don't take it for granted because you won't get another feeling like it. It is very unique. While you're at Heights, savor who your coach is. Coach Cappelletti might be someone that you take for granted, but again having a coach like that is unique to your experience at Heights High. I just hope that you make the most of it and that you either will or did already enjoy every single minute of it and I do have a feeling that Coach Cappelletti is savoring it and enjoying every minute of it and making the most of it. I hope you do too."

Council Member Wilcox stated, "Again, I wanted to add my congratulations to you on a great season. Everybody has said everything. I just want to again, go back to that semi-final game down in Columbus. It was a great comeback. You guys never gave up. Six minutes to go. Most people thought probably you weren't ever going to be able to come back, but you obviously believed in yourself. Great team work, and dedication out there and you really made Cleveland Heights proud. Even though you didn't end up winning the state championship you showed the heart of a champion. Thanks."

Mayor Kelley continued, "You guys, I had the opportunity to attend three or four of your games this year. I was with you when you won your victory over Canton-McKinley. I saw the tears in your

eyes, Coach, the tears of joy. To share that with you for even a minute or two was something I'll never forget. To you young men on the basketball court, I'm so proud of you. I'm so proud of the way you guys dressed today and came here to show that you are leaders in the community, the way you came up here, the respect [applause followed] - the respect I have for you guys, the way you carried yourselves on the court, the example you set when you went to other cities; Euclid, all over the place, when you played Shaker and we beat Shaker twice. Three times would have been great, but I'll take 2 out of 3 any day. But, next year you've got to beat Ignatius for me. You can't let those guys beat you. But, I'm really proud of you. You set an example for the school, for the community. Everywhere I went I was so proud to kid the other mayors on how Cleveland Heights just kept on winning. Beating Mentor, you know the cities you beat. I love rubbing it in the mayors' faces. Next year we'll do the same. To our cheerleaders that are here and aren't here. You are so much an integral part of the team. I know the many hours you work and your coaches. I appreciate what you do for the team, the hours away from your young son or actually you may bring him with you sometimes. It is so important. You all work in combination; the coaches, the players, the cheerleaders, the principal. It's such a nice family atmosphere we have at Heights. We've had it for 33 plus years. We'll continue to have it. I don't know how you have all those coaches. I don't know what you give them. Maybe it's those dinners at the Colony after the home games or something, but keep doing what you're doing. Every body on Council is right. These are the greatest years of your life, to have that opportunity to go down to Columbus. We're proud of you. But let me tell you something, the way you guys played this year and the things you did on the court we'd be just as proud of you if you were 4 and 22. You guys really set an example. It's great to win, but you guys were class-act second to none and we're proud of everything you did. Keep doing it. My friend, the point guard Mr. Jones, I'm looking forward to great things from you next year. A lot of guys graduated. The load is on your shoulders and I'll be there to see you three or four times next year. So do what you need to do. Your not going to slam dunk unless you get about five inches - unless Chuck Lamb can get you on one of those Accords and you can spring rocket in, but keep doing what you do well. You're the leader on the team, it's squarely on you next year as the point guard, but you did so many beautiful things with the basketball for Mr. Battle and Mr. Nixon and somebody who coaches younger kids, I appreciate what you did and you got right in there with the bigger guys. Keep doing what you're doing. What guys are coming back next year?"

They responded, "All of us."

Mayor Kelley continued, "You five guys are the leaders next year and we'll be there watching you and hopefully we'll have you back and you don't have to go down to state to come back just do well, and do your best and we'd love to have you come back. To all the parents that are here tonight, thank you for the memories. We really appreciate it. Whatever your children did, you made us so proud of your kids. So, let's go down and have a party now. Thanks.

If you are here for the meeting you are more than welcome to come down. We're going to have a short reception, some cookies and pop or whatever. Come on down. We'll start about 8:15 or so."

