

Council Committee of the Whole of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 6:30 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, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Niermann O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Councilwoman Yasinow 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 7:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Roe. Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

Executive Session concluded at 7:46 p.m.

The Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, met on the above date at 7:58 p.m., Mayor Stephens presiding.

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Good evening and welcome to Cleveland Heights City Council meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016. This is our regularly scheduled Council meeting. Mr. Raguz, would you call the roll please?"

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. All our members are here today. We have changes to the minutes for our regularly scheduled meeting that was held on Monday, May 2. They were just received this evening, so those changes will be made and we'll approve the minutes at our next meeting. It's time now for personal communications from our citizens. If you would like to approach the microphone after you've been recognized, please state your name and your address for the record, and try and keep your comments to three minutes or less. Is there anyone who'd like to speak this evening? Yes, ma'am, in the front row, and then we'll proceed to the back."

Susan Sanders stated, "My name is Susan Sanders. I live at 1179 Pennfield Road and I'm here this evening on behalf of Noble Neighbors. Tonight I want to express the profound thanks of Noble Neighbors to you, Mayor Stephens and members of City Council, and to all the employees of Cleveland Heights – the City of Cleveland Heights – who worked so hard to help make the Second Annual Noble Community Yard and Home Sale a success! While this weekend's weather was a bit of a challenge, our

Noble Community still managed to host 33 clusters of yard sales, 2 school festivals, 4 music venues, many children's activities and make introductions to our parks, to our Citizens Police Advisory Academy and to the Bomb Squad. We also hosted free rocket car rides, even in the rain, I can attest to that and hosted 16 realtor open houses. We are grateful for the support and the participation of the City of Cleveland Heights. The 14 local businesses, 5 local churches, 9 real estate sponsors and countless community volunteers – together we are changing the narrative of the Noble narrative and showcasing the vitality of the City of Cleveland Heights. Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you.”

Vice Mayor Stein stated, “Thank you.”

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Yes, ma’am.”

“Good evening. My name is Lindsay Reilly and I live at 2475 Norfolk Road and the reason why I’m here – I’m sorry, I didn’t realize I had to prepare a speech, but the reason why I’m here – is actually I’m here on behalf of the Campaign for Forest Hill and what we have started doing since January is we have started rebranding the neighborhood because a lot of the housing in Forest Hill has gone down tremendously and people have noticed that homeowners there are not being held accountable for maintaining their home. So, we have formed a campaign that aims to essentially rebrand Forest Hill as the ‘Undiscovered Gem’ and we are gearing up for our first event which is the Monster Garage Sale which will take place next Saturday. One of the biggest things that we have started to accomplish is getting in touch with homeowners and letting them know what it means to be living in Forest Hill and that there are standards and that there are covenants to abide by when you live in Forest Hill. That is one of the main goals that we are going to be tackling. We also envision using signage as a way to welcome people to Forest Hill as well as redoing the Medusa building which is on Lee Road and Forest Hill Boulevard and essentially gearing our community up for some nation-wide attention with the New York Times as the RNC comes to Cleveland in July. So, I just wanted to shed a little bit of light about the Campaign for Forest Hill. Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you.”

Vice Mayor Stein stated, “Thank you.”

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Thank you.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Is there anyone else who would like to speak this evening? Yes, ma’am.”

Mary Hobson stated, “Good evening. I apologize. I didn’t come here to prepare to speak either. I am a 32.5 year resident of Cleveland Heights. I live at 3140 Berkshire Road and...”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Your name, ma’am?”

Mary stated, "Mary Hobson. H-O-B-S-O-N. I'm sure the Police know all about it because I call often although I've never been there before. What I'd like to address is – about three years ago, someone backed into a park bench at Cain Park right at Goodnor Road. Now I had forgotten all about that. I'm here simply because I have time and my agenda and I want to get involved and see what's going on, but as I was passing that area this evening, it occurred to me that the park bench had not been replaced after three and half, three years or so. Now, many elderly and handicapped visitors go to the park, are either let out at that area or they're waiting for their rides, but with the park bench gone, they have nothing to sit on. I think that's a small matter and I've spoken, I've called several times. I've spoken to people at the park to no avail, so I'm just requesting that a park bench be replaced there at the entrance of Superior and Goodnor Road entrance to Cain Park. Now that the season is getting to get started, that would be a nice placement. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anyone else who are here this evening who would like to speak to Council? With that, we will close personal communications from our residents and move to the Report of the City Manager."

