

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Staff present: Briley, Freeman, Juliano, Knittel, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Topics of discussion included general information pertaining to the City Manager's weekly memo. Councilwoman Yasinow moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:20. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dunbar. The motion carried unanimously; Mayor Stephens presiding.

Council Members present: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Topic of discussion included the appointment of a public official.

Executive Session concluded at 7:36 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:46 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to the Cleveland Heights City Council meeting for Monday, March 21, 2016. This is our regular Council meeting. Mr. Clerk, Director of Finance Tom Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Tom Raguz stated, "All present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have minutes from our last meeting on Monday, March 7. Do we have any corrections?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Councilwoman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I have corrections I will give to..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "To the Finance Director."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "To the Finance Director."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, ma'am. And at this time, as is our tradition in Cleveland Heights, we now will welcome personal communication from our residents. If there is anyone who would like to speak with us this evening and share something with us, please approach the podium to my left and your right and state your name and address. Is there someone who'd like to speak with us? No one? Okay, well, thank you. Next is the report of the City Manager. This evening Mrs. Briley is

replaced. The part of City Manager will be played by our Deputy City Manager, Susanna Niermann O'Neil. Mrs. O'Neil."

Susanna Niermann O'Neil stated, "And I have nothing to report this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Now the ball bounces back to the Director of Finance, Clerk of Council Mr. Raguz."

Tom Raguz stated, "I need to notify Council that two notices have been received from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control advising that application has been made by the following:

- Forest Hill Kitchen LLC, DBA Forest Hill Kitchen, 3099 Mayfield Road Upper Level, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118, Transfer, D1, D2, D3, D6 permits from Inglewood Group LLC, DBA Rockefeller, 3099 Mayfield Road Upper Level, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118.
- Also, Russo Heights Holding LLC, 2464-72-74 Fairmount Blvd and Patio, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106, Transfer D2, D2X, D3, D6 permits from Cedarmount Foods LLC, DBA Mad Greek Restaurant, 2464-72-74 Fairmount Blvd and Patio, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106.

Your Honor, I would like to make this a matter of record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Law Director, we do not need to take a vote on these liquor licenses? We can just make them a Matter of Record, is that correct?"

Jim Juliano stated, "That is correct, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, sir. The next item is also..."

Tom Raguz stated, "It's still me, Mayor. I also need to notify Council that five (5) Fiscal Officer's Certificates pertaining to proposed legislation to be introduced later in the meeting to provide for the issuance of bonds;

- For the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and improving motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Fire Department, together with all necessary appurtenances thereto;
- For the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Police Department, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto;
- For the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing computer hardware, software and related equipment for use in performing the City's management and administrative functions, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto;

- For the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and equipment for use in performing the functions of the City's Department of Public Works , together with all necessary appurtenances thereto;
- For the purpose of paying costs of resurfacing and making other improvements to City surface parking areas, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto

Your Honor, I would like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. It's made a Matter of Record. We do not have to vote until a little bit later."

Tom Raguz stated, "Lastly, I also need to notify Council that three Resolutions of the Board of Zoning Appeal have been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and is requested by the following:

- BZA Cal. No. 3392: Tyler Katz and Joshua Chefitz, to permit the front addition of steps and an unenclosed porch to extend 14-feet into the front yard.
- BZA Cal. No. 3393: Vince Reddy, 908 Vineshire Rd., to permit one enclosed parking space where a minimum of two enclosed spaces are required.
- And lastly, BZA Cal. No. 3394: Granting a use variance to conditionally permit a lodging house in a former rectory at Imani Temple Ministries, 2475 North Taylor.

Your Honor, I would like to make these a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. These are made a Matter of Record and referred to the Planning and Development Committee of Council for presentation in about 3 minutes. The next item is a presentation by our Chief of Police on the Police Department for the year 2015. Chief, if you would approach the podium. Do you have a PowerPoint presentation for us as well?"