Council took a break for a reception at 7:50 p.m. and resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Edward Kelley, presiding

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

Council Members absent: None

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

Wagner, Wong, Zins

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday, May 5, 2003 were approved and signed by Mayor Kelley along with the ordinance and resolutions passed at that meeting.

The minutes of the Public hearing held Monday, May 12, 2003 were approved and signed by Vice Mayor Montlack.

“My name is Paul Aspelin. I live at 3049 Somerton Road, at the corner of Superior. Thank you for letting me speak. We live directly across the street from the Mary Preyer Hellwig property, which I know is a property that has been before Council now for several years. I understand that currently the city is considering what to do about the fact that the person who purchased it from the city has been unable to restore it under the conditions within the time frame that her purchase agreement required. I know I speak for many of the neighbors of that area when I say that we think that it is still a fine historic piece of property and symbolic of many of the early values of the City of Cleveland Heights. We would hate to see that property torn down. There are not a whole lot of options currently open to the current owner, as she explained it at the public meeting that was held for the neighbors about two weeks ago. Her cost of renovation far exceeds her original estimate and we had heard that one of the options that she is liable to propose is to request that her purchase agreement be amended to allow her to demolish the property and to construct a new building thereon. This greatly concerns us because this is one of the oldest houses in Cleveland Heights. It was built in 1885 for and by the daughter of the original Johann Peter Preyer. She was the sister of the man who built the big Preyer house on the corner of Preyer Lane and so it's a part of that historic development of that whole area. The house is indeed in severe distress, but it's my view and the view of other people that have looked at it (prominent contractors and architects) that the house could be salvageable, that it could be restored. It could still be a landmark. It could still be an important part of our community. So I am here to request Council to consider that when and if the current owner comes before you to request any revisions or alterations in her original covenant of purchase that the house still could be saved.

We're especially concerned about the possibility that the current owner might petition to have the house demolished and the current property lines redrawn allowing for the building of two homes on that property. It must be kept in mind that the southern most piece of that property which currently looks like a vacant lot with 50 foot frontage on Superior Road is actually largely comprised of an easement to the City of Cleveland Heights for a 42-inch storm-over-drain-sewer that runs underneath that property rendering it in the opinion of people I've asked here in the City Hall, unbuildable. This would mean that for the current owner to achieve that potential goal the property lines would have to be severely readjusted resulting in two smaller lots plus an adjacent easement. The neighbors think this would make the neighborhood look poor. That it defeats the - it would destroy the great presence, the calm and the peacefulness that, that house still preserves with its adjacent green space. And so we would petition Council to remember these opportunities exist and to allow for the exploration of further alternatives along the line of restoration or rehabilitation. This house deserves more time. Thank you.”

“Good evening. My name is Tracy Queen-Tabor. I live at 14361 Superior Road, which is the property adjacent to the Hellwig house.”

Mayor Kelley added, “Welcome, Tracy.”

Ms. Queen-Tabor continued, “I don't want to take up too much of Council's time but I did want to reiterate one point. As part of the neighborhood and specifically of someone who lives directly next door to the house I would be adamantly opposed to redrawing the property lines to offer two homes to

be built on that property. I think there are folks that are a lot more qualified than I am, architects and structural planners that can tell you whether or not the house can be restored. I'm certainly in favor of maintaining it if it can be restored to its original historic value, that's fine. But if at the end of the day, you find that the house must be torn down and something else has to be built up there, I would be opposed to building two properties right next door to mine. Just reminding you that there is in fact an easement there that should be upheld and secondly from an esthetic perspective and also from property value perspective building two properties next to ours it really is inappropriate and I don't think it does the neighborhood any good. We're an extension of Somerton Road, award-winning Somerton Road. We have those stately homes there and those of us who have invested on Superior Road - that are trying to maintain the look and luster of the entire neighborhood, would appreciate continued support from Council. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley asked, "Tracy, did you have an opportunity to attend the meeting?"

Ms. Queen-Tabor answered, "Yes, I did."

Mayor Kelley replied, "Thank you, Tracy."

