

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, Juliano, Lambdin, Mannarino, McRae, Mecklenburg, Niermann
O'Neil, Raguz, Wagner, Wong

Councilwoman Dunbar 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 7:15 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 7:38 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stein.

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 7:44 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 Cleveland Heights City Council meeting of Monday, June 6, 2016. This is our regular 7:30 Council meeting. I'd like for the Clerk, Mr. Raguz, to call roll please."

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

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. We have no absent members to excuse. Minutes were provided to the Council members. I believe corrections have been submitted to you, so we will be waiting on those. Then, personal communications from citizens."

Tanisha Briley stated, "What about the May 2 meeting? We have made those corrections and..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Oh, I'm sorry. I skipped over that. We have minutes to approve for May 2 and May 16. Is that correct?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Yes, it sounds like you want to wait on the May 16 minutes. We can always accept those corrections. You can approve the minutes with the corrections noted. We'll make those later or you can hold them like you've done this past week."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, so 2nd's are ready for approval, but the 16th is not because we have new corrections. Is that correct?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Or you can say that they're..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "That they're approved upon making corrections."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Correct. So, it's your choice."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, the minutes have been approved... minutes for the approval of Council for Mondays, May 2 are approved and the minutes for May 16 are approved with amendments or corrections."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Now we have personal communications from our residents or citizens. Is anyone here who would like to speak to the Council this evening? Okay, that makes life simple and now we have the report of the City Manager."

Report of the City Manager

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. The Report of the Clerk of Council/Director of Finance. Mr. Raguz."

Report of the Clerk of Council/Director of Finance

Tom Raguz stated, "I would like to notify Council that a Resolution of the Board of Zoning Appeals has been received pertaining to variances in the Zoning Code and is requested by the following: BZA Calendar Number 3397: Neil and Bobbie Stanich, 1991 Lee Road, to permit a 48-inch-tall ornamental metal fence in the corner-side-yard along the property line shared with 3213 E. Berkshire Road. Your Honor, I would like to make this a Matter of Record."

Matter of Record

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, we'll refer that to the Planning and Development Committee of Council when we get to the Planning and Development section of the committee reports."

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

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. All right. The first committee up is the Planning and Development Committee of Council. Councilwoman Dunbar."

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "So, we will now discuss the Calendar Number 3397 which was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals with some recommendations for some of the requirements. Basically, Neil and Bobbie Stanich of 1991 Lee Road in an S-2 Mixed District made formal application requesting a variance from the commercial fence regulations of the Zoning Code, to permit a 48-inch-tall ornamental metal fence in the corner-side-yard along the property line shared with 3213 E. Berkshire; and this was approved, but the applicant is required to first obtain a fence permit. Second, to uphold a requirement to return to the Board of Zoning Appeals for another variance should the property owner consider modifications that would increase the fence's height; obtain approval of a landscaping plan for the corner side yard fence by the Planning Director; installation of the fence shall not impede the required sight triangles for the 3213 E Berkshire Rd. driveway; and finally complete construction within 12 months of City Council's approval of this resolution."

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "I move that we approve this."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

BZA Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That was passed and with, after time passes; they will have the ability to build their fence under the guidance of Planning and Development staff. Councilwoman Dunbar, would you like to proceed with the piece of legislation?"

Report of the Planning and Development Committee

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Yes. I am pleased to offer Resolution Number 38-2016; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant not to exceed \$30,000 in federal funds from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency to transform bike lanes into buffered bike lanes on North Park Boulevard from Harcourt Drive to Lee Road; and declaring an emergency. A few years ago, the City of Cleveland Heights and University Circle, commissioned a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative Planning Study entitled, 'The University Circle-Cleveland Heights Bicycle Network Study,' aiming to increase the number of bicycle trips between Cleveland Heights and University Circle.

This study proposed that the North Park Boulevard bike lanes become buffered bike lanes (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") to provide greater protection to bicyclists and to calm traffic. Now the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's Board of Directors has approved \$20,000 – excuse me - \$30,000 in federal funding for the entire probable cost of this project which is expected to deter motorists' from speeding and from passing bicyclists in an unsafe manner which would improve the general public's safety. This is a good and beneficial resolution and I ask Councilmembers to vote in favor of it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, we've entertained a motion for Resolution 38-2016. Would you call the roll please?"

Tanisha Briley stated, "Is there a second?"