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Yes, Your Honor, I do."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Go ahead."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Ready? Okay. Mayor Stephens, members of Council, thank you. This is the 2015 Annual Report on behalf of the Cleveland Heights Police Department. Beginning here, just wanted to give you kind of an idea on the authorized and actual personnel that we've had over the past 2 years. Not much has changed from 2014 to 2015. Everything has pretty much remained the same. You'll see at the end of 2015, we were down a couple of Basic Patrol Officers and we are still down a few, a couple more than that, as of the beginning of this year. So, we are looking to hire a couple BPOs

and we will also hopefully be announcing a PO test very shortly as we have lost a couple of members of our Police Department to retirements. So, we will be working on finding some good candidates which I have no doubt that we will.

Next, this is kind of showing you the calls for service that we've had over the past year. I'm sure the one thing that's going to jump out at everybody is you can see in 2015, we had quite a substantial increase; just over 13,000 more. The main reason for this is last year we chose to re-categorize or add categories of calls for service. Some of these would include subpoena services, house watch, special attention, assisting disabled motorists, traffic control, civil complaints, and those types of things, which prior to 2015, we did not log as calls for service, but due to the amount of time that is spent on these calls, we made a determination that it would be better to label them so that you can get a good idea the amount of calls that all of our officers are handling on a yearly basis. So, as of 2015, we handled over 41,000 calls for services. This year in 2016, as of February 22 when I last updated the chart, we had already had 6,159 calls for service, so my guess is we're going to be pretty much on course to match the 41,000 or be closely near it.

One thing that a lot of people have expressed interest in were some of the animal calls that we respond to, so this is a breakdown of the four categories that we use for animals. Animals at large was at 530. This was a little bit of a jump from prior year. 2014 we actually only handled 449. Animal bites – this year we, or excuse me, 2015, we had 25 report animal bites and that was also up from 2014 which we only had 14 reported animal bites, so that has increased a bit. Miscellaneous animal complaints – that could be anything from deer calls, animals struck by autos, things of that nature, even sometimes we have complaints involving skunks, raccoons and that kind of thing, so that accounted for 312 calls and barking dogs was at 141. Each of those categories were also slightly up from 2014, so as you can see, we do spend a bit of time answering animal complaints.

Next category – motor vehicle accidents. From last year, you've got through 2010 through 2015. 2015 – the Police Department investigated over 1,300 motor vehicle accidents; 300 more than the prior year, but motor vehicles involving bicycles and pedestrians – both of those were down which is a good sign. As for the rise in motor vehicle accidents – could be any number of things. Earlier on, I think we had a little bit of a rougher winter, so that may play a factor, the weather or could be other factors, so what I'm presently in the process of doing is kind of evaluating where these accidents occurred and see if there's something that our traffic safety and bureau can get involved in. If we have problems at major intersections, if we have speeding violations that there are places we like to put our traffic safety bureau to enforce our traffic laws and then hopefully it will prevent these high numbers from occurring this year.

Next - may be a little difficult to read, but this is going to be OVIs which is just another way of saying driving while intoxicated. Last year we had 143 arrests. This year it was up to 168, so as you can see, our officers are very proactive in this and continue to make our streets safe for the residents and citizens of Cleveland Heights and I have no doubt we will continue to make arrests in this field.

Next, get an idea of the overall crime rates for Cleveland Heights. These are based on the more serious index crimes. I'll concentrate mostly I think on the middle ones. You have your robbery, your aggravated assault, burglary, theft and auto theft. In 2015, all these crimes decrease as you can see. They have continued to decrease steadily since 2011, so whatever we're doing, and the actions that we're taking, we're doing the right thing. Crime is overall decreasing and we intend on continuing that trend.

Next, we have arrests for 2015. You can see arrests were up for 2015. Especially with arrests, I believe our guys are working very hard out there to solve these crimes. We are making a lot of arrests; almost 200 more than last year. So, we are on the right track there as well. Juveniles – juvenile arrests are actually down a little bit, so if I had to guess, I'd say, a lot of that has to do with some of the programs we've implemented. We're out in the community more, talking to the kids, helping the kids speak and you'll hear a little bit about our Juvenile Diversion Program. So far, it's... they are showing success with that as well, so that may help to account for the less juvenile crime that has been in Cleveland Heights and hopefully we'll continue to go down.