Marianna Stein, 2727 Lancashire Road, stated, "It was really great to see the Heights High School team and I think I mentioned before, I graduated from Heights and my older son did too. I just had to talk to Mr. Cipolletti because after a while of being at Hebrew Academy my younger son went to junior high school where Mr. Cipolletti was the principal and I was able to tell him a success story. He is now district manager about to become vice president in Los Angeles [sic]. Also, I want to share with him [that] about three weeks ago [my younger son] came to Columbus where my other son lives. He had to set up some meetings. It's such a nice feeling that our schools are still good and there's so much success. It certainly has been for my kids. Thanks."

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Downey stated, "Thank you very much, your Honor. I have several items this evening. The first of which would be to request authority to advertise for bids for the purchase of asphalt."

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 authority as requested.

Second by Council Member Dietrich.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed

Mr. Downey continued, "Thank you very much, your Honor. We would also request authority to advertise for bids for the purchase of a flat-bed tow truck for the Police Department."

Mayor Kelley made it a matter of record and referred it to the Public Safety and Health Committee of Council.

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

Second by Council Member Caplan.

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

Nays: None

Motion passed

Mr. Downey continued, "Thank you very much, your Honor. That is all I have this evening."

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE / CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Malone stated, "Thank you, your Honor. I have nothing to report."

REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Vice Mayor Montlack stated, "Thank you, your Honor. There are two pieces of legislation tonight. The first is Ordinance No. 54-2003(PD), Second Reading, amending Subsection 1103.03(b)(92)(B)(9) of Part Eleven, "Zoning Code", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to permit phone numbers on residential identification signs for multiple family buildings of four or more units.

Under this Ordinance that long Subsection that I just identified would be amended so that henceforth that Subsection would read as follows:

1. "Residential identification" means a sign identifying the name and address of a completed residential subdivision, or the name, address and phone number of a multiple-family development.

Ordinance No. 54-2003(PD), previously after being read for the first time, was referred to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission recently held a hearing with regard to that ordinance and has reported back its recommendation of passage. Also there was a Council Public Hearing on the ordinance where other comments were received. Therefore, Ordinance No. 54-2003(PD) is presented on Second Reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 54-2003(PD), Second Reading for passage.

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Vice Mayor Montlack continued, "It gives me great pleasure to read Ordinance No. 70-2003(PD), authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with City Vision Development Corp., Ltd. for the construction of townhouses on City-owned property located on Euclid Heights Boulevard, Permanent Parcel Nos. 684-30-008 through 684-30-013; and declaring an emergency.

Previously in 2001, this Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a Development Agreement with that same development corporation for the construction of eight townhouses on City-owned property at the corner of Lee Road and Euclid Heights Boulevard. That developer followed through. He has created some very interesting, well-built townhouses, most of them are sold or under contract now and is prepared to move ahead and has been working with our Planning Department with some other varied and equally interesting designs and indicating an ability and a readiness to go forward.

Therefore, to help us in what I personally consider to be a most important part of our most important Lee Road corridor, under this Ordinance, the City Manager would be authorized to enter into such an agreement for the construction of Phases 2 and 3 of the Boulevard Townhomes development project on City-owned property located on Euclid Heights Boulevard adjacent to the existing Phase 1 of the development. The agreement shall provide for the City to transfer title to the property known as Permanent Parcel Nos. 684-30-008 through 684-30-013, subject to a reverter (that is to say a conditional kind of a sale) in the event that City Vision would fail to comply with its obligations under the development agreement. The agreement shall further provide for City Vision to construct thirteen (13) townhomes in two phases, the size, configuration and design of which shall be substantially in accordance with the plans on file with the Clerk of Council, unless otherwise authorized by this Council. The agreement shall also call for the City to provide Community Development Block Grant funds for streetscape improvements in the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$65,600.00) for Phase 2 of the project and Forty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$41,650.00) for Phase 3 of the project. The agreement and all documents shall be approved as to form by the Director of Law.

