

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:37 p.m. to discuss the contents of the City Manager's memo.

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

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

Mayor Stephens moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss with an attorney for the public body, claims or disputes involving the public body that, in the judgment of such attorney, appear likely to be the subject of a future claim; and to consider the appointment of a public official at 7:31 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Yasinow. Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Councilwoman Yasinow moved to end Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Stephens.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to the City of Cleveland Heights City Council meeting. It is Monday, May 2, 2016. This is our regular Council meeting. I'd like to begin with a call of the roll, Mr. Raguz."

Ayes: Dunbar, Roe, Seren, Stein, Stephens, Ungar, Yasinow

Tom Raguz stated, "That's seven present, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have a full contingent. This is really good. All in our places with smiles on our faces. This is a great thing. The minutes for Monday, April 18 – I believe Councilwoman Roe has given you her corrections and Councilwoman Dunbar's corrections are being passed towards you now. Okay. At this time, we have a tradition of accepting personal communications from our citizens, so if you would please raise your hand so that I could recognize you and one of the things we like to remind our residents and friends is that you come to the podium, you identify yourself with your name and your address and then if you would please speak 3 minutes. We will warn you of the time if you get a little too long. Okay, who did I see first? Sir, if you would approach the podium."

Leslie Jones stated, "Good evening, Mayor Stephens and City Councilmembers."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Leslie Jones stated, "My name is Leslie Jones. I live at 3137 Chelsea Drive in the Forest Hill area and I'm here speaking on behalf of Forest Hill Homeowners Association today. I believe that we're going to pass out a packet for you, if you don't have one yet, in a couple minutes; an information packet about the Homeowners Association itself and in that packet, there's a couple of highlight pages right on top where we want to discuss some of the things that we're currently working on and some of the things that Council can help us with as we go forward with some of the initiatives going on right now.

I've been in Cleveland Heights for 39 years and 29 years in the Forest Hill area and Forest Hill Homeowners Association has been working over the last 18 months to really get more aggressive on issues in our neighborhood including our housing situation, some of the vacant and foreclosed homes in the area and what we can do to make sure that our area stays a pristine, historic area that it's been for the past almost 100 years now. We focused on, initially, last November, looking at the vacant and foreclosed homes in our area and we've been taking some very aggressive steps to try to reach out to the banks that own those homes or mortgage companies that were in the process of foreclosing on those homes to, at the very least, keep those homes in good condition as they go through the foreclosure procedure. Over the last couple months, we had some successes. We've been able to work with some of the banks to either start moving on those and get those homes back to at least reasonable condition. At the very least, getting at least the front yards cleaned up, and we also cited a couple homes on violations that we were able to get them to make repairs on and encourage them to get those homes back on the market.

We continue to have some additional houses that we've been working with the Housing Department on in Cleveland Heights to take action on and some of the things we wanted to address today is trying to get more support from Cleveland Heights to be more aggressive in following up on those homes and not letting them languish, you know, over a long period of time where the houses begin to deteriorate. They then sell for less than low market value. They discourage homeowners around them from making improvements on their houses with the house right next door sitting looking in the condition that it is and, because they sit so long, they just tend to deteriorate and by the time we finally get some action on those houses, they're so far gone that they need major renovation. So, we're asking today that you, as you pay attention to the Housing Inspector staffing and the follow-up procedures for what it takes to get those houses moved along faster, that you continue to support the Housing inspection process and the follow-up process, so that we as a Homeowners association don't have to take it upon ourselves to initiate either a legal action or other aggressive action with the homeowners as we go after these houses ourselves.

In addition to that, we've been working on some other programs to strengthen the community. We're trying to get back to being a destination neighborhood, and we're trying to focus on things we can do to market Forest Hill area. We're targeting University Circle right now and we're working with them. In your packet, you'll see a promotional brochure we produced specifically for University Circle to try to attract people from the Clinic, University Hospital, Case and other businesses in that area to make sure they're aware of the uniqueness of the Forest Hill community. We've also started up an Aging in

Place program primed to work with residents in the area and other national and local organizations to assist people that want to stay in their houses through their senior years and doing that. Today we've got several members from Forest Hill here in the audience who are my cheering group, I guess you might say, that are either are on those committees, are helping to volunteer some of those activities as well too and our three inspectors are back there in the back that help with home inspections because as one of the only homeowners association around..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is that why Mr. Sieck is in the back row?"

Leslie Jones stated, "Yeah, they're back there. Yep. One of the homeowners associations that are around that deals with older neighborhoods. We try our best to use the standards of the homeowners association to do some of our own inspections and then work with the Housing Departments of both Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland to follow up on those so we can make sure we can move those houses along and in an aggressive manner so that they don't languish the way they are.