Some of our units that play a part in many of the programs that we have - one of them is our Community Response Team. Currently we are staffed at one sergeant, seven officers; we have the bike patrol unit under there. This year we'll have six members out on bike patrol again. We'll also be adding our first female and hopefully when we hire a few more officers, we will be able to add them to this unit. Our K-9 unit falls under here as well. We currently have four K-9s on our Police Department and then our Business Liaison Officer, Investigator Quintaro Mack, took over for a Detective Sergeant who retired last year and all the feedback I've received from the business owners – very positive. Investigator Mack is doing an excellent job. He's out there every day visiting with them, talking with them, keeping updated. If there's complaints, he brings them back to the department and we can help resolve those. Some of the things that the Community Response Team; this is just a sampling. Obviously, there's a lot of things that our Community Response Team is involved in, but some of the main things. We're still doing the weekly Meet Your Police meetings with the first Thursday of the month being held at the Police Academy on Noble Road. On the other Thursdays, it's here at the Police Department. We attend neighborhood meetings. We have a participation at Safety Town. We put on bicycle safety programs. As the matter of fact, some of our officers will be attending a bicycle safety program themselves to kind of learn a little bit about it; especially our newer bicycle officers. They continue to participate in ALICE training, Police Navidad, the three on three basketball tournament and, as a matter of fact, as a result of that basketball tournament, we are expanding that. We are going to have a soccer tournament this year. We're looking into a softball tournament and I guess it was mentioned, a lot of the girls would like a volleyball tournament, so something we are going to look into to increase our involvement with the kids in the community. National Night Out – you know, it was our second year in 2015. We had a lot of turnout and we will continue it this year and hopefully it will be even better than before with even more people coming out. And then finally, Us Together is another program that we participate in.

One of our other specialized units is our Crime Suppression Team. This is staffed by one sergeant, three detective and we have a rotating position that is filled by one of our Basic Patrol

Officers. Currently that position is vacant, but will be filled shortly. What it does is it kind of gives the Basic Patrol Officers an idea of what goes on and lets them learn a different function of the Police Department, so it really helps us to better interact and work together if everybody kind of has an idea what's going on in each unit, so like I said, it's a rotating position anywhere from four to six months and we will be transferring one hopefully within the next couple of months we'll have someone in that unit. These officers normally work in plain clothes. They do undercover details. I can give you an example of one that just happened recently with the B&Es. We were having a couple in the northern part of town. We were able to send those officers in and when the suspects returned, we were able to apprehend two out of the three, so... and we did ID the third, so there's a warrant issued for that person and we will have him in custody shortly. Our Crime Suppression Team also utilizes Command Central. It's a way of doing crime analysis; detect crime patterns and things like that. As the matter of fact, two officers last year attended a three week training course regarding crime analysis, so we're continuing to improve with the technology which only helps us to do our jobs even better. Since the inception of the Crime Suppression Team which was in January 2012, they've executed 151 search warrants and last year alone, they netted 85 arrests and the majority of those were felony arrests. So, they also work in conjunction with our next unit with is our Special Response Team.

It's also commonly known as a SWAT Team. It's staffed by 24 officers. Now, this is not their full-time job. They are detectives. They are patrol officers, so they have other responsibilities, but they have special training in SWAT and active shooter and some of those other types of training. Hostage negotiation – we have 4 hostage negotiators on the team. They're also trained in less lethal munitions pepper ball and they also participate in ALICE training, so they kind of go above and beyond and they do a lot of this stuff and they attend a lot of training, so they're always there if we need them.