I can tell you that the plans that have already been discussed with the Planning Department call for a number of townhouses to have a first floor master bedrooms and this of course meets a need that has been identified in our visioning process and even by simple observation for the people now sometimes called empty nesters or at least one group of those folks. We're looking for completion of both of these phases within one to two years and all I can say is congratulations to our staff. We are following through on the directions given us by the residents of this city. Ordinance No. 70-2003(PD) is presented on first reading for passage tonight."

Mayor Kelley accepted Ordinance No. 70-2003(PD), for passage.

Council Member Hicks commented, "Thank you, your Honor. I do plan to vote for this ordinance. I just have a couple concerns and it's my fault for not bringing them to the work session. This is considered to be Phase 2 and 3 which would complete the entire rest of Euclid Heights Boulevard and my only concern is that with City Vision, we have very little city-owned property for developers and that we haven't gone to bid on Phase 3. I know that Phase 2, he had a right of first refusal. I wasn't quite sure that in Phase 3 that City Vision had the right of first refusal for that phase also and I would hope that Phase 4 we do go out and seek RFP's so all the developers would have an opportunity to do some developments within the City of Cleveland Heights with city-owned property. Any developers coming in, buying up property themselves well that's up to them, but with city-owned property I would think that we should at least offer the opportunity to other developers to see what we can get. Thank you."

Mayor Kelley added, "I just want to say that I think this is a fantastic project. It's another commitment of us - 3 _ to 4 million dollars worth of new housing in the heart of Cleveland Heights. It will bolster the Lee Road corridor and affirm what Boulevard School did with their playground. As you recall, this was a commercial area that was really going nowhere fast, that we stepped in and made a major investment to make things happen. I want to congratulate Mr. Tobey for getting involved here and working with us to do things here. I want to also say thanks to the school board for getting involved with us to do with what I call Phase 4 or Phase 1A, which will be sometime later on in the process, but also to get some empty nester housing here. I think it's very important. It sends a message that we're listening, as the Vice Mayor said, about the visioning process. This is what we need. We'll continue our quest to get more housing in Cleveland Heights. This is an absolute spot to do it in, in consideration of the other places where we're doing it. So, I will definitely be voting for it. I look forward to it happening. A lot of traffic goes in and around this neighborhood nowadays due to the fact of the Zagara's and the diners on Lee Road. It's also a hot spot on your way up to Severance Mall, with all the new things that are happening at Severance. So, I think this is right on target. I'm glad to

support it and I'm glad to see what's happening on Lee Road and Euclid Heights. It's certainly a focal point for what's happening here and I think it's right on time and I can't wait to get the shovel in the ground to make Phase 2 and 3 happen here."

Vice Mayor Montlack added, "I just want to add, I really should have clarified - when we talk about Phases 2 and 3 (stripping away the fancy phrase) we're talking about the now cleared land located just to the east of the existing townhouses, taking it east essential to the bend in the road of Euclid Heights Boulevard and then that other Phase 1A or 4 that the Mayor referred to, is a small patch of land that is located on Lee Road just north of the existing townhouses that was a small part of, essentially the end of a driveway, on the Boulevard School property that the City and the school board has collaborated in, in effecting transfer for various kinds of improvement that the city is going to help make with regard to Boulevard. Right now everyone should be aware that if this passes we will be moving forward along Euclid Heights Boulevard. Thank you."

Council Member Caplan added, "Least anyone think that this is a quick decision or that we've moved along with this in a quick fashion, let me assure you that it's been a very long time. I feel like it's been almost a year that we've been talking about this and that the architect and developer have been presenting different kinds of proposals so that we can really satisfy some of the needs of the community. We had rejected some of the proposals and encouraged the developer to look at first-floor master suites because that's what the community is wanting. This has been a long time coming and I think most of the community, particularly in that area, is eager for it as are we. It's good for our tax base and it's good for the whole community and I'm excited about the fact that we're finally moving forward and that six of the eight that are on the corner now have been sold. That is very exciting. There are only two left (says the sign) on the corner, so if somebody is interested they should make a phone call. That's all I have."