We are looking at a couple of other things where you may be able to help us as we move forward. We've got a lot of momentum going on right now. People are excited. We're looking to do some clean-ups on some houses that are in the area using volunteer support. We also are looking to see ways where we can partner with City Council to come up with some creative ways to work with us so we can spread our dollars around. We are looking to find out if we can have any kind of relief on our property taxes on our building. We own one of the landmarks..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "The little blue house."

Leslie Jones stated, "...in our area to figure out if there is some way we can repurpose some of our dollars that we do get in donations; to use those dollars on other projects in the community and then open up our cottage so that we can make that like a universal museum or landmark for the area itself. We're looking to see if we can get more stories highlighted throughout the Cleveland Heights media; either on the website or in Focus magazine and we'd like to see if we can get our organization designated on the front page of the non-profits. Right now, they have us listed under the business directory, so we were hoping we could get some additional coverage as a non-profit in the area, so when people click on that link, they would immediately see our name. I talked to Chuck..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Mr. Jones?"

Leslie Jones stated, "...Gile just a week ago. He was at one of our town halls. We've had a couple town halls over the last few months about the condition and the outlook for what they were going to do with the Medusa Building, which sits right at one of the main entranceways into Forest Hill and we're concerned that he may be pushed into accepting some type of business arrangement that would turn that building into something less desirable than what we'd like to see. You know, it's a beautiful landmark building that sits right across from the park. It's right at the main entranceway ; a beautiful entrance setting to Forest Hill and we'd like to see if we can do something working with him and the City

in selecting an appropriate business to go in there or other types of commercial activity that would benefit the community.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “It appears you have a...”

Leslie Jones stated, “Lastly...”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Okay, go ahead.”

Leslie Jones stated, “We’ve had this discussion with you, Mayor, last year at our open house about seeing if we can grant non-residency status to the section of Forest Hill that sits in East Cleveland. A lot of the homeowners there would like to be able to benefit from the Community Center being right down the street from them and since we are just one contiguous group that has our offices in Cleveland Heights where we have several – we have about 1/3 of our homes on the East Cleveland side that run directly along the park. We’d like to see if we can find some way of getting them non-residency status, so that they could use the Community Center even if it’s on non-peak hours and that’s come up from us several times about that too. So, I’ve left a packet with you. It’s got a lot of additional information about programs that we’re working on right now. Our biggest focus is doing something about the housing itself and making sure that we don’t have housing deterioration creep into Forest Hill and everything you can do to help the Housing Inspection process, we’d appreciate it.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Mr. Jones, we are going to assign you to work with the Planning and Development Committee Chair Mary Dunbar. She and I will be following up with you and then we’ll talk with staff about what kinds of things we can potentially do with your group. So, if you’re going to stay until the end of the meeting, we will talk with you afterwards. If not, since your business card is in the package, we will get ahold of you and set up a meeting in the next couple of weeks.”

Leslie Jones stated, “Great, thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. Okay, I saw another hand somewhere. Larry.”

Larry Shaw stated, “My name is Larry Shaw. I’m at 3779 Lowell in Cleveland Heights, zip code 44121. I’m here tonight representing, excuse me, the Noble Neighbors. WE have our Noble Home and Yard Sale coming up in a little over a week.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Are you here to do a commercial again?”

Larry Shaw stated, “Pardon.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Are you here to do a commercial again?”

Larry Shaw stated, “We’re just trying to encourage people to, you know, to come. We had a nice article today in this month’s *Observer* and it’s really an important event because it... the Noble Neighbors really are making an effort to get that section of town in good shape and to let people know all the activities that are happening there just like the Forest Hill people are doing with their area, so it’s, you know, any activity of that nature makes Cleveland Heights a more vibrant community. But Friday,