Our Juvenile Diversion Program – the mission is basically, simply stated – is to provide an effective and comprehensive alternative to status/unruly and first time offenders and it provides the opportunity for the child along with his or her family to correct self-defeating, lifer altering behaviors in lieu of an official referral to the Juvenile Court System. Our Juvenile Diversion Program is run by Investigator Falisa Berry and Assistant Law Director Tiffany Hill, both of whom really dedicate a lot of their time to this program. I've seen them working beyond hours and such that they're very passionate about this unit and they really put their heart and souls into it. So, they have made it what it is and it's because of them that it is doing so well thus far. In 2015, we had 33 referrals from Juvenile Court. Some of the criteria that are involved in deciding if we will accept that juvenile is the crime had to occur in Cleveland Heights. They had to be a first time offender. It has to be a non-violent crime. The juvenile is willing to take responsibility for committing the offense. You have to have the parents and guardians agree to participate because, without them, chances are the child would not be successful, so you have to have the parents agree to allow the child to participate and the parents also to participate and then a signed consent form.

We also have Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Last year it completed its 42nd year of operation. We've trained for over 130 different departments over the years and, in addition to doing basic training; we do two basic training academies per year. Commander of the Police Academy is

Captain Jeff Barnard. He also has a couple of bi-annual CCW Training for civilians that he puts on and last year we had our second graduating class of the Citizen's Police Academy. The first Citizen's Police Academy took place in 2014. There were 17 residents that participated in that and another 17 who participated in 2015 and it has been very well received by the community. It really gives them the opportunity to interact with the... a lot of the officers on the Police Department. Plus, it kind of gives them an idea on what the things we go through, shows them what we do, so it really gives them a better understanding. We are going to have a third class in the fall of this year and they receive instruction in a wide variety of law enforcement topics; anything from criminal law; they learn about our K-9; they learn about our investigations. All our units participate to give them a brief overview of everything that we have here at the Police Department and as a result they have formed an alumni association and they are very active at this time and they meet on a monthly basis and they're always looking for ways to help out their Police Department. So, we're very grateful to have them.

Just some of the highlights from 2015. So far in 2016, thanks to a grant we received from the Prosecutor's Office, the County Prosecutor, we have installed six in-car dash cameras. We also expanded our camera program in our business districts. Everything is up and running in Taylor and Cedar Roads area at this time. Last year we participated in the first, for the first time, in the gun buyback program in conjunction with the Cleveland Police Department. As I stated earlier, we're continuing on with our crime analysis training. We also have our Mobile Field Force Unit through EDGE who will be attending their training here one week at the end of April and then, for some, the first week of May. I was also recently informed we're going to continue on and do monthly training with the other members of the team which include Euclid, South Euclid, University Heights, Shaker and Beachwood, so that way our team will be ready to go as soon as possible.

Continuing professional training is something I think we go above and beyond. In 2015, the stated required four hours. This year they're going to require eleven. Obviously, officers do much more than that. The eleven hours this year – it's broken down into categories. There's an hour on human trafficking. There's four hours on bias based policing. There's training on use of force and there's also one hour or two hours of general topics, but we are going to require our officers to do the one hour of companion animal encounters, so our officers are going to get a little more training in dealing with aggressive canines. So, I think they will all benefit from that training. So, that's going to complete my report for this year. Does anybody have any questions?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Actually, what I'd like to do is invite you to come back and have a question and answer period with Council at one of our work sessions rather than hold our residents because we all have different questions for you."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And some of us have lists."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "Oh boy."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "And some of those people talk in the third person."

Chief Mecklenburg stated, "So, you'll just let me know whenever."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yes. We'll schedule something with you in the near future. Thank you, ma'am, for your service to us and we really appreciate knowing the different levels of continuing education and the different types of work our officers are involved in. If that completes your report, we'll move onto our individual committee activities. Thank you again. I believe Planning and Development is the first committee before us."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "All right. I'll go through the Board of Zoning Appeals."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Will you do that or will Kahlil do that since he's..."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Oh, do you want to do that, Kahlil?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Since he was present, let's let him do that and then you'll do the resolution."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Okay, that's fine with me."