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

Nays: None

Ordinance passed

Vice Mayor Montlack continued, "Thank you. That completes the legislation of this committee. We received just a short while ago a press release that has some relationship to what we've just been acting on and this comes from the Business Friendly Community Steering Committee representing the economic development agencies in seven northeast Ohio counties. Based on a review of the governmental policies in the municipalities throughout this area this committee has now awarded to three communities the Business Friendly Recognition Award based on the following criteria: (1) Such communities offer a business friendly environment to existing as well as potential businesses through responsive help in building and/or expansion in their communities. (2) Have streamlined the process without lowering their standards. (3) Have used appropriate incentives but more importantly were pro-active in implementing their plans. Of the three communities Cleveland Heights is one of those communities and we are proud of that. We are aware that the rap for some years was that it was just too tough to do development or re-development or launch new business ideas in Cleveland Heights and frankly through the hard work of the staff, this has been turned around and here is a recognition of that.

I especially appreciate these two sentences in the release and I didn't write the release, I want you to know. 'Because Cleveland Heights and Eastlake (which was another award winner here) are mature, nearly fully developed cities they were able to expand their tax base, dependent upon redevelopment rather than new development. This made their actions all the more impressive.' And it concludes with many congratulations to Cleveland Heights and the other award winners and these congratulations are passed on to our staff and another job well-done. That concludes the report of this committee."

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Council Member Evans stated, "Thank you, your Honor. The next two ordinances are going to be presented on first reading only. Ordinance No. 71-2003(PSH), amending Section 553.07, "Noise Ordinances; Costs of Enforcement," of Chapter 553, "Abatement of Nuisances," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights to declare certain activities as public nuisances and to provide for the costs of abatement of such nuisances to be certified as a lien on the County tax duplicate; and declaring an emergency. Last year we passed Ordinance No. 75-2002, which declared excessive noise emanating from properties in the City to be a public nuisance. We're proposing this year since there are so many other activities that are negative that affect the City and impairs the property values and the livability of neighborhoods, adversely impacting the aesthetics, vitality and value of the City's residential and commercial areas, and constitute public nuisances, that we decided to think in terms of expanding this ordinance. Section 553.07 will be re-titled 'Criminal Activity as a Nuisance; Costs of Enforcement'.

- (a) The following activities occurring on properties in the City of Cleveland Heights are hereby declared to be a public nuisance:
 2. Disorderly conduct, loud noises and other conduct;
 3. Any drug abuse offense in violation;
 4. Assault;
 5. Littering;
 6. Barking or howling animals;
 7. Keeping of a vicious dog on the premises, on a permanent or temporary basis, or allowing such a dog to remain on the premises;
 8. Public Indecency;
 9. Any of the following activities, when conducted by a resident or occupant of a premises against a person who resides within 1000 feet of the resident or occupant or against the property of such a person:
 - (A) A theft offense;
 - (B) An offense against property;
 - (C) An offense against person;
 - (D) Littering.
- (b) The City Manager and Director of Law shall have full authority to abate such nuisances specified in subsection (a) hereinabove in accordance with law, and all administrative and law enforcement costs incurred by the City in abating any such nuisance may be certified to the County Auditor in accordance with law to be assessed as a lien on the real estate from which the nuisance originated; provided however, that such costs shall not be certified unless the following conditions have been met:
 1. Two or more nuisance activities have occurred on or with relation to the same premises within a six month period;
 1. Prior to the actual certification of any administrative and law enforcement costs pursuant to this section, the City Manager or his designee shall give at least thirty (30) days advance written notice of intent to certify such costs to the owner of the real estate against which the costs are to be certified. Any aggrieved party may appeal such intended certification to the Board of Building Code Appeals, which may affirm, reverse, or modify the proposed certification. All appeals must be filed within ten (10) business days of the mailing/posting of the notice of intended certification.