May 13, Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 is the dates of the event and the events that are going to be going on (I won't go into all of the details), but schools and all of the churches are involved. The various businesses in the area are involved. Parks, you know, we have Denison Park and Caledonia Park that are going to be involved, like at the gardens have a component as well and there's going to be arts activities, photography activities as well as music in various locations. There's going to be, you know, food available, restrooms at various sites and we have transportation through the area by the rocket car, so we're praying for good weather. You know, it a nice event and they do have a website that has all of the information. It's nobleneighbors@gmail.com so we encourage everybody to look at the website. We encourage everybody to come to the event. Again, it's... it promotes the area, but it's also a lot of fun and it's just great for both adults and for kids as well. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, Mr. Shaw. This City Council, and I'm going to speak on behalf of my colleagues, really does believe in the work of the Noble Neighbors and their efforts to enrich the Noble District and, as part of that, this City staff will be moving planters onto the Noble Road. I believe it was this week. Is that correct, City Manager Briley? And we will be trying to help make the district brighter for its event. I have personally seen the signs that are in the green space in the middle of the street on Noble, no, on Monticello Boulevard and so, you're beginning to get the attention of people. They're like the Burma-Shave signs from ago, so that's been helpful at getting folks' attention, so next week you'll have another opportunity to come and tell Council about it and one more opportunity just before the event to do another commercial I believe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "It's May 13."

Mayor Stephens stated, "It's May 13, so you'll have one more meeting to tell Council members to attend, so thanks for coming. Remember May 13, 14 and 15 to go up and down Noble Road and see their many events if you're watching this from home instead of here in the audience with us. Is there anyone else who'd like to speak this evening?"

If not, we are the hosts for Troop 403 from Forest Hill Church. If your Troop Leader Chris Harris would come forward to the microphone and then I'd like to ask all the young men and/or women who are part of the troop – I guess it's still all boys – if you would stand up so Council can recognize you. Oh, that's a nice size troop."

Chris Harris stated, "Good evening, Mayor, Council and attendees. My name is Chris Harris. I currently am Acting Scoutmaster for Troop 403. We are located out of the Forest Hills Church at Monticello and Lee Road, and this evening we'll be joining you to observe activities as part of our two merit badge opportunities. The purpose is for these young men to observe activities at a meeting such as this and make note of the activities and to discuss it with myself as one of the merit badge counselors in order to achieve that merit badge. On behalf of Troop 403, thank you for the time and I won't take any more of your time."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thanks."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thanks to each of you young men for participating in what is part of most Americans lives, either you're a Boy Scout or a Girl Scout or a Cub Scout or a Brownie at some time in your life for probably about 75% of Americans. Thank you for keeping the program alive. If you, Mr. Harris, if you need to leave during our program, we won't be offended. We understand that it gets a little long for some of our younger members. With that, there is no one else that would like to speak to the City Council? We'll move to the report of our City Manager."

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "I have nothing to report this evening, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Next, the report of the Director of Finance."

Report of the Director of Finance

Tom Raguz stated, "I would like to notify Council that two Resolutions of the Board of Zoning Appeals have been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and is requested by the following:

- BZA Calendar Number 3395: Don Kimble, 2540 Fairmount Boulevard, to permit two 69-inch-tall masonry columns, three 45-inch-tall garden gates, and one 39-inch tall fence in the front yard.
- BZA Calendar Number 3396: Michael and Sharlene Warner, 2592 Princeton Road, to permit a rebuilt garage to be located 18 inches from the side property line.

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

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This will be forwarded to the Planning and Development Committee of Council."

Tom Raguz stated, "I have nothing else tonight, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, we move to committee reports. First this evening is the Finance Committee. Vice Mayor Stein."

Report of the Finance Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. This committee does not have a report tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we have Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much, Your Honor. I have one piece of legislation this evening and an important one at that. It is our second reading of Ordinance Number 27-2016. This is an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Transition Agreement, Restatement for the Water Service Agreement for Direct Service, an Asset Transfer Agreement, and a Municipal Utility District Agreement with the City of Cleveland. Whereas, this Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to receive water and water related service directly from the City of Cleveland and to terminate the City of Cleveland Heights' master meter agreement with the City of Cleveland. Now, therefore, I present for consideration this evening that the City Manager be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the aforementioned agreements with all documents being substantively similar to the agreements on file with the Clerk of Council and approved as to form by the Director of Law and that notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights. I hereby present Ordinance Number 27-2016 for passage this evening."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do I have a second for this motion?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "This legislation passes. We are officially sending legislation...we've officially approved legislation which will allow the City of Cleveland to approve legislation and allow us to enter into an agreement with them for all water services to be provided through the Cleveland Water Department. Next we move on. I'm sorry, Councilwoman Yasinow, do you have anything else you want to share with us this evening?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Absolutely nothing."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to the Planning and Development Committee of Council. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I have nothing in way of legislation and later this evening the Administrative, no, Community Relations and Recreation Committee will be talking about Bike Month. However, in the event that not all of the events of Bike Month are noted in the headline, I would just