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a first and a second? I'm sorry."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Second."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. That motion passes. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us from the Planning and Development Committee?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Well, I would like to share that a Cleveland Heights event won a gold medal level award at the Trails and Showcase, The Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways Conference. The event is All Geared Up and it's a family bicycle event that included bike rides, free bike helmets provided by the pediatricians of Ohio, a Bike Rodeo, community Bike Police were involved, lots of events; and it got a gold award from the conference to recognize it as a, 'truly game changing model program that should be replicated across the region.' So, that's news for Coventry – excuse me – Canterbury School which was where the event took place and that organized it. Secondly, this past Saturday, Coventry had a free bike tune-up and there were a half dozen or so volunteers there from Hirobel which is a Cleveland Heights based bicycling company and Heights Bicycle Coalition and they were busy from 11:00 until 2:00 in the afternoon constantly fixing up people's bicycles so they could ride, so there should be more people out on the roads riding their bicycles now and it was a very happy event. So, that's it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Our next committee is the Public Safety and Health Committee. Councilman Seren."

Report of the Public Safety and Health Committee

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, Mayor. I would like to bring for a second reading and ask for your support for 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, "You've made this a motion. Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

(Inaudible.)

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a question? Okay, if you would call the roll, please."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Councilman Seren stated, "All right. I'd also like to bring forward Resolution Number 39-2016 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Statewide Ford/Lincoln Mercury of Van Wert, Ohio, for the purchase of three new, 2017 Ford Utility Interceptors (Explorers) for the Police Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program; providing compensation therefor; and declaring an emergency for a total cost not to exceed \$102,516.00. I'd like to offer that for first reading passage."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Uh, did you... first reading, I thought this was just for passage."

(Various inaudible comments.)

Councilman Seren stated, "Yeah, that's what I mean – passage on first reading."

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Yeah, there's a second. If you would read the roll please."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Councilman Seren stated, "Thank you, and lastly, I'd like to bring forward for first reading only Resolution Number 40-2016 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Life Force Management, Inc., to provide billing, collection, and related services for all ambulance services rendered by the City; and declaring an emergency."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Since that's a first reading, we do not need a second or a vote. Councilman Seren, do you have anything else you'd like to share with your committee or with our members or our residents?"

Councilman Seren stated, "No, thank you."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, that concludes your presentation. I'd like to move on to Administrative Services Committee. Councilwoman Roe."

Report of the Administrative Services Committee

Councilwoman Roe stated, "No report, Your Honor."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Moving from there to Community Relations and Recreation Committee. Councilman Ungar."

Report of the Community Relations and Recreation Committee

Councilman Ungar stated, "Yes, I have the privilege – and I do mean it's a privilege to suggest to you the adoption of a resolution that declares June of 2016 – I dare say we probably need to do so retroactively since we're into June - 'LGBT Pride Month' and declaring an emergency. The fact is, by the way I get no credit for this, someone else had this great idea, but the fact is that our City has historically been a community that values and seeks diversity in its residents and this resolution further promotes our community and our desire to build and strengthen both at the local and at the national level and recognized the fact that we as the City of Cleveland Heights should value the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community members as colleagues and neighbors and daughters and sons and sisters and brothers and friends and partners, etc. So, I would urge the passage of this resolution. Thank you for allowing me to do so."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, well, everybody seconds that one."

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

 Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Councilman Ungar stated, "I just parenthetically note and thank whomever again. I meant what I said. I have no idea who came up with this idea, but whoever did deserves kudos. It reflects well on us and on our City and thank you for doing that. Nobody's taking credit."

Tanisha Briley stated, "Councilman..."

Mayor Stephens stated, "I believe Stonewall Democrats sent us that for the very first time."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Is that right? That's great. Thank you for doing it."

Mayor Stephens stated, "It's been, let's see, since we became very active as a Council in 2006 maybe and we were one of the first communities to..."

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, "We were the first municipality in the State of Ohio to have a Domestic Partner Registry in the early thoughts."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Right. 2002."

Mayor Stephens stated, "So, it was one. It was us and then other communities in other states, but, so we have always been ahead of the edge on understanding diversity-based issues. And now we move on to Finance Committee. Councilman Stein. Vice Mayor Stein, sorry."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Thank you, Your Honor. I have Resolution Number 42-2016 which is a – well, actually, before I start - I have a number of pieces of legislation all having to do with our CDBG funds which were discussed previously at previous Council meetings, but these are the distributed amounts to the different organizations that are going to be awarded our CDBG funding. So, Resolution Number 42-2016, a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Cedar Taylor Development Association, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for assistance with the costs of the Association relative to the implementation of streetscape enhancements for the business district and the recommended award amount is \$10,000.00. I offer Resolution Number 42-2016 for passage tonight."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Okay, then we will accept a second for this resolution."