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. This is going to be new for me."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, well, we'll hold your hand."

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Proverbially. Okay."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Literally."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, you introduce it. The first Calendar Number."

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure. I move that we approve BZA Calendar Number 3392."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And you read at least the first whereas."

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure, suppose I could. Tyler Katz and Joshua Chefitz, in an "A" single-family district, hereinafter referred to as the 'applicants,' have made formal application requesting a variance from the permitted structures in front- and corner-side-yard regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit the front addition of steps and an unenclosed porch to extend 14-feet into the front yard."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And then you go to what the Board of Zoning Appeals actually is referring to for Council."

Councilman Seren stated, "I just prefer to just read it and move it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Does that comply with the law, Mr. Juliano?"

Jim Juliano stated, "Yes, ma'am."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. So, do we have a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar and Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All in favor? We don't need to do a roll for something we're all in favor of, do we?"

Jim Juliano stated, "We prefer you do the roll."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Then, Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar

 Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "This one is approved by unanimous vote. We move next to Calendar 3393. Mr. Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "I move that we approve BZA Calendar Number 3393. Whereas Vince Reddy, 908 Vineshire Rd., in an 'A' single-family district, hereinafter referred to as the "applicant," has made formal application requesting a variance from the off-street parking regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit one enclosed parking space where a minimum of two enclosed spaces are required."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe

 Nays: None

Resolution Passed

Tom Raguz stated, "Six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That motion is approved unanimously and next to Calendar Number 3394."

Councilman Seren stated, "I move that we approve BZA Calendar Number 3394. Whereas Calendar No. 3384 Resolution granted a use variance to conditionally permit a lodging house in a former rectory at Imani Temple Ministries, 2475 North Taylor, in an "A" single-family district (hereinafter referred to as the 'applicant'), which was passed by the Board of Zoning Appeals on October 21, 2015, filed with the Clerk of Council on October 30, 2015, and approved by City Council on November 2, 2015. We are aware that the applicant has made a formal application requesting an amendment to said approved use variance to conditionally permit a 'nursing home' in the former rectory, as well as a 'lodging house.'"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow and Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "This one is approved as well. Next we move on to Resolution 8-2016. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Tonight I have Resolution Number 8-2016; a resolution amending Resolution Number 129-2015 to increase the Home Funds administered by the Home Repair Resource Center for the City's Downpayment Assistance Program by \$72,737 and declaring an emergency. The Home Funds are a Downpayment Assistance Program and I suggest that we approve this."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there any other report or comments from your committee Councilwoman Dunbar?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "No, I'm afraid not."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Moving right along, we're going before the Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "I move that we approved Ordinance 7-2016 which... and declare it an emergency. The ordinance establishes salary schedules, position classifications and compensation, and benefits for officers and employees of the City. This is a revision of a previous ordinance. Among the revisions from the previous ordinance are updating the title of the Parks and Recreation Director, updating the staffing arrangements for the Architectural Review Board, updating effective dates of the City's five bargaining units and deleting language related to the buyout programs for vacation and sick leave."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second to your motion?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

 Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have a passage. Councilwoman Roe, are there any comments or any reports you'd like to make at this time?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "No, Your Honor."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, ma'am. Next we move to Community Relations and the Recreation Committee and at this point in time, I'd like to mention that there is a brand new program that our Community Relations and Parks and Recreations Department have worked on. It's a combination factor because in Community Relations they're doing PR and advertising and figuring out how we should phrase things and word them and how we should reach out to our community and our Parks Department is trying to figure out how to help keep us all healthy and initiatives that they can do jointly are important. Beginning tomorrow I understand from our Parks Director we'll begin a WOW program. It's focused for women in our community. It's Women Out Walking. This program will last 12