Certainly as you can tell this is a relatively lengthily ordinance, so certainly those of you who are interested can contact the Clerk of Council's office and get a copy or come read it. However, you want to do it.

Next I would like to present Ordinance No. 72-2003(PSH), enacting Chapter 757, "Prohibited Predatory Loans," of Part Seven - Business Regulation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring an emergency. Predatory loans secured by a residential mortgage are likely to result in default of the loans and foreclosure on the home of the borrower. Predatory loans are often made by lenders to low-income, minority and elderly borrowers. The United States Congress has enacted legislation prohibiting certain predatory loans. The State of Ohio has enacted legislation adopting the provisions of the federal laws. This Council has determined that regulation by the City of Cleveland Heights of predatory loans within the City is necessary to protect the citizens of Cleveland Heights from predatory loans and to protect the welfare and property values of the City. The state law provisions forbidding municipalities from enforcing prohibitions against predatory loans within the municipality are contrary to Article XVIII, Section 3, the Home Rule provision, of the Ohio State Constitution. In Section 1 Chapter 757, 757.01 describes Definitions. Under 757.02 talks about Disclosures Required, 757.03 talks about Prohibited Loans, 757.04 talks about covered loan transactions includes any terms that are prohibited by Section 1349.27, 757.05 and states that whoever violates any provision of this Chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor in the first degree. There again, I would like to suggest that anyone who would like to read this in its entirety certainly can contact the Clerk of Council's office to get a copy.

I'd like to go on to the next five resolutions. In the last couple of meetings we had nuisance abatement resolutions. I have already presented seven, tonight I'll be presenting five different ones. As you may recall, we have to take this route to minimize the obvious blight in certain neighborhoods because of some properties that are not being maintained. The properties that I am talking about this evening have been in a severe state of disrepair any where from four to over ten years, actually. They just haven't made any progress towards correcting the violations and we feel that it's necessary to go and clean the properties up, do the necessary repairs. This is not a gift to these homeowners. It does appear as a tax lien that will show up on the tax duplicate, but it is a way of improving the properties so that neighbors are a little bit more comfortable as to what's next door to their home.

The first is Resolution No. 73-2003(PSH), declaring the property at 3787 Bainbridge Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. I'd like to present Resolution No. 73-2003(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 73-2003(PSH) for passage.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Evans continued, "The next is Resolution No. 74-2003(PSH), declaring the property at 3492 Bendemeer Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. I'd like to present Resolution No. 74-2003(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 74-2003(PSH) for passage.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Evans continued, "Resolution No. 75-2003(PSH), declaring the property at 1710 Coventry Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. I'd like to present Resolution No. 75-2003(PSH) for passage t his evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 75-2003(PSH) for passage.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Evans continued, "Resolution No. 76-2003(PSH), declaring the property at 2477 Derbyshire Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. I'd like to present Resolution No. 76-2003(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 76-2003(PSH) for passage.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Evans continued, "Resolution No. 77-2003(PSH), declaring the property at 2980 Kensington Road to be a nuisance; authorizing abatement of the nuisance; and declaring an emergency. I'd like to present Resolution No. 77-2003(PSH) for passage this evening."

Mayor Kelley accepted Resolution No. 77-2003(PSH) for passage.

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

Nays: None

Resolution passed

Council Member Evans concluded, "That concludes the presentation of the resolutions and ordinances this evening. I would just like to take a minute to give you a little update in reference to the West Nile virus. I'd like to inform you that we have received the tablet that's going to be placed in each of our catch basins which is called larviciding, that particular product is Altosid XR, which is recommended by the Center for Disease Control. After that task is completed the county will test areas of the city to see if there are any infected mosquitoes present. We're really pleased that our neighboring cities are also going to participate in this larviciding and we have every confidence that it will be under control even better than it was last year. There are some measures that we can take as residents that will reduce our risk of becoming infected with West Nile virus. The measures that we can take as homeowners or renters, what ever the case might be, is to be sure that you eliminate standing water, getting rid of old tires and anything in your yard that could be collecting water, draining water off pool covers and just looking to see that there might be any standing water on your property that might help these mosquitoes breed. Eliminate it by doing these tasks. Another thing you might need to do is inspect all of your screens to be sure that they don't have holes in them so that mosquitoes can't enter. If you are going to be out in the evening, it is recommended that you use Deet, an insect repellent and very often wear long sleeve shirts and long pants. They [county health] ask that if you see any dead birds that it would be a good idea to contact the County Board of Health Mosquito Hotline and that number is 443-5643 and I imagine that they will probably test some of these dead birds for a while. That concludes the Public