like to say that Canterbury School is having an event for families. Anybody in the community is welcome to come to this on May 14 from 9:00 to noon. It's All Geared Up and there will be bicycle rides for families, a bike sale, lots of events. Have you ever noticed how everything seems to happen all at the same time? It's the same as the Noble Neighbors. They're having their event. This one is just the morning of the 14th, so it's not that much. You can still go to the Noble Neighbors too and then there's a Ride of Silence which honors bicyclists injured or killed. We'll start from John Carroll University on May 18, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. That's an annual event and then, the Police are also having a bike auction on Saturday - I think it's Saturday, May 22, and this is a twice a year event. There's a lot of good bicycles that will be at that, especially a lot of children's bicycles and so, I encourage you to go to that as well. So, that's all for now."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have two pieces of Board of Zoning Appeals Legislation. The Councilperson who attended those meetings, that meeting was Councilman Seren. Would you like to present those please?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure. I assume you just need a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Could you at least read the..."

Councilman Seren stated, "Sure."

Mayor Stephens stated, "The concise piece."

Councilman Seren stated, "I just assumed that the Finance Director had already read it. Okay."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Well, if you..."

Councilman Seren stated, "I move that we accept the recommendation of Board of Zoning Appeals pertaining to the variances for

- BZA Calendar Number 3395: Don Kimble, 2540 Fairmount Boulevard, to permit two 69-inch-tall masonry columns, three 45-inch-tall garden gates, and one 39-inch tall fence in the front yard; and
- BZA Calendar Number 3396: Michael and Sharlene Warner..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Separate one for each one. Sorry, you can't make us that summation."

Councilman Seren stated, "Can't make it that? Okay, so that first one then."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, I need a second for that motion."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "If you would call the roll please."

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

Nays: None

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

BZA Calendar Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. BZA Calendar Number 3395 passes."

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. BZA Calendar Number 3396: Michael and Sharlene Warner, 2592 Princeton Road, to permit a rebuilt garage to be located 18 inches from the side property line. I move that we accept the recommendation of Board of Zoning Appeals."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

BZA Calendar Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anything else in relation to the BZA Calendars?"

Councilman Seren stated, "No, just that anybody who was affected by these changes was in support. There was no opposition to any of these variances."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Before we close out the Planning and Development Committee portion of this agenda, is there anything else you'd like to share with us? Thank you. Our next committee is Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

Public Safety and Health Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. I am happy to present Ordinance Number 31-2016 for passage this evening authorizing an agreement creating a Regional Council of Governments, pursuant to Ohio law, which shall establish and operate a joint Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services communications system for the dispatch of Police, Fire, and EMS services in and for the cities of Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, and University Heights, and other communities that may later join said Center; and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Ordinance Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This legislation passes. Next we move on to Resolution Number 32-2016. Councilman Seren."

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. Just offering for first reading this evening, Resolution Number 32-2016 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with SAFEbuilt OHIO, LLC, on behalf of the City to maintain quality service within the City's Building Department; and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anything else you'd like to share this evening in reference to Public Health and Safety?"

Councilman Seren stated, "Just a couple things. One, I am looking forward to the Joint Dispatch Council of Government's Agreement being ratified and I do hope and I'm crossing my fingers for the grant from the County to help us out with that and I'd also like to encourage my colleagues to consider the idea at some point potentially of expanding this Council of Governments idea to consider other municipal services that we might want to maybe share some costs or lower our costs based on the cooperation. So, there's that. I'd just like to think about that going forward and then, secondly, I'd like to announce that we will be having a Public Safety and Health Committee meeting this Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 here in this room. We'll be discussing vicious animal legislation and also sort of more generally how we deal with dogs in our community; whether we have breed specific legislation or a focus on breed specific policies or some more holistic potentially policy that we want to look into. The meeting will also include the head of our county's kennel - I'm forgetting her name right now - and also our Councilwoman Sonny Simon, not for this district, but Sonny Simon will be here as well to discuss this issue with us. I encourage you all to come. Once again, it will be in this room. We'll be filming it as well, so if you can't make it, you can watch it online later. So, thank you and that's all that I have to offer."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That concludes Public Health and Safety Committee. Now we move to Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I would like to move Resolution Number 33-2016. This is a resolution which establishes an Economic Development Advisory Committee and outlines the composition, duration, and purpose and duties of the Committee."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would anyone like to make comments about the creation of this committee?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "If you would not mind, I'd love to make a quick comment. I just want to say that this is an exciting new development in the City of Cleveland Heights. I know that particularly with the Boy Scout Troop, you're at the edge of your seats on excitement here, but this is a really... this is a bit of monumental piece of legislation where we're trying to work directly with citizens on a couple of key issues where we want your input. We want your feedback as to what we can do to be a better City, a better Council, and though the final composition has not been decided, I'm very proud to say that the Chair of this Economic Development Committee is here – Mr. Gary Benjamin. We're very, very excited for what this committee will do and helping us bring business into Cleveland Heights. We are ready for business. We are open for business and I'm very proud of Council for taking this step as we create this Economic Development Advisory Committee and other committees as well and we are really hoping to reach out to the whole community on this, particularly for people who have not necessarily been involved with a board of commission before, so thank you very much and I'm excited to see what this committee can do."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This is a first step forward for a process that helps us bring in thoughts from our residents, shape them into something that will help make us better and stronger and see the future in a better way. Back to you, Councilwoman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes, thank you, Your Honor. I have two appointments for Council to address. The first one is for the Board of Zoning Appeals, a vacancy which is until January 31, 2018 and I move the appointment of Liza Wolf."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Would you call the roll please?"