weeks. It will begin the middle of April. You'll see it on our website. You'll... lots of folks will receive letters. It's being sponsored by MetroHealth Clinic, the Cleveland Clinic and many of the merchants in our community will be teaching everyone who is a women who volunteers to participate in this program how to use walking to keep herself healthy and in many cases a lot of these women will be moms and it will be... there will also be programs on how to keep their children healthier by doing as little as walking around the block or as much as walking to the lake on a warm, sunny day and, since I have done that many, many, many years in a row and I know it's 19.6 miles from the corner of Taylor and Mayfield to the picnic tables at the center of the lake where the boats come in as you go straight up Mayfield and onto MLK Boulevard and through the parks and out onto the overpass for the Shoreway. If you like walking like I do – it's my preferred form of cardiovascular activity – any time in the summer, either on Saturday or Sunday, just call me. I'm walking to the lake at least once every weekend. Without further ado, I want you to remember that WOW opens tomorrow. Look on our website and you too can walk around the block or a mile or out to the lake and back. Next we have Finance Committee. Councilman Stein."

Report of the Finance Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. The first two pieces of legislation I have tonight are to do with street lighting assessment and forestry and related services assessment. Just a little bit of background – this is... this happens every three years. Every three years we get a certified letter in the mail, or at least many residents that own homes get a, every three years get a certified letter about a special assessment tax that Council hears a lot from residents that their very concerned about a new tax. This is not a new tax. It is not a tax increase. It is just a renewal that by state law we have to send by certified mail as part of your county tax duplicate for your property tax. That's where you find it. It's the same. Well, these two pieces of legislation will not change your billed amount. There's a slight change in the amount assessed from one of these categories to another, but the bottom line is it stays the same for the dollar amount you pay isn't going to change. That's going to stay the same, so again, this is a renewal. Some of you will be receiving that in the mail by certified mail, so let your neighbors know if you get a certified letter. It's not to be terribly concerned about. It's just letting you... notifying you of this renewal tax that's going to take place. Now there's a change this year also with that. It's that a lot less residents are going to be getting that letter which is really exciting because that's something that we've talked about with Mr. Raguz for a couple of years now about how can we get that letter that has to be sent certified and really is a bother to most residents. Most residents don't want that letter. It annoys them. Again, it has no effect on the taxes. It stays the same. The bill they paid yesterday is going to be the bill they pay tomorrow. It's just an Ohio State law thing that we must do. So, the change is going to be instead of every three years, we're going to go to an every two year cycle and by doing that every third year, the way we're doing it, 11,000 residents would get this letter every three years. If we go to the every two years, only 3,500 residents will receive a certified letter telling them they need to go get this letter at the post office that they don't know what it's about to find out it's about a tax that has always been taxed since I believe the seventies. This tax has been in effect, so that's the good news. Less people are going to be receiving this letter. Hopefully, maybe if you're lucky, you won't have to receive it. I hope I don't receive it. I don't even know if I'm going to be receiving it or not,

but only 3,500 residents. So getting to the legislation now, Resolution Number 9-2016; a resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of street lighting. That's Resolution 9-2016 I offer for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you... oh, do we have a second on that?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, could you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "I did forget to mention also that there's an obvious savings also to the City where instead of sending out 11,000 certified letters that really had no purpose to begin with for most of our residents, 3,500 obviously is a much, much less expense for the City to have to pay to notify people that this tax is continuing and will continue.

Okay, Resolution Number 10-2016; a resolution declaring the necessity of assessing a portion of the expense of improvement of streets and parkways including grading, draining, curbing, paving, repaving, repairing, sweeping or cleaning thereof, removing therefrom and planting, maintaining and removing shade trees thereon. I offer Resolution Number 10-2016 for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "The next five pieces of legislation are on first reading only, so we're not going to be voting on it tonight or passing it tonight, but there are five pieces of legislation in relation to the general obligation bond issuance for the 2016 Capital Improvement Program. So, they're rather lengthy pieces of legislation, each one of them. So, you can find it on our website if you'd like to

read it full, but I will just do the very basic first line of each presenting it on first reading. Ordinance Number 11-2016; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$125,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and improving motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Fire Department. That is Ordinance Number 11-2016 on first reading.