Councilman Ungar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. If you'd call the roll please, Mr. Raguz."

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "I have Resolution Number 43-2016; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Tenants Organization, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide funding for assistance with its telephone information services and the recommended award amount is \$7,000.00. I offer Resolution Number 43-2016 for passage."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second for that motion?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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

Nays: None

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Moving on to the next resolution."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "The next resolution which is Resolution Number 44-2016, we going to hold until our next meeting. So, the next is Number 45-2016; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with FutureHeights, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds to provide funding for assistance with its Community Capacity Building Program; and provide recommended award is \$30,000.00. I offer Resolution Number 45-2016 for passage tonight."

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

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

Mayor Stephens stated, "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."

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Resolution Number 46-2016 will also be held until next meeting and therefore, Resolution Number 47-2016 authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Heights Community Congress, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for assistance with its programs to educate on Diversity in our Community and the recommended awarded amount is \$3,500.00. I offer Resolution Number 47-2016 for passage."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Roe stated, "Second."

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

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, "Thank you. Resolution."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Resolution Number 48-2016 authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Heights Emergency Food Center, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds for the payment of operating expenses and the recommended awarded amount is \$11,000.00. I offer Resolution Number 48-2016 for passage."

Mayor Stephens stated, "Is there a second?"

Councilwoman Dunbar stated, "Second."

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

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. Our next resolution."

Vice Mayor Stein stated, "Number 49-2016; a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Home Repair Resource Center, a non-profit corporation, for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for assistance with HRRC's home-repair and home-improvement programs. Now, there's a few different categories here that we're awarding: \$95,000.00 for operating expenses; \$5,000.00 for Senior Home Stability Grants; \$15,000.00 for Assist Incentive

Grants; \$7,500 for Deferred Loan Match and \$16,500.00 for Housing Counseling; for a total grant of \$139,000.00. I offer Resolution Number 49-2016 for passage.”

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

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “Second.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. If you would call the roll please, Mr. Raguz.”

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

 Nays: None

Tom Raguz stated, “That’s seven ayes, Your Honor.”

Resolution Passed

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. We have passed at least half of our Community Development Block Grants, but thank you all and I hope that all of the non-profits who are involved in these activities will continue to do the good work that they do in Cleveland Heights. With that, we move to the Municipal Services Committee. Councilwoman Yasinow.

Report of the Municipal Services Committee

Councilwoman Yasinow stated, “I have nothing to report this evening, Your Honor.”

Mayor Stephens stated, “Thank you. This evening for the Mayor’s report, I want to encourage people to get out and enjoy the sunshine as it was very well received this past weekend, although we did get a lot of rain. There was a breakthrough for the clouds. I know that I didn’t have a very good turnout for walking women at Denison Park. There was just two people there besides myself, but we made it through at least a mile around the park. We walked three times around the park and got our exercise in. In the meantime, at the Recreation Center, our Fire Department was teaching people how to do CPR, helping families run their kids through a safety house that helped children learn what to do in case of a fire in the home, so there were many activities – outdoor activities – in the community and I would encourage everyone with the beginning of summer to go out and enjoy all the municipal parks and see what we have to offer here at home in Cleveland Heights. Walk there. Ride there - on your bicycle or drive there in your car - and then walk the paths throughout our community. We just... it’s such a wonderful thing to be able to enjoy really nice and well maintained parks in our community. So, I want to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy it and I also want to pay a moment of respect to our veterans because Monday, a week ago, we had our Memorial Day services and honored the folks who have served this country well and some of the have given the ultimate sacrifice. So, as you go about your daily lives and since this is an election year and we get to vote whichever direction we want and whichever way we lean, the most important thing to remember is the people that gave their lives so that we could continue to live in this country and enjoy the right to vote. So, with that said, I will end

this meeting. On behalf of my colleagues, our next meeting is Monday, June 20, 2016 and as I always end it – God bless Cleveland Heights. Thank you.”

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Stephens, Mayor

Tom Raguz, Clerk of Council

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