Safety and Health Report.”

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Dietrich stated, “Thank you. There is no Administrative Services’ legislation tonight but I did want to report on a couple of events that I attended last week. The first one is going to be a little bit redundant with what Councilwoman Evans just talked about but I think it really bears repeating. There was a forum, actually, on the West Nile virus that took place at John Carroll University and it was sponsored by the Ohio Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides and there was a panel of doctors and scientists and some council people from other cities and it was attended by about 100 people. It was really an interesting meeting. Basically, it was about how we can prevent West Nile virus and one of their goals, obviously just like ours, is to prevent mosquito breeding and hopefully we won’t need to end up spraying. I just want to stress one more time how important this meeting made me realize the importance of the homeowner is, in this effort. Residents can play a huge role just by doing the things that Councilwoman Evans just said. At this meeting we were told to focus on temporary non- moving water, even in the smallest amounts, just like she said, things that can collect in just little pots and jars that happen to be in your backyard. There will be a full page in the Focus detailing all this. I think it’s something that we can’t say too often, that if we, the residents, are pro-active about standing water on our property, hopefully we will have an easier season with West Nile virus this year.

The other event that I went to that I wanted to mention was the Home Repair Resource Center Open House. The Home Repair Resource Center had purchased a house on Woodridge that was really in terrible repair. They completely rehabbed it. It’s like a new home. Now it is on the market as an asset in its neighborhood as opposed to what it was before, which was sort of a blight on its neighborhood. I just wanted to remind people that the Home Repair Resource Center is there for all of us to take advantage of. I know some neighborhoods in Cleveland Heights have just received notice that the exterior of their properties will have inspections coming up. I know that sometimes when we get these notices we think, ‘Oh no, what am I going to do? How am I going to correct my violations?’ Yet, we know how important it is that we keep up our houses. The Home Repair Resource Center is there as a resource to help all of us do that. They hold classes in how to repair your house. They have a library of books and I think tapes that help you with house repairs. You can borrow tools. They do have financial help for people who qualify and there are even classes that are especially for women. This is also something that the City supports through Community Development Block Grant funds. I just wanted to remind people that the Home Repair Resource Center is there to help you keep your house in good repair. Take advantage of it so that we can keep our beautiful city the way it is. It’s located at 2520 Noble Road and the phone number is 381-6100. That is all that I have. Thank you.”

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Council Member Caplan stated, “Thank you. I was also going to comment on the Home Repair Resource Center and the house that they did. I had seen the house, it’s on the corner of Woodridge and Quilliams. I had seen it the day they got it and they were a little surprised as to what it looked like because it had been empty for several months and the roof had been leaking and when roofs leak into empty houses it’s not good. But they did an unbelievable job from putting in all new windows and a new roof and floors and wonderful molding. It’s an old house and what they did to it was really terrific. Congratulations to the Home Repair Resource Center and Diana Woodbridge who leads that group and to our staff. Our staff went and did some physical labor besides giving all kinds of education and advice in many different areas. It was really a wonderful community event and they honored all the people that had worked there. There were about 1000 volunteer hours and it showed. Neighbors had come and the neighbors were really very happy to see what had happened in this house. It’s really

quite terrific.