Ordinance Number 12-2016; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$110,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and related equipment for use by the City's Police Department. Again, this is on first reading.

Ordinance Number 13-2016; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$205,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring and installing computer hardware, software and related equipment for use in performing the City's management and administrative functions. That's Ordinance Number 13-2016 on first reading.

Ordinance Number 14-2016; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$375,000 for the purpose of paying costs of acquiring motor vehicles and equipment for use in performing the functions of the City's Department of Public Works. That is Ordinance Number 14-2016 on first reading.

And the final piece of legislation for this committee, Ordinance Number 15-2016 on first reading; an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$785,000 for the purpose of paying costs of resurfacing and making other improvements to City surface parking areas. That is Ordinance Number 15-2016.

So again, if you want to read the full texts which are quite lengthy. Each one is approximately 9 pages or so, you're welcome to visit online. All of our legislation is online at clevelandheights.com and go to City Council meetings and they will have the agenda and the legislation and you can even watch the video in a couple days if you like. That concludes this committee's report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Vice Mayor Stein. Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right. I've got some pieces... I have one, two, three, four pieces of legislation this evening, Your Honor. Ready to rock and roll."

Mayor Stephens stated, "All right. Let's dance."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Okay. First on up is Resolution Number 16-2016; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Bobcat Company, for the acquisition of a Utility Machine/Toolcat with snow blower, ladies and gentlemen, for the Public Works Department; providing compensation therefor. Whereas, in order to meet operational needs, it is necessary to purchase a Utility Machine/Toolcat with snow blower for the Streets Division of the Public Works

Department and the City Manager has determined that the selected equipment may be purchased through this State... the (typo)... through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding, and that it would be in the City's best interests to purchase said equipment by this means, and it is permitted by the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances. The resolution this evening is to permit the... is to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement necessary for the purchase of said Utility Machine/Toolcat with snow blower where the purchase price for said equipment shall not exceed the sum of \$55,506.62. Accordingly, I move for a passage of Resolution Number 16-2016, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And do I have a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Councilwoman Dunbar. Mr. Raguz."

Roll Call: Ayes: Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That resolution passes and we're on to your next one."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right. Next up around the bend – Resolution Number 17-2016. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Judco Truck Equipment, for the acquisition of a Dump Body/ Plow package for the Public Works Department; providing compensation therefor. Whereas, in order to meet operational needs, it is necessary to purchase a Dump Body/ Plow Package to be mounted on a separate purchase of a 2017 chassis for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department and under Section 171.11 of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances, the City may purchase machinery without obtaining competitive bids and the City Manager has determined that the selected equipment may be purchased through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding. This resolution would hereby authorize the City Manager to execute any and all agreements necessary for the purchase of a Dump Body/Plow package from Judco Truck Equipment, through the Department of Administrative Services with the purchase price for said equipment not exceed the sum of \$65,435.00. I hereby recommend passage of Number 17-2016 this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "And a second please."

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stein, Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That's resolution passage. Councilwoman Yasinow, your next please."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "All right. This is Resolution Number 18-2016. WE are getting equipment here tonight, folks. This is a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Rush Truck Centers, for the acquisition of cab & chassis for the Public Works Department and providing compensation therefor. Whereas, in order to meet operational needs, it is necessary to purchase an International, 2017 Cab & Chassis for the Streets Division of the Public Works Department. Whereas the City is authorized by Code to purchase for this machinery without obtaining competitive bids and the City Manager has determined that selecting the cab and chassis may be purchased through this State Cooperative Purchasing Program at a lower price than could be obtained through bidding, and the City... This resolution would hereby authorize the City Manager to execute any and all such necessary agreements for the purchase of an International, 2017 Cab & Chassis from Rush Truck Centers with the purchase price for said equipment shall not exceed the sum of \$85,839.03. I hereby recommend passage of Resolution Number 18-2016 tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Do we have a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Stephens, Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein