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

Nays: None

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

BZA Calendar Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The appointment of Liza Wolf to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an appointment that lasts until December of 2017 or 18?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "18."

Mayor Stephens stated, "18 is approved by City Council. Next."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Next is to fill a vacancy on the CAC. Katura Simmons for a term that ends December 2016."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

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

 Nays: None

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

Appointments

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Katura Simmons is appointed to the Citizens Advisory Council's vacancy. Is there anything else, Councilwoman Roe?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Point of personal privilege regarding..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Certainly."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "...the Noble Neighbors event. There's an opportunity on Saturday for any Councilmember who might like to come for just an hour to Denison Park and help us just greet citizens and serve hot dogs."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Do we have to tell you now?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "No, you can think about it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "If you can't do Saturday, there's something to do Sunday too I'm sure."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "What time on Saturday?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Any time that is convenient for you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "What's the starting time and the finishing time?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Starting time is 10:00. Finishing time is 3:00."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. So, some of us could share this duty. Okay, thank you. And nothing else?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "That's it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay. Next we move to Community Relations and Recreation Committee and our rookie gets to introduce a couple pieces of legislation. Councilman Ungar, that would be you."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "So, a first resolution is 34-2016 which is a resolution proclaiming May 2016 as *Bike Month*, May 4, 2016 as *Bike to School Day* and May 20, 2016 as *Bike to Work Day*, here in the great City of Cleveland Heights."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

 Nays: None

Resolution Passed

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. It's *Bike to School Month* officially in Cleveland Heights and *Bike to School Day* will roll around in two days then on the 20th, those of you who bike to work – I believe that's you, Richard – be sure to bike to work on that day. Next resolution, Mr. Ungar."

Councilman Ungar stated, "The second resolution is one declaring May 2016 as *National Preservation Month*, and that would be Resolution Number 35-2016."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We are now officially preserving the great historic properties and landmarks in Cleveland Heights along with the other communities across this nation. That brings us to the end of our meeting, and you know my favorite meeting is an hour or less, so this was a great meeting and a favorite of mine I guess. Yeah, I am going to do a Mayor's Report. It's going to be very brief."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stephens stated, "This is a community that's rich in arts and culture and in personalities and the people who occupy it. One of the reasons that we introduced the Economic Development Committee and created it is so that we get information and thoughts and ideas, the sharing of intellectual properties with our residents and so, we've reached out as Councilmembers to find out what some of our best and brightest are willing to do and say about this community. Over the next couple of months, this Council will decide maybe as many as four more committees: Public Health and Safety, Finance, Housing, and Public Relations and Imaging. If you are interested in serving the community in any way on any of those kinds of ideas or have ideas about them, reach out to one of your Council people or all of your Council people and tell them that you're interested. You can send us an Email. Most of us can be reached by the first initial of our name and our last name at clvhts.com; that's clvhts.com. We are eager to hear from you. The more you treat us pleasantly, the more we can work harder for you as opposed to thinking about how we get abused. It's like most of our grandmothers used to say, 'You get more flies with honey or sugar than you do with anything else,' so if you treat us nicely, we are more than willing and happy to listen to your ideas and, yes, even if you're not happy with us, we listen to your ideas, but we actually listen better. You remember being a kid. You listen better when somebody said something nice to you. So, we're always here and available to listen to you. We lead on your behalf and we know that, so the more you tell us the kinds of things we can help to do to make this community better and stronger and make our future better and stronger, we appreciate those things. On behalf of my colleagues and myself and the staff here at the City of Cleveland Heights, I want to thank you for watching this meeting. If you're at home in the comfort of your recliner or if you're here with us, thank you for attending and God bless Cleveland Heights."

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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