The other thing I wanted to tell you is that you will, in the next few days, get this gorgeous book [displayed brochure] in the mail and it's about Cain Park. I always love talking about Cain Park and it's a 2003 Summer Arts Park brochure. This weekend, on Saturday and Sunday, is the Cleveland Heights Day, when it is only Cleveland Heights' residents who can order tickets and go down to Cain Park and the computers are on and this is the time to order your tickets before anybody else can get to them with a few exceptions. There are some exceptions where the tickets have been sold by Ticketron. But, it is a very exciting summer. We're hoping that you'll take advantage of all of the things that are available. There are concerts, theater and dance, and of course our wonderful arts festival. There are lots of things that are free. There are special things for children called, Kids' Art and it's all in this brochure. So, I hope you'll look for it.

The City is looking beautiful. We encourage you not to put your clippings when you're mowing the lawn onto the lawn anymore. We are done picking it up with our equipment, we are now picking it up in bags. So do your part. Mow your lawn. I know that those wonderful things that make those little yellow flowers on the top and then those little yellow flowers become like puffs, if you don't want to use anything to get rid of them and in Cleveland Heights we frequently do not and we certainly don't on any public property - mow your lawn and that will keep some of those puffs down.

Enjoy the summer. We have lots of things going on. Use all the parks. All of our playgrounds are new and they look fabulous. That is all I have tonight. Thank you."

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council Member Wilcox stated, "There is no legislation from the Finance Committee tonight but I did want to make one comment, it's regarding a letter to the editor that was in last week's Sun Press that criticized the city for use of tax increment financing or tax abatement to encourage investment in our community. The implication of the letter was that due to these inducements to bring new projects into the city, somehow greater school tax levies are being requested of the citizens. If that were the case, one might ask why in the last twenty years since House Bill 920 was enacted have the schools come to the voters every three to four years with the same milage that is being asked today even though neither tax abatement or TIF financing was used much, if at all during that period. The more logical explanation of the need for levies is that this current school funding system in the State of Ohio, requires schools to come back to the voters every three to four years. Moreover, the letter incorrectly states that all single-family homes being built in Cleveland Heights recently have been done with tax abatement. That is simply not true. There are a number of projects including Greyton Court, Cedarmount and the Belleshire Townhomes which have been built without tax abatement. In addition, there are a number of new housing projects in the planning stage which we expect to proceed without this incentive. More importantly, the letter fails to recognize that none of the new housing projects which received this incentive would have proceeded without it. The fact is that we are in competition with other communities for investment in new housing, many where land values are cheaper and it is easier to build. This is one of the few vehicles available to us under the current law to compete with the outlying suburbs and we only use it when it is necessary to do projects which benefit our city. In addition, each of the projects where abatement was used, there is a net gain in taxes generated from the very beginning. That's because this is not full abatement. The schools will receive additional taxes when these projects are completed and are on the property duplicate. Finally, the fact is, that even if the projects' noted, proceeded without abatement, it would not make a difference in the school levy now being requested. However, without these projects, which will be completed in several years, and added to the tax duplicate, coupled with other new development in the city, which is proceeding with and without other city

incentives, we will never increase our tax base which will ultimately lighten the tax burden for all of us. That concludes the report of the Finance Committee.”

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Council Member Hicks stated, “Thank you, your Honor. I have no legislation this evening. I would like to agree with Mr. Wilcox that all new houses built in Cleveland Heights in the last few years have not received tax abatement. I can personally attest to that. I have not received any tax abatement on my house. That is all that I have.”

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Kelley stated, “Thank you. I want to remind you that a week from today at ten o’clock in the morning we have our annual Memorial Day parade which begins here at City Hall and will proceed directly down Mayfield Road to our War Memorial which is directly across from our brand new community center. So roughly, a little bit before eleven o’clock our speeches and what have you, will start and I would encourage you to either come on the parade route or come to our War Memorial and be with us and spend some time with us especially with the events of the war this year.

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Council and staff will stick around if you want to speak to us. Thank you again for coming. We are adjourned at 9:10 p.m.”

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Kelley, Mayor
President of Council

Thomas K. Malone
Clerk of Council

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