Nays: None

Resolution Passed

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This resolution passes and Councilwoman Yasinow, your last at bat."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "My last one; although this does not have the thrill of purchasing large machinery. This is the resolution finalizing the authorization to the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete a project improving pedestrian and bicycle access for school children within the City of Cleveland Heights. Whereas, on February 16, 2016, which gave consent to the Director of Transportation for the State of Ohio to complete the following described project: 'Improve the pedestrian and bicycle access for school children within the Cleveland Heights–University Heights City School District in the City of Cleveland Heights' – otherwise known as the 'Project.' WHEREAS, this

Council agrees the City should assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the entire cost of the improvement of the Project, less the amount of Federal-aid funds set aside by the Ohio Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of Transportation; and whereas the City's share of the Project is now estimated in the amount of \$34,980.00 less Toll Revenue Credit in the amount of \$34,980.00, leaving a balance of \$0.00, I hereby recommend passage of Resolution Number 19-2016 this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do I hear a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Yasinow, Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens

Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Are there any further comments? Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "I just hope that everyone has enjoyed their first day of spring with minimal snow on the ground and that those that celebrate, have a lovely Easter and that is all."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Now we move to Public Health and Safety. Councilman Seren."

Public Health and Safety Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. Because I have been assured that this agreement will not interfere with maintaining Cleveland Heights public safety as the priority, I would like to move that we pass Resolution Number 20-2016 authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cleveland for intergovernmental cooperative and mutual aid for operational assistance in providing security for the 2016 Republican National Convention; and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there a second?"

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

Roll Call: Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Yasinow

Nays: None

Resolution Passed

Tom Raguz stated, "That's six ayes, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us this evening, Councilman?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Just taking a lesson from my colleague Councilwoman Yasinow, I would like to mention that I believe thus far this year, according to the last report we've gotten, there were 27 thefts from unlocked autos and so I just wanted to remind everyone to lock your cars."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. She forgot this evening."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "In that case, I would also like to remind people to please stow any loose items in your trunk before locking your cars."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you both. That brings us to the Mayor's report for this evening. This evening earlier, I went to the Library's Board of Trustees meeting. They are going to begin the celebration of their 100th year of service in Cleveland Heights. If I were to say there is any entity, public entity that I love as much as I love the City of Cleveland Heights, it would be the library. For most residents, it is the go to place. For those of us who are a little older, there was no technology that allowed you the ability to pull a book out of the Cloud or the ability to get something sent to you Emailed to you or something faxed to you. We had to go to the library or someone had to bring us a book from the library and for me as a child growing up, those were very special times, mainly because at least three times we lived in countries where English was not the primary language and since my dad was in the service, we had to go to the closest library where there was an Air Force base or an Army base and get books in English. What a wonderful thing those books were because we weren't able to sit in front of the television and watch hours and hours of television. We had to read and so I became addicted to the written word and I always have to have a book or something with me now as an adult because of all that time where, instead of watching something, I had to entertain myself by reading. We now have, through our libraries gained access to the world in more than just going and looking at the encyclopedias or doing review work. You can now, through the Internet, download books or have them request different periodicals for you. They're just a wonderful place and for people in the community who don't own their own computers or have access to specialized computer programs, the library is the place to go. It's a wonderful resource and in Cleveland Heights, they have the Small Business Resource Center which is also helpful to people who'll think about being entrepreneurs and don't know how to start their own business. So, it's quite a wonderful resource and kind of a safety net for a lot of people in our community. So, I encourage you as they roll out their events to celebrate their 100th year of service in Cleveland Heights to go to them and enjoy their facilities and kinds of things they can provide you with learning opportunities too. We don't own the library, but we're partners with them and the school system and all the things they do to provide wonderful benefits to us, so without further ado, I want to remind you – go to the library close to you. There are many of them all throughout the community as

well as these little boxes that have books that you don't even have to check out in a lot of our neighborhoods. I want to adjourn the meeting for Monday, March 21 and tell you that our next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2016. Thank you for tuning in if you're on television and thank you for attending if you're here. God bless all the things we do, but especially Cleveland Heights. Thank you."

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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