Report of the City Manager

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. This evening I have two items to make a Matter of Record. The first is to notify Council that the bids were received for the 2016 Road Surface Treatment Program. The lowest and best bid was submitted by Specialized Construction in the amount of \$583,095.50 and I would like to make that a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We will refer this to the Municipal Services Committee. Ms. Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Yes, I believe a motion for the authorization... I hereby move that the City Manager be authorized to accept the lowest and best bid for the 2016 Road Surface Treatment Program that is submitted by Specialized Construction in the amount of \$583,095.50."

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

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Authorization Granted

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The City Manager has authorization for the acceptance of this bid. Ms. Briley."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you. My next item is to notify Council that the bids were received for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Program. The lowest and best bid was submitted by Ronyak Paving in the amount of \$1,488,655.00 and I'd like to make that a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This also will be referred to the Municipal Service Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much, Your Honor. I hereby move to authorize the City Manager to accept for the 2016 Road Surface Treatment Program the lowest and best bid as submitted by Ronyak Paving in the amount of \$1,488,655.00."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

 Nays: None

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

Authorization Granted

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This also has passed and the City Manager has authority to enter into a bid... into a contract with Ronyak Paving. Is there anything else, ma'am?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "I have nothing else to report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move to the Report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council."

Report of the Director of Finance/Clerk of Council

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We now move to committee reports. The first committee report is Municipal Services. Councilwoman Yasinow."

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Thank you very much, Your Honor. I have this evening a single piece of legislation – Resolution Number 36-2016. This is a resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation (otherwise known as ODOT) Cooperative Purchasing Program for rock salt for the 2016-2017 winter season. Whereas the City of Cleveland Heights hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the ODOT annual winter road salt bid in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and this Political Subdivision hereby requests through this participation agreement a total of six thousand (6,000) tons of Sodium Chloride (aka Road Salt) of which to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and the City hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its above-requested salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period of October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. I hereby submit Resolution Number 36-2016 for passage this evening, Your Honor."

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

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

 Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Is there anything else from you this evening?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Just to everybody who weathered the winter, spring, summer and fall this past weekend. Thank you very much for your cooperation and your patience. I believe we, as a result, we had, you know, a few small snafus, a few tree branches that had fallen. I thank you all for your patience and I commend the excellent work of our employees in responding to these issues and, as always, I recommend that people install, if they have not done so, on their smart phones the Access Cleveland Heights app which is an excellent and handy-dandy way to let the City know of any issues that you might see in the City from potholes to a traffic signal to a broken parking meter. So, if you have not done so already, please download the Access Cleveland Heights app on your smart phone to help keep City services strong and Cleveland Heights beautiful. That is all."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I have nothing formal to report or official to report this night. However, you may recall from two weeks ago that we declared May Bike Month in Cleveland Heights and also, this is Bike to Work Week, so I want you to know that I bicycled to City Council tonight and there's a whole bunch of events happening because of Bike to Work Week. There's going to be a ribbon cutting for the Lake to Lakes Trail on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 on the north side of Fairhill Road, close to Cleveland basically, and this is the culmination. It's a joint project of Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights to connect the Lakes (Shaker Lakes) to Lake Erie and so now there's a multi-purpose trail that people can either walk or bike all the way to Lake Erie from Shaker Lakes and the trail also connects to

the bike lanes on North Park and multi-purpose trail along the [south] side of North Park and I have to give credit to Richard Wong for putting a bicycle repair stand at the corner of Coventry and North Park and also I give him and our Planning... [and] our Public Works Department... credit for the bike lane on North Park. Also, the same night, at 6:30 there's a Ride of Silence. That's Wednesday, May 18 and this is an annual slow, silent ride honoring those injured or killed while riding their bicycles. It starts at this end from John Carroll University parking lot and goes along Fairmount Boulevard to meet up with a contingent from Cleveland that is starting from the Free Stamp Park downtown and people can join along the way. They're encouraged to wear white to this event and again it's an annual event. Friday, May 20 is Bike to Work Day and there will be 'energizer stations' all over town in Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. Ours is at Edgehill and Overlook Roads from 7:00 to 9:00 [a.m.]. You get free coffee, bagels and conversation and RTA passengers on that day that have a bicycle can ride for free all day long, so take advantage of that. All our RTA buses have accommodation for three bicycles on them now, up from two just a few years ago and you can also take your bicycle on the Health Line or the trains. On May 20, which is a Sunday, from 1:00 to 3:00, the Cleveland Heights Police are going to have a bicycle auction at the rear parking lot at this Cleveland Heights City Hall. They have more than 150 bicycles that were recovered to be sold, many of them children's bikes and they're making this an event for families as well. [The] Police Bike Unit will discuss safety with families, will be joined by Police K-9 and Community Response Team and finally, on June 4 from 11:00 to 1:00 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – is the Coventry Bike Tune-Up where mechanics from the Cleveland Heights-based bicycle supply company Hirobel and Heights Bicycle Coalition volunteers will fix flat tires, make minor repairs and recommend bike shops if they're needed. It's free, so take advantage of all of this. On a personal note, some of you know that I've been training for a marathon. I ran it this weekend. It was in Eastern Pennsylvania. Here's my medal to show that I finished it. I finished eight minutes ahead of my Boston Marathon qualifying times, so that was my goal. Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Councilwoman Dunbar, fabulous. Eight minutes off of time – that's great! Anything else?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "No, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Public Health and Safety Committee. Councilman Kahlil Seren."

Report of the Public Health and Safety Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Nothing to report, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you, and we move on to Administrative Services Committee. That is you, Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have two pieces of legislation. First I have Ordinance Number 37-2016. This is an ordinance that is amending the regular meetings of the Administrative Code of the Cleveland Heights Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency. This

ordinance is proposed based upon Council's determination that there is a need for some flexibility in scheduling the regular meetings particularly when there is a holiday on a Monday. It's been the practice to move the meeting to the next day, so we are codifying our current practice. I so move."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Secondly, I move to cancel the regularly scheduled Council meeting for August 15, 2016."

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Motion Passed

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

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes, I would like to move to appoint the following people to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2016. The members to be appointed are the Chair, Gary Benjamin, Bob Brown, Douglas Dykes, Patty Eidukavich, Brenda May, Eustacia Netzel-Hatcher and Joy Roller. Did I say Bob Brown? Okay, that should be seven."

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

Vice Mayor Stein and Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Appointments Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We just appointed a committee that will help us look into the future of our economic development activities. They will be working with us until the end of the year. Councilwoman Roe."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Yes, I have a motion to nominate Thomas Nobbe to the Fair Practices Board for a term ending in December [2018]."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. This motion passes. You have an additional appointment for that committee?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Not at this time, Your Honor. A point of personal privilege?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "But of course."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "So, I would just like to echo the thanks from the Noble Neighbors for this weekend and particularly commend the staff members of the City of Cleveland Heights who were so responsive in terms of cleaning up the neighborhood, particularly the litter, and it was certainly appreciated."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilwoman Roe stated, "That's the end."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Next we move Community Relations and Recreation Committee, Councilman Ungar."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "Nothing to report."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, thank you. Finance Committee. Vice Mayor Stein."

Report of the Finance Committee

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Nothing to report."

Mayor's Report

Mayor Stephens stated, "That brings us to the Mayor's Report. You've heard so much about Noble Neighbors this weekend. I want to continue to say along with my colleagues that we were proud of the work that staff did and we are also glad that the neighbors came together through, as my colleague Councilwoman Yasinow put it, all four seasons on Saturday and Sunday to continue to reach out and let people know that the residents who live on either side of Noble Road, east or west, really are a vibrant community and we will continue to work with you from City Hall to make sure that your neighborhood stays the vibrant community you know and love well. So, thank you for your attendance this evening. Our next Council meeting is Monday, June 6, 2016. Thank you for your attendance this evening and may God bless Cleveland Heights